

The commitment of an electric lineworker

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 8

National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric lineworkers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

Electric co-op lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important family milestones. Beyond the years of specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of lineworkers. The job requires lineworkers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

To perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get the job done safely.

Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A lineworker's family understands and

supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages.

This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

In Arkansas and across the country, electric co-op lineworkers' mission-focused mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their work at the co-op. Lineworkers are often familiar figures in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, volunteering for local charities and serving on local advisory boards.

Monday, April 8, is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of your electric co-op's lineworkers, both on and off the job, I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. And if you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in the town, please offer them a thank you as well.

**When the
lights go out,
we've got
your back.**

#ThankALineworker



SUMMARY OF THE BYLAWS OF C & L ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person, firm, association, corporation, or body politic may become a member of the cooperative by (a) making written application; (b) agreeing to purchase electric energy from the cooperative; (c) agreeing to comply with and be bound by the articles of incorporation, bylaws and rules and regulations of the cooperative; and (d) paying a \$25.00 membership fee. No member may hold more than one membership in the cooperative.

Section 2. A member may be issued a membership certificate upon written request.

Section 3. A husband and wife are considered to hold a joint membership.

Section 4. Upon the death of either spouse who is a party to a joint membership, such membership shall be held solely by the survivor.

ARTICLE II – RIGHTS & LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS

Section 2. Members are exempt from liability for the debts of the cooperative.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The annual meeting of members shall be held at a time and place designated by the board of directors, for the purpose of electing directors, passing on reports, and transacting other business.

Section 3. Written notice of meetings of members stating the place, day and hour of the meeting shall be delivered or mailed to each member not less than 10 days before the date of the meeting.

Section 4. One thousand (1,000) members present in person or represented by ballot shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members.

Section 5. Each member shall be entitled to one vote only on each matter submitted to a vote at meetings of members. Any member who is absent from an annual meeting of the members may vote by mail on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a board of nine (9) directors.

Section 2. Directors are elected by a plurality vote of the members present in person or represented by ballot at the meeting. Each director is elected for a term of five (5) years. The term of two (2) directors shall expire each year in a system of rotation. The term of two directors will expire in 2019, and each five (5) years thereafter. The cooperative area allocated to and served by the cooperative is divided into eight areas, with one (1) area represented by two (2) directors, and each of the other seven (7) areas represented by one (1) director.

Section 3. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a board member of the cooperative who (a) is not a member, a bona fide resident of, and physically occupying continuously

his place of abode within the district of the service area of the cooperative from which he shall have been or shall be elected; or (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy, or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the cooperative; or (c) shall have failed to attend at least one regular or special meeting of the board for a period of twelve (12) months.

Section 4. Nomination for directors shall be made by petition only. Such petitions must be in writing, must bear the signatures of at least fifteen (15) members and must be filed with the secretary or delivered to the principal office of the cooperative not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the members. In the event a vacancy occurs within sixty (60) days of the annual meeting of members, the board of directors may shorten the period for receiving nominations and make special provision for the election of a person to fill such vacancy at the forthcoming annual meeting of members.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Membership Meeting of the C & L Electric Cooperative Corporation will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at the C & L Electric Cooperative Corporation headquarters building in Star City, Lincoln County, Arkansas, beginning at 4:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To pass on reports for the previous fiscal year;
2. To elect two directors to serve a term of five year each; and one director to serve an unexpired term of three years;
3. To transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Bubba Hudson
Secretary-Treasurer

Positions to be filled at the June 20, 2019 Annual Meeting:
District 2 – That portion of Lincoln County served by the cooperative lying outside the boundaries of the City of Star City, and;

District 4 – That portion of Bradley County served by the cooperative (an unexpired term of 3 years);

District 5 – That portion of Drew County served by the cooperative

Final date for submission of petitions nominating candidates for the positions to be filled is May 21, 2019.

Instructions for preparing nomination petitions may be obtained at the C & L Electric Cooperative headquarters in Star City, Arkansas on or after April 22, 2019.