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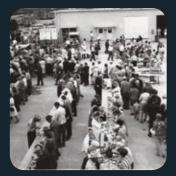




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2019 Annual Meeting









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Taylor Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 18 • 10 a.m. Abilene Convention Center • 1100 N. Sixth St., Abilene



TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE **NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR**



ZONE 1

Leland Robinson

Representing Zone 1 for Taylor County, Leland Robinson has been a Taylor Electric Cooperative director since 2004. Robinson is a member of the Rural Friends/ACRE political action committee and is a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director.

He is a retired educator from Abilene, where he taught agricultural science at Cooper High School for 38 years. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University. Since 1941, he has farmed and harvested his homeplace. Robinson treasures his land and the equipment used to improve it; he has many of his grandfather's horse-drawn implements including an early 1900s Buckeye grain drill. The Robinson family won the Farm Family of the Year in 2011. Robinson is an active member and serves as a deacon of the Wylie Baptist Church.



ZONE 2

Garland Carter

Garland Carter and Beverly, his wife of 43 years, live in the Oplin area of Callahan County. They have a son, two daughters and six grandchildren and are members of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene.

Carter is a graduate of Abilene High School and Hardin Simmons University. Since the closing of Gooch Packing Company in 1990, he has operated his own meat and poultry company, Five Eagle Foods, serving the southwestern United States. He is currently on the steering committee of Legends Dove Hunt, which benefits the Hendrick Children's Hospital. Carter has served on the board of Cornerstone Christian School in Abilene, as well as various youth sports entities. He would like the opportunity to continue to serve Taylor EC members as a director to help ensure the availability and affordability of electrical power and other services with member service that is second to none.



ZONE 3 Kathryn Rainey

Kathryn Rainey and husband Ronnie have lived near Lake Sweetwater and have been Taylor EC members for more than 20 years. A business manager, Rainey is the third generation to work at Sweetwater EC&M and has been employed by the family-run business for 25 years. Rainey currently serves on the Cornerstone Christian School board. She has previously served on the boards of the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center, Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium and Big Country Society for Human Resource Management. She also served as treasurer for the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center for five years and has been active in the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce.

Rainey has a bachelor's degree in human resource management and a master's degree in organizational and human resource design from Abilene Christian University. She attended Sweetwater High School. She has two children, Mariann and Jacob. Mariann attends Schreiner University in Kerrville, and Jacob attends Roscoe Collegiate High School in Roscoe. Rainey and her family are longtime members of 4th and Elm Church of Christ in Sweetwater.



Please tear the card along the dotted line and BRING IT WITH YOU to the meeting.

This is your

REGISTRATION CARD

for the 2019 annual meeting and ticket for

PRIZE DRAWINGS!

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BRING IT WITH YOU

to the meeting **Thursday, April 18, 2019.** Doors open at 10 a.m.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

80TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PROGRAM

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Abilene Convention Center 1100 N. Sixth St. • Abilene 79601

Doors Open
Registration
 Distribution of capital credits checks
Election opens
• Health fair
Information booths
Cooperative business meeting begins11 a.m.
Lunch served and business meeting continues11:20 a.m.
Election closes
Election results



MEMBER REGISTRATION CARD

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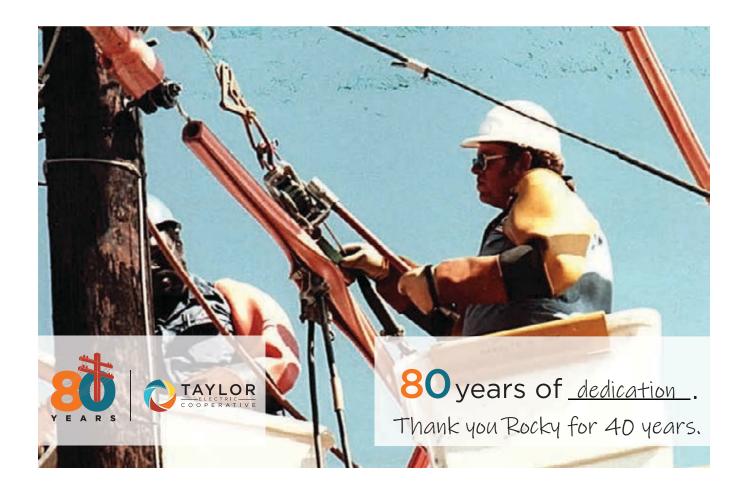
TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2019 • Doors open at 10 a.m. Abilene Convention Center 1100 N. Sixth St., Abilene 79601

This is your registration card and ticket for prizes. (cannot be duplicated)

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 80TH ANNUAL MEETING



OFFICIAL NOTICE

April 2019

Dear Member:

The 80th annual meeting of the members of Taylor Electric Cooperative will take place at the Abilene Convention Center on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Member registration will begin at 10 a.m. The first hour will be devoted to registration, a health fair and educational booths.

The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m., when action will be taken on the following matters:

- ▶ Reports of officers, directors and committees.
- ▶ Director elections/ballot proposition
- ▶ All other business that may come before the meeting's adjournment.
- > Drawing for door prizes donated by our suppliers.

The following members have been nominated for director by the committee on nominations, pursuant to the bylaws:

ZONE 1: Leland Robinson ZONE 2: Garland Carter ZONE 3: Kathryn Rainey

In accordance with Taylor Electric Cooperative's bylaws, only one director will be elected per zone per election.

David McFall

DAVID MCFALL, Secretary-Treasurer Taylor Electric Cooperative Board of Directors

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1:00 p.m.	Election results



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CECIL DAVIS CHAIRMAN



KATHRYN RAINEY



LELAND ROBINSON VICE CHAIRMAN



GAY SIMMONS



DAVID MCFALL SECRETARY-TREASURER



GARLAND CARTER



RICHARD PETREE AT-LARGE



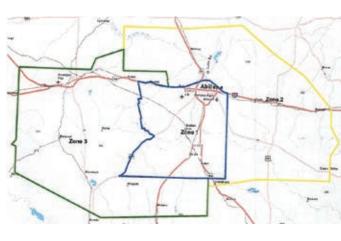
RYAN BARTLETT PRESIDENT/CEO



DON RICHARDS ATTORNEY

The directors at Taylor Electric Cooperative participate in extensive training during their tenure. They are required to become Credentialed Cooperative Directors through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's certification program. Certification is earned by attending five required courses and successfully passing accreditation testing at each level. The required courses include instruction in director duties and liabilities, electric business, and strategic and financial planning.

TAYLOR EC BOARD DISTRICTS



ZONE 1

Cecil Davis, Chairman, 2007 Leland Robinson, Vice Chairman, 2004

ZONE 2

Garland Carter, 2016 David McFall, Secretary-Treasurer, 2011

ZONE 3 Kathryn Rainey, 2015 Gay Simmons, 2018

AT-LARGE Richard Petree, 2014

DEDICATION



The Taylor EC 80th Annual Meeting is honorably dedicated to our members; diligent and determined generations who saw the impossible yet persevered to see the reality.

OPERATION ROUND-UP FUNDS BENEFIT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO LIFE IN WEST

Texas and rely on donations to help area communities.

Thanks to the members of Taylor Electric Cooperative, several area VFDs and the Texas Forest Service (Merkel) will be honored and presented with a donation at the co-op's 80th annual meeting.

The Operation Round-Up fund is financed by members who opt to round up their electric bills to the nearest dollar each month. All the extra change adds up and allows the Taylor EC membership to give back to the communities where they live.

A total of 26 area volunteer fire departments will receive Round-Up funds; 11 VFDs will receive \$2,500 and 15 VFDs will receive \$2,500 plus an additional \$500 for being members.



The volunteer fire departments receiving donations are:

Baird VFD • Blackwell VFD • Buffalo Gap VFD Clyde VFD • Cottonwood VFD • Cross Plains VFD ECCA VFD • Eula VFD • Hamby VFD • Hawley VFD Jim Ned VFD • Lake Sweetwater VFD • Lawn VFD Maryneal VFD • Merkel VFD • Moro/Bradshaw VFD Mulberry Canyon VFD • Nolan VFD • Oplin VFD Potosi VFD • Putman VFD • Texas Forest Service Trent VFD • Tye VFD • View VFD • Wingate VFD *VFDs in bold are Taylor EC members.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TAYLOR COUNTY'S FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Farris Ranching

BY GARY BOMAR

DANNY AND MARY BETH FARRIS

know firsthand the challenges of ranching, from enduring drought and baling hay to late nights spent with calving heifers and all the other joys of ranching. But together they have managed to develop a premier purebred Brangus operation headquartered near Tuscola— Farris Ranching Company, the product of dedication and hours of plain hard work.

As the Taylor County Extension Ag Committee looked at the criteria to select the 2019 Agricultural Family of the Year, the Farris family was the clear choice.

"To succeed in the purebred cattle business, you have to be flexible," Danny Farris says.

Farris Ranching Company adjusts feeding and growing of its sale bulls according to weather and forage conditions. The philosophy of the family business is to focus on producing sound, no-nonsense bulls for commercial cattlemen. And they usually have more buyers than bulls.

"It really bothers me not to have bulls available for prospective buyers," Farris says. "Repeat buyers is what make our operation succeed."

"Every Day is Sale Day" is the company's advertising slogan and the maxim that its lives by—Farris Ranching Company is available any day to provide bulls to commercial cattle producers. All sales are by private treaty, and many buyers take bulls sight unseen, owing to their trust in Farris' knowledge of what will suit their operation.

The Farrises give back to the industry in many ways. First by selling heifer projects to FFA and 4-H students throughout the region. Locally, Danny Farris is the superintendent of the Junior Brangus Show at the West Texas Fair. Over the past 25 years, he has served and held various offices in industry organizations, and he currently serves on the boards of the West Texas Brangus Breeders Association, Hill Country Brangus Breeders Association, Texas Brangus Breeders Association and International Brangus Breeders Association. Mary Beth Farris



is currently secretary-treasurer for the West Texas Brangus Breeders Association and the secretary for the International Brangus Auxiliary, where she has also served on the scholarship committee for eight years.

In 2015, Farris Ranching Company was awarded the International Brangus Breeders Association Brangus Breeder of the Year award. But their proudest achievement is their family and how together they work to grow and maintain their operation.

Mary Beth worked as a teacher's aide with the Jim Ned school district while completing her education at Abilene Christian University. She went on to teach kindergarten and first grade at the Buffalo Gap campus. She recently retired from public education and devotes all her time to the ranch. The Farrises have two children and six grandchildren. Katelyn Horner and her husband, Kolby, live in New Braunfels. Katelyn is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in ag marketing and currently helps with the family business's website and online marketing. Payton and his wife live in Ovalo, were he has a leathercraft business. He also works on the ranch.

Congratulations to the Farris family for being selected as the 2019 Taylor County Agricultural Family of the Year. The Farris family have been members of Taylor Electric Cooperative since 1993.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPRESENTS MEMBERS



Nominating committee members, from left, Ashley Thompson; Mary Ussery; Melvin Bachhofer; Craig Bessent, chairman; Don Richards, cooperative attorney; Dee Vinson; Colleen Richards; Terry Locklar; and Jesse Mulanax. Not Pictured: Tom Edd Johnson.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET FEBRUARY 19 TO

screen candidates for 2019 director seats. The volunteers serve as the voice of the membership by answering questions, gathering input and listening to goals from the members within their region. Each zone is represented by members on the committee.

Taylor EC members voted to approve the men and women who graciously serve on the nominating committee during the business portion of the 2018 annual meeting. Craig Bessent, a representative from Zone 1, serves as the 2019 chairman.

The committee evaluated nominee submissions to ensure that each candidate met the conditions of the bylaws, including cooperative membership, good standing with the cooperative and a clean criminal background check.

In the January and February issues of *Texas Co-op Power*, the cooperative invited members to apply for board of director candidacy by publishing an application that anyone could fill out and mail, fax or deliver to the Taylor EC headquarters.

Taylor EC is grateful for the time, dedication and careful consideration given by the members of the nominating committee. We would especially like to thank Mr. Melvin Bachhofer. Bachhofer announced his retirement from the Taylor EC Nominating Committee; having served since 2007 in the seat previously occupied by his spouse, Mrs. Raedeen Bachhofer. Mr. Bachhofer was appointed to the Nominating Committee following Mrs. Bachhofer's death in 2008; his service spanning 12 years. The cooperative's records indicate that Mrs. Raedeen Bachhofer began serving in 1986 on the Taylor EC Ballot Tabulating Committee. In 1987, Mrs. Bachhofer was appointed to the Taylor EC Nominating Committee; at which she served until her death in 2008, her service spanning 21 years. We are grateful for their time and service to the cooperative.



Taylor Electric Cooperative

226 County Road 287 • P.O. Box 250 Merkel, TX 79536

PRESIDENT/CEO Ryan Bartlett

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cecil Davis, Board Chairman, Zone 1 Leland Robinson, Board Vice Chairman, Zone 1 David McFall, Secretary-Treasurer, Zone 2 Garland Carter, Zone 2 Richard Petree, At-Large Kathryn Rainey, Zone 3 Gay Simmons, Zone 3

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Taylor Electric AppAvailable on your Apple or Android device

By Phone (325) 793-8500 Visa, Mastercard, checks accepted. Payments credited immediately.

In Person

Main office hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday 226 CR 287, off I-20, west of Abilene Wells Lane exit 274 between Tye and Merkel

Abilene office hours: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

7966 Highway 83, Abilene 79602 Visa, Mastercard, checks, cash and money orders accepted.

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- United Supermarket, 521 S. Access Road, Clyde
- Food Plaza #4, 109 S.E. Fifth St., Cross Plains
- Cash Saver, 155 Sayles Blvd., Abilene
- United Supermarket, 2160 Pine St., Abilene
- Check Express, 906 E. Broadway Ave., Sweetwater

Cash, checks, money orders and debit cards accepted. Payments credited next business day.



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EMPLOYEES AND YEARS OF SERVICE

Adams, PhilipAllen, SethAnderson, KerryBaker, BobbyBarnhill, KolbyBartlett, RyanBrazelton, TrentBrisco, NancyBryan, Tanner	JOB TITLE . Metering Technician Le . Automotive Mechanic I . Apprentice Lineman Le . System Control Operate . Fiber Technician . Apprentice Lineman Le . President/CEO . Member Service Represe . Chief Financial Officer . . Metering Apprentice . Human Resources Inter	
Campbell, Rhonda Cano, OJ	. Sr. Member Service Rep . Groundman	oresentative 16 New
Caton, Colby	. Journeyman Lineman . . Substation and Distribu . Member Service Repres	ution Equip. Manager. 4
Crowe, Hannah	. Accounts Payable Clerk . Work Order Clerk	5
Davis, Randy L	. Groundman . Working Foreman . Journeyman Lineman .	
Foss, Carolyn	. Staking Technician I . Administrative Clerk	
Freeman, Sarah	 Working Foreman Accounting Supervisor Apprentice Lineman Le 	
Goodwill Jr, Steven	. Master Electrician . System Control Operat	or Level II 11
Griffin Allison	 Executive Assistant Communication Analys Transportation Manage Billing Supervisor 	t/Developer6 r13
Guenther, Joe Harris, Justin	. Facilities Manager . Fiber Technician	
Haspel, Kyle Hatch, Wade	 Accounting Clerk Mgr. Of Business Dev. a Director of Operations System Control Operat 	and Special Projects 3
Henderson, Elric	. Accounting Manager . System Control Operate . Senior Equipment Operate	or Level II 6
Holmes, Ryan	. Key Accounts Manager . Metering Technician Le . Financial Planning and	
Jenkins, Chris Kofoed, Joshua	. Engineering Services M . Working Foreman . Director of Engineering	lanager
Lindsey, J D	. Working Foreman . Fiber Designer . Working Foreman	

McVey, Elizabeth.PR and Communications Manager6Munden, CaryStaking Technician Level II22New, BillyService Operations Manager23Newberry, TylerApprentice Lineman Level IV4Porter, BrandyMember Solutions Supervisor6Prew, JakeApprentice Linemen Level INewRiggan, MattGIS Technician4Riggs, ClayGroundmanNewRobillard, NickIT ManagerNewRobinson, BradSenior Energy Technician12
Robirds, David System Support Analyst Level III
Rosenquist, Devery Journeyman Lineman
Russell, Rodney Master Electrician
Rutledge, Pete
Sayle, James
Schoen, Jyl
Shipman, Amanda Payroll and Accounting Specialist
Simer, Gary Director of Member Solutions 1 Sipe, Chad Maintenance Operations Manager 22
Sloan, Kyle
Stephens, Robbie 19 Stephens, Robbie
Thomas, C.J
Thomas, David Construction Operation Even manager
Trulove, Maria
Turner, James Working Foreman 13
Tutt, Donnie Facility Maintenance Personnel 13
Underwood, Brett Apprentice Lineman Level III
Villarreal, Manuel Equipment Operator
Walker, Tsunami System Support Analyst Level II
Weir, Hunter Apprentice Lineman Level II
Wells, Ken Dir. of Business Dev. and Special Projects 30
Wesson, Jeff
Wilson, Gerald
Wilson, Joe

2019 SERVICE RECOGNITION

10 YEARS

Sarah Freeman C.J. Thomas

15 YEARS

Misti Hays Rusty Holloway

20 YEARS Donna Cooke

30 YEARS Ken Wells

35 YEARS

Linda Hunt

MINUTES

Taylor Electric Cooperative Annual Member Meeting | April 19, 2018

The Annual Member Meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative was held at the Abilene Convention Center, located at 1100 N. Sixth St., Abilene TX 79601. Said meeting having provided due notice, after all the requirements of the bylaws and the law had been fully and completely met, and a quorum of said members being present; the meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman, Mr. Cecil Davis.

Mr. Davis welcomed the members to the 79th meeting. "I hope you have the opportunity to take advantage of the health fair and visit some of our Cooperative booths where the staff have told you of the many services offered by your Cooperative," he said. Mr. Davis further stated, "I hope you will enjoy the remainder of the meeting and to take part in your Cooperative's business."

Mr. Davis then appointed Mr. Don Richards, our cooperative attorney, to serve as Annual Meeting Chairman of the Taylor Electric Cooperative 2018 Annual Meeting. The Chairman then introduced the Taylor Electric Board of Directors as follows: Zone 1, Cecil Davis and Leland Robinson; Zone 2, David McFall and Garland Carter; Zone 3, Parks Thomas and Kathy Rainey; and At-Large, Richard Petree.

The Chairman then called for the reading of the Official Notice of the 2018 Annual Meeting to the Membership; Mr. Richards stated that the 2018 Official Notice was published in April 2018 edition of Texas Co-op Power magazine, as well as a copy of the Official Notice is available upon request. The Chairman then called for the reading of the Secretary's affidavit of the mailing of the Official Notice; he stated the affidavit and a copy of the Member Registration is attached to the minutes. (attached)

The Meeting Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Membership Meeting. Mr. Richards stated, "The minutes are included in the 2017 Annual Report, which was previously mailed to the Membership and published in April 2018 edition of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine." For business purposes, he asked to entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the April 19, 2017, Annual Meeting Minutes; "A motion was made. A second has been made. All in favor." The Meeting Minutes were approved.

The Meeting Chairman introduced Mr. Parks Thomas, board secretary-treasurer of the Cooperative, to give a report to the membership. Mr. Thomas reported on the financial condition of the Cooperative. He provided a report on the financials and noted that an auditor letter was included to indicate that the cooperative was audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Mr. Thomas spoke of notable highlights of the 79th year Operations Financials for the year 2018. He also told the members if they had any questions regarding the financial report, to please feel free to contact one of the Cooperative's staff after the meeting or at the office.

Following the secretary's report, the meeting was returned to the Meeting Chairman, Mr. Richards.

The Chairman then introduced the Nominating Committee. He then called on Mr. Craig Bessent, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to give the report of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Bessent reported those nominated were as follows: Zone 1: Cecil Davis, Zone 2: David McFall, Zone 3: Terry Locklar & Gayla Simmons. "One member will be elected today to serve a three-year term."

Following the report of the nominating committee, the meeting was returned to the Meeting Chairman, Mr. Richards. He provided an explanation of the nominations according to the bylaws of the Cooperative and the process for nomination by petition, stating, "No petition was posted without membership verification or notification."

The Chairman then appointed the Election Judge and Clerks for the annual meeting election. Kristi Allyn, retired Taylor County Elections

Administrator, to serve as election judge and two (2) election clerks were selected, Dayna Ross and Jacquie Chrz. The members cast their ballots for the nominees and the ballots were collected for counting. Mr. Richards announced that balloting would be open until 12:30 p.m. Election results will be reported shortly after balloting closes and counting is completed.

"At this time, the election will continue, and we will now formally elect the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee for Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. So, at this time, I will present to the membership a slate of members that have been nominated by the Board of Directors to serve as our Cooperative's Nominating Committee for next year's meeting. The following is our slate of candidates from each of the three zones in the Cooperative service territory. They are: Zone 1, Craig Bessent and Colleen Richards; Zone 2, Melvin Bachhofer, Dee Vinson and Ashley Thompson; and Zone 3, Mary Ussery and Jesse Mulanax." Upon motion duly made by Garry Beam, seconded by Kenneth Hutchins voting approval of the Nominating Committee for 2018-2019. "All in favor! Motion carries. Thank you."

Mr. Richards then announced, "We have no new business to come before the membership." He asked, "Are there any other matters or questions that should be addressed in this business session of the Cooperative meeting?" "This now concludes the business functions of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s 2018 Annual Meeting. Thank you."

Mr. Leland Robinson, Board Vice-Chairman, stood before the Membership to provide the Round-Up Report and to present Operation Round-Up funds to area Volunteer Fire Departments. He stated, "Operation Round-Up is a shining example of the cooperative difference. The voluntary program directly affects the communities served by Taylor Electric Cooperative by giving back to local volunteer fire departments; the selfless people who never hesitate to respond during emergency situations." He then invited the VFD representatives to step before the membership. A total of 26 area volunteer fire departments received Round-Up funds; 11 VFDs received \$2,500 and 15 VFDs received \$2,500 plus an additional \$500 for being on our lines.

Mr. Don Richards returned before the membership to introduce Mr. Ryan Bartlett, President/CEO. Mr. Bartlett shared a few words regarding Taylor Electric Cooperative then showed a video. Following the video, he introduced Cecil Davis to recognize the retirement of Parks Thomas. Mr. Davis presented Thomas with a Taylor EC plaque and rocking chair to honor his years of service on the board. Mr. Davis then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Mark Schwirtz with Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Schwirtz shared a few words regarding Golden Spread Electric Cooperative then showed a video.

Mr. Ryan Holmes returned before the Membership to express our gratitude to the student volunteers from Merkel National Honor Society, Hawley High School, Abilene Christian Schools, and Wylie High School Student Council. He then recognized the Special Guests in attendance. Following the recognitions, he facilitated the drawing for door prizes.

Once all door prize drawings were complete, Mr. Richards received the election results from the Election Judge, Kristi Allyn. He announced the election results, stating that the director elected for Zone 3 was Gayla Simmons. (results attached)

The Meeting Chairman, Mr. Richards, then called for any unfinished business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

PARKS THOMAS, Secretary-Treasurer CECIL DAVIS, Chairman