

NUECES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE HOSTS ITS

# 2022 84th Annual Membership Meeting



THURSDAY

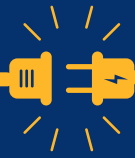
OCTOBER 13TH, 2022

5:30 PM DOORS OPEN

7:00 PM MEETING

**RICHARD M. BORCHARD REGIONAL FAIRGROUNDS  
1213 TERRY SHAMSIE BLVD, ROBSTOWN, TX 78380**

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



# ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

## REGISTRATION & VOTING

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM FOR MEMBERS TO REGISTER AND VOTE

BBQ DINNER CATERED BY HOWARD'S BBQ. CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT BY CUDDLES & CRITTERS. BOOTHS FOR : OPERATION ROUND UP, SAFETY, MEMBER SERVICE, SCHOLARSHIPS & YOUTH TOUR, & HALO-FLIGHT

## DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

## BUSINESS MEETING

AT 7PM THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE CALLED TO ORDER BY NEC BOARD PRESIDENT, BRIAN MENKING. *SEE PG. 2 ON ANNUAL REPORT FOR BUSINESS MEETING PROGRAM*

VOTING WILL CLOSE AT 7PM

## COMMENCE VOTING

## NEC CO-OP ENERGY WINNERS

1ST PRIZE \$500 ELECTRIC BILL CREDIT  
2ND PRIZE \$250 ELECTRIC BILL CREDIT  
REFERRAL PROGRAM WINNER PRIZE DRAWINGS



# ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

## **CALL TO ORDER**

BRIAN MENKING, NEC BOARD PRESIDENT

## **INVOCATION**

PASTOR SCOTT E. HERBERT, MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND NATIONAL ANTHEM**

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 65, CORPUS CHRISTI TX & ROBSTOWN ISD CHOIR STUDENT

## **CALL FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

BRIAN MENKING, NEC BOARD PRESIDENT

## **PRESENTATION OF BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, & SPECIAL GUESTS**

BRIAN MENKING, NEC BOARD PRESIDENT

## **2022 YOUTH TOUR & RAMIRO DE LA PAZ SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

DISTRICT #1 DIRECTOR, DR. RUMALDO JUAREZ

## **PROOF OF MAILING NOTICE**

BRIAN MENKING, NEC BOARD PRESIDENT

## **READING OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

BRIAN MENKING, NEC BOARD PRESIDENT & DAVID ROSSE, NEC SECRETARY-TREASURER

## **"MESSAGE TO MEMBERS" VIDEO**

BRIAN MENKING, NEC BOARD PRESIDENT & VARZAVAND "AVAN" IRANI, NEC CEO

## **FAREWELL TO BOARD MEMBER, BILL HARTMAN**

BRIAN MENKING, NEC BOARD PRESIDENT

## **CEO MESSAGE**

VARZAVAND "AVAN" IRANI, NEC CEO

## **ELECTION TABULATION RESULTS**

DAVID ROSSE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

BRIAN MENKING, NEC BOARD PRESIDENT

## **DOOR PRIZES AND PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Annual Meeting Survey***

*Please complete the annual meeting survey found in your gift bag. Place your completed surveys in the box provided near the exit when you leave the meeting.*

### ***Transportation Assistance***

*The parking lot has exits to the northeast and northwest. Transportation for persons with disabilities to and from the parking lot is provided. Kindly be patient with us and we will ensure you are taken care of.*



# POWERING THROUGH TOGETHER

A LEADERSHIP MESSAGE FROM OUR NEC PRESIDENT  
AND NEC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BRIAN MENKING, NEC PRESIDENT

As we reflect on 2021 with impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, few could have imagined how life would be disrupted. With your invaluable support, Nueces Electric Cooperative has powered through these challenging times. We've done so, driven by the commitment and determination to meet our mission to each of you. We have powered through together. As an electric cooperative, our mission is to continually improve our members' quality of life by providing cost-effective electric services in a culture where safety is our top priority. This service mission makes NEC different from other electric companies. We don't serve you to make money. It's simply about service to you - our members. It's a mission we are proud to uphold, and it continues to drive our work each and every day.

## **Powering Through Safely**

NEC employees are the key to success in powering through challenges at your Co-op. Our top priority at NEC is always the safety of our employees and the community. In 2021, NEC employees worked 157,367 hours and drove 809,446 miles, and did so safely- with no lost time or vehicular accidents. NEC held 51 safety meetings and trainings and established a safety committee in 2021 to drive the message that there is nothing more important than our employees making it safely home. Our leadership also did 36 crew visits to ensure our employees continue to follow practices and work safely. In 2021, NEC placed emphasis on reporting hazard observations and near misses. These reports represent a chance to improve processes and better train our employees.

## **Powering Through Financially Strong**

NEC had operating revenues of \$84,034,977 which was down 7% due to the loss of the power supply services by NEC Co-op Energy for a large industrial load. Our employees continued to manage costs for our members which allowed us to avoid a rate adjustment in 2021 with operating expenses down 7.3%. NEC ended the year with healthy net margins of \$6,561,312. We were pleased to refund a total of \$4,512,304 in capital credits and NEC Co-op Energy returned \$3,250,000 in Power Perks. The total cash we returned to our members was \$7,762,304!

## **Powering Through for Our Communities**

Giving back at NEC extends to our communities. NEC employees worked on community projects with the Gulf Coast Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Nueces River Preservation Association, school supplies donations, and Kingsville La Posada parade. NEC Charities awarded \$144,000 to 25 charities, and reached the milestone of \$2,000,000 in community grants. We couldn't have done it without your generous donations through our Operation Round Up program. NEC values our communications with each of you and we work to keep you informed on the industry, our services, and important topics through outage texting, websites, social media, the Texas Co-op Power magazine, email, bill inserts and more.

## **Powering Through to Keep Service Strong**

NEC employees faced quarantine but we found ways to support you by accessing pandemic programs and funds for those who experienced hardships. Winter Storm Uri was challenging with the loss of generation resources and extremely high electricity demand. We minimized outages and provided high levels of communication.



VARZAVAND "AVAN" IRANI, NEC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NEC strengthened its emergency response plans, held annual management staff and employee meetings, and activated our emergency response plan process for three hurricanes: Hurricane Ida in September and Hurricane Grace and Hurricane Nicholas in August. NEC sees high American Customer Satisfaction Index Scores with an overall score of 91. NEC continues to conduct an annual member satisfaction survey to gauge our members' satisfaction with our co-op and identify opportunities to better serve you. We focused on communication to identify opportunities to better support efficiency and service. NEC's operations team restored 2,585 outages during 2021. 60% of outages were due to storms and weather. Our reliability indices were affected by this as we had a System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) of 1.23 and a System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) of 3 hours. Our employees completed 2,087 work orders and 596 new construction jobs. NEC keeps a workplan to maintain our distribution system conducting pole inspections and vegetation management. A mobile outage application became available for our operations team with staking and system design software. New electrician services help our crews with repairs. NEC employees powered through with skill and effectiveness to support keeping the lights on. The employees at NEC Co-op Energy converted to a information system called Smart Grid. They powered through continuing growth in services by 3.8% and kilowatt-hour sales by 4.3%.

### **Powering Through the Challenges**

Inflation impacts all facets of operations through labor costs, materials, partner services and fuel. Supply chain issues heavily impact NEC construction costs and timelines. This effects new power lines and distribution services including transformers, meters, and system hardware. NEC staff manages and prepares to plan ahead. Staffing continues to be difficult as we strive to recruit qualified candidates within a competitive job market while offering competitive pay and benefits. Our employees are the reason we're one of the top electric cooperatives in the State and Nation.

Utilities are a regulatory environment which is unfavorable for thermal generation resources and fuel and threatens to increase service costs. The regulation, litigation and other economic and political pressures impact the price of coal and natural gas. While NEC supports the value of renewable energy, currently these resources for power are limited and less reliable. Pushing this too early would have a devastating price tag for our members. Renewable solar and wind power is prioritized to operate in the Texas market, while natural gas and coal plants wait to be called upon for a limited, few hours each year. This market design does not incentivize the building of new reliable thermal generation power plants and the problems with growth in less reliable power resources threatens the reliability of the electric grid. Work is being done to redesign the Texas market to incentivize reliable generation resources, but power plants take time to build. NEC continues to represent you in discussions regarding grid reliability and resilience.

### **Powering Through for YOU!**

The resilience and perseverance of our employees, our members and our communities are what make us strong. We continue to be honored to serve our members and communities, and we know that powering through together, there is nothing we can't accomplish.



# COOPERATIVE

1

## **VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP**

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.

2

## **DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL**

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in making policies decisions.

3

## **MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION**

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative.

4

## **AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE**

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.





# PRINCIPLES



## EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives.

5

## COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

6

## CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

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**DR. RUMALDO Z. JUAREZ**  
DISTRICT 1



**GREGG TRUESDALE**  
DISTRICT 2

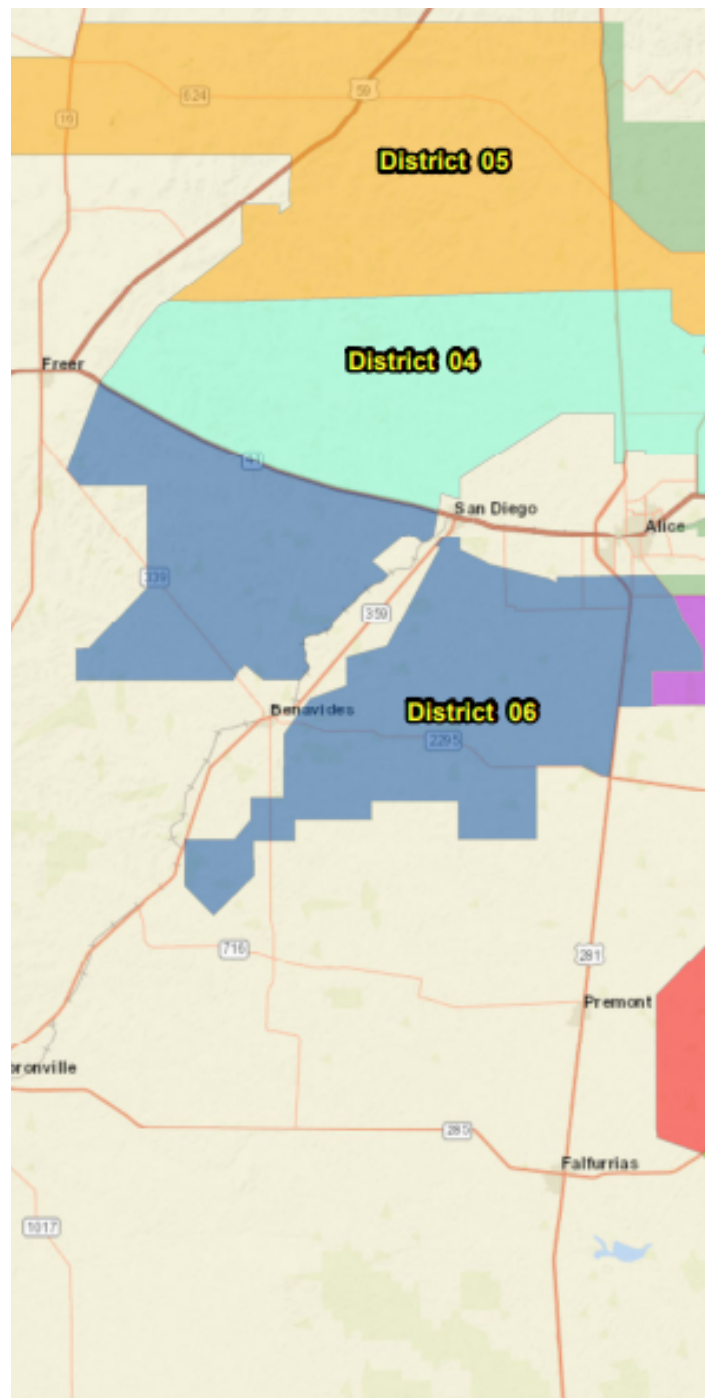


**DAVID ROSSE**  
**SECRETARY TREASURER**  
DISTRICT 3



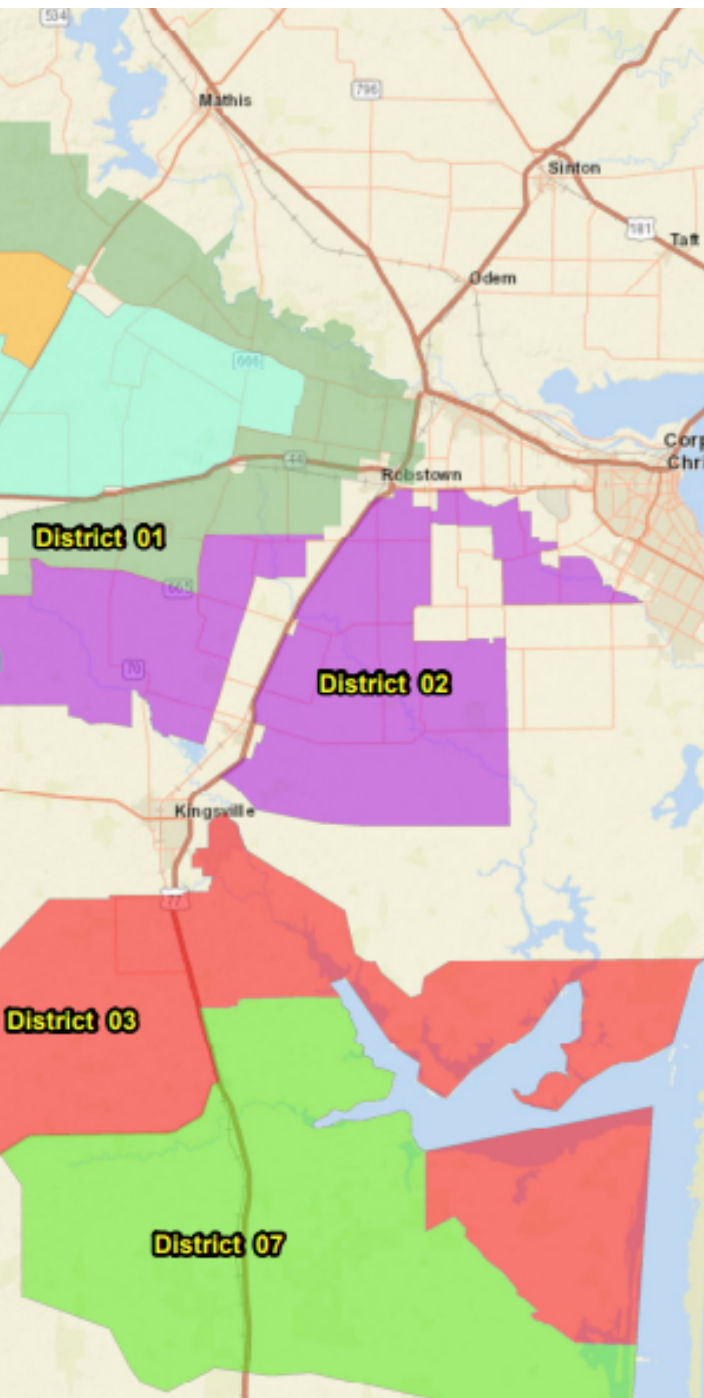
**DONALD WAYNE HERRMANN**  
DISTRICT 4

# CURRENT





# DIRECTORS



**LOUIS BILL HARTMAN**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
DISTRICT 5



**BRIAN MENKING**  
**PRESIDENT**  
DISTRICT 6



**JUAN ALVARADO**  
DISTRICT 7



**GLADYS ALLEN-LIPPINCOTT**  
DISTRICT 8

# CANDIDATES



**SUE STEWART**  
DISTRICT 5

Susan Stewart is a candidate to represent District 5 on the Nueces Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. She is a 3rd generation NEC member, has been married 44 years to Lloyd (retired from Valero) and home is on the family ranch where they raise cattle and operate a wildlife hunting business. They have a son, Jesse Stewart, who is an anesthesiologist in Dallas, TX. Susan graduated from Freer High School and was president of the National Honor Society her senior year. She received a License Vocational Nursing degree from Bee County College and was employed as part-time nurse for 26 years at San Miguel Electric Cooperative in Christine, TX. During her employment she received firsthand knowledge of how electricity is generated and distributed, as well as work alongside the wonderful employees involved in that process. Susan served as a member of the Community Involvement Committee at NEC for 6 years representing her late mother, Maxine Stewart, a Director on the NEC Board until her retirement in 2019.



**BRIAN MENKING**  
DISTRICT 6

Mr. Menking has been an NEC member since February 1977 and was appointed NEC director in April 2007. He has completed the coursework for the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) program, the NRECA Board Leadership Certification (BLC) program and the NRECA Director Gold Certification (DGC) program. As the current President of the Board, he actively serves on the NEC Budget and Finance Committee, the District Boundary Committee, the Education Committee, and the Governance Committee. Mr. Menking is an engineer and a business owner. He is an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Mr. Menking believes the most important role of a director is to provide strong leadership in a fast and changing market. He feels that forty years of leadership experience and business ownership qualify him for the role as a Nueces Electric Cooperative Director. Mr. Menking resides in Alice with his wife, Ann, and is father to two children: Heidi and Christopher.



# FOR ELECTION

Gladys Allen-Lippincott has been a NEC member since 1955 and has served on the Board since 1986 as part of a family legacy of Nueces Electric Co-op leadership. Mrs. Lippincott is a NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD), holds her Board Leadership Certification (BLC) and has received the distinguished Director Gold Certification. She has chaired or served on several committees including the Building Study, Annual Meeting, Scholarship, Nueces Electric Charities and Retail Market committees. Mrs. Lippincott was involved in the Co-op's transition into retail competition and the creation of the retail division which has enabled the Co-op to successfully expand its membership. Mrs. Lippincott believes a NEC director is under an obligation of trust and confidence to those they represent and serve. She firmly recognizes, and has proven through her tenure, that the duty of a director is to act in good faith to ensure that the organization keeps within its authorized power and maintains its policies in the best interest of its members. Mrs. Lippincott looks forward to the challenges ahead to secure and maintain the lowest prices and continued growth possible. She retired as a manager of Texas Legal Support Services in 1996. Mrs. Lippincott is a member of the Corpus Christi Symphony Guild, the Violet Historical Society, the Art Museum of South Texas, the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center and St. Pius Catholic Church. Mrs. Lippincott resides in Corpus Christi and is the proud grandmother of twenty.



**GLADYS ALLEN- LIPPINCOTT**  
DISTRICT 8

Ken Combs, MBA will bring new ideas and approaches to fulfill NEC's mission to improve quality of life, cost effective services and safety to members! A business owner, retired business professor with over 50 years of leadership experience; he has served on many local boards and currently serves on the CoastLife Credit Union Board of Directors. Ken has the skills, perspective and experience to guide NEC's future while monitoring board governance, succession planning and a user friendly web experience. He is the broker/owner of Ken Combs Realtors since 1977, a full service real estate company offering sales and marketing, property management, consulting, and expert witness testimony. Ken will serve to keep prices in check and growth in focus. Vote for proven experience.



**KEN COMBS**  
DISTRICT 8

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Balance Sheet

### ASSETS

	<b>2021</b>
<b>UTILITY PLANT AT COST</b>	
Electric Plant in Service	\$ 150,097,440
Construction Work in Progress	1,231,633
	<u>\$ 151,329,073</u>
Less: Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	32,419,883
	<u>\$ 118,909,190</u>
<b>OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS</b>	
Investments in Associated Organizations	\$ 47,242,206
Investments in Treasury Strips	30,064,010
Other Investments - Restricted	719,931
	<u>\$ 78,026,147</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Cash - General	\$ 6,300,946
Temporary Cash Investments	500,000
Accounts Receivable (Less allowance for uncollectibles of \$182,288 in 2021 and \$239,909 in 2020)	2,836,669
Accrued Unbilled Revenue	2,628,557
Materials and Supplies	1,888,101
Other Current and Accrued Assets	427,420
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 14,581,693</u>
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES</b>	<u>\$ 578,763</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 212,095,793</u>
<b>EQUITIES</b>	
Memberships	\$ 514,135
Patronage Capital	109,063,296
Other Equities	7,611,237
	<u>\$ 117,188,668</u>
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	
CoBank Mortgage Notes	\$ 60,413,201
CFC Mortgage Notes	13,205,234
Less: Current Maturities	(4,274,000)
	<u>\$ 69,344,435</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$ 4,274,000
Accounts Payable - Purchased Power	4,451,065
Accounts Payable - Other	730,393
Consumer Deposits	1,990,077
Accrued Taxes	322,055
Accrued Interest	297,785
Patronage Capital Payable	796,827
Accrued Employee Compensated Absences	821,901
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	590,474
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 14,274,577</u>
<b>DEFERRED CREDITS</b>	<u>\$ 11,288,113</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$ 212,095,793</u>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND PATRONAGE CAPITAL

### OPERATING REVENUES

	<b>2021</b>
Residential	\$ 60,830,291
Small Commercial and Industrial	11,880,835
Large Commercial and Industrial	9,532,341
Public Street and Highway Lighting	986,751
Unbilled Revenue	122,951
Late Payment Penalties	540,215
Rent from Electric Property	49,445
Other Operating Revenues	100,999
Naval Base Net Margin (Loss)	(8,851)
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 84,034,977</b>

### OPERATING EXPENSES

Purchased Power	\$ 55,665,628
Distribution - Operation	1,686,427
Distribution - Maintenance	3,349,711
Consumer Accounts	4,840,369
Customer Service and Information	330,451
Administrative and General	6,173,295
Depreciation	4,383,335
Taxes	1,330,493
Other Interest	6,225
Other Deductions	329,284
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 78,095,218</b>

OPERATING MARGINS - Before Fixed Charges

\$ 5,939,759

### FIXED CHARGES

Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$ 3,193,096
Amortization of Premium on Reacquired Debt	80,988
	<b>\$ 3,274,084</b>

OPERATING MARGINS - After Fixed Charges

\$ 2,665,675

G&T Capital Credits  
Other Capital Credits

\$ 1,659,830  
1,053,465  
**\$ 2,713,295**

NET OPERATING MARGINS

**\$ 5,378,970**

NONOPERATING MARGINS

Interest Income	\$ 1,128,983
Other Nonoperating Income	49,487
Debt Forgiveness Income	
Gain on Disposition of Property	3,872
	<b>\$ 1,182,342</b>

NET MARGINS

\$ 6,561,312

PATRONAGE CAPITAL - BEGINNING OF YEAR

106,149,553

Patronage Capital Retired

(4,730,573)

Unbilled Revenue Transferred to Other Equities	2,265,346
Nonoperating Margins Transferred to Other Equities	(1,182,342)

**PATRONAGE CAPITAL - END OF YEAR**

**\$ 109,063,296**

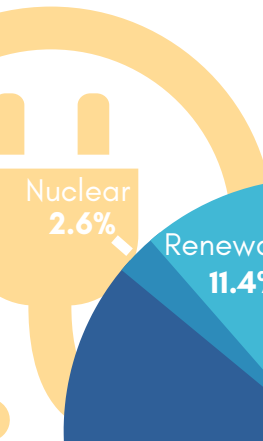
# HOW WE PERFORMED IN 2021



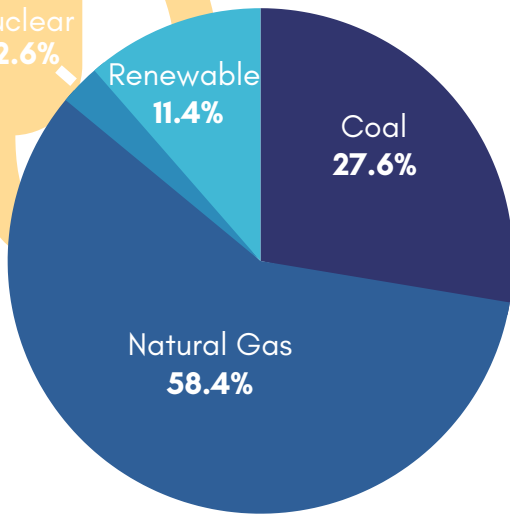
## Total Power Sold

measured in kWh

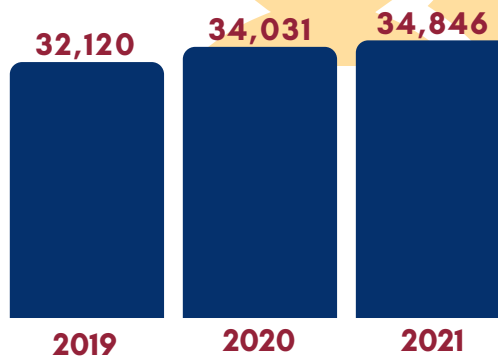
**725,637,145 in 2021**



## 2021 Power Resources



## Member Growth



809,446 Miles Driven



50,845 Accounts



596 New Services Built

## How Your Dollar Was Spent

Member Services & Information 6 ¢    Depreciation 5 ¢    Taxes 1.6 ¢



3,208 Miles of Line

Cost of Purchased Power 68.4 ¢    Admin & General 8.6 ¢    Operations 6 ¢    Net Interest 3.9 ¢

# OUR EMPLOYEES



6 Facilities



157,367 Hours Worked



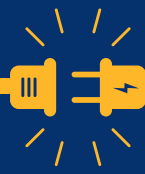
14,283 Hours of Overtime



Total Wages of 6,490,340



ALVARADO, CORA	5	KNETIG, CHRIS	37
AVALOS, ROSIE	47	KRUEGER, KENNETH	1
BATES, SPENCER		LEAL, OTILIA	1
BELL, RHONDA	21	LOPEZ, SERVANDO	
BENAVIDES, NICHOLAS	2	LUGO, MELODY	1
BHAKTA, DARSHAN	2	MARTIN, LARAE	40
BRIDGES, SUSAN	7	MARTINEZ, MATTHEW	1
BRIONES, ROBERT	24	MAYORGA, MANUEL	32
BROWN, BRANDON	1	MEDRANO, OSCAR	
CANNON, PATIENCE		MELENDEZ, CHRISTIE	6
CARRION, CHRIS	12	MERRIMAN, JOSHUA	1
CARRIZALES, DERLY	1	NELSON, KEVIN	2
CASTILLO, ROY	1	OLIVAREZ, JESUS	13
CAVAZOS, ISABEL	10	PATEK, LADDIE	2
DEL ALTO, ANNALISA	5	PAVELKA, MARY	43
DENNIS, CLAY	15	PENA, ADRIANA	24
ESPINOZA, JONATHAN	4	PENA, ALBERT	39
FISHER, SARAH	25	PENA, ALVARO	33
FLORES, ROXIE	14	PENA, JONATHON	
GARCIA, VERONICA	14	PINA, MANUEL	15
GARCIA, EMMA	2	PINA, RAYMUNDO	19
GARRISON, MELINDA	2	PINA, ROXANNE	13
GARZA, CYNTHIA	5	PRADO, JOANNA	6
GARZA, ALBERT	13	RAMIREZ, ROLAND	7
GLASS, MICHAEL	4	RAMOS, RILEY	1
GLOOR, CALEB		REYES, BEATRICE	9
GOMEZ, ALBERT	27	RIVERA, JOE	20
GONZALEZ, RIGO	1	SALDIVAR, MINERVA	3
GUNN, BILL	8	SALINAS, JULIAN	1
GUTIERREZ, MICHAEL	1	SALINAS, RUBEN	1
GUZMAN, JOHN	8	SALINAS, SAVANNAH	1
HEFLIN, TYRON	34	SANCHEZ, ELIZAR	1
HERMAN, ERIC	10	SERYOGIN, SERGEY	16
HINDS, BOBBY		SHADLE, PAULA	17
HOELSCHER, WARREN	47	TULEY, JACOB	
HOLLOWAY, ROBERT	9	THOMAS, CELESTE	
HUERTA, JOE	12	TINER, CHRIS	5
IRANI, AVAN	19	TREVINO, ROLAND	22
JENSEN, PETE		VASQUEZ, VELMA	9
KAPCHINSKIE, CHRIS	5	VILLARREAL, ANDREW	6
KAPCHINSKIE, JESSICA	2	WILSON III, FRANK	29
KAUFMAN, JOSEPH		ZAMORA, MATTHEW	



# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

## Call to Order

The 83rd virtual annual meeting was pre-recorded and made available on our website on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Upon determining that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by President Brian Menking.

Pastor Richard Lofgren, Trinity Lutheran Church, delivered the invocation.

## Recognition of Youth Tour Delegates & Ramiro De La Paz Memorial Fund and John L. Sims Memorial Scholarship Winners

District #1 Director, Dr. Rumaldo Juarez introduced the 2021 Ramiro De La Paz Memorial Fund & John L. Sims Memorial Scholarship winners. The Washing D.C. Youth Leadership Tour was cancelled last summer due to the pandemic. The winners were instead awarded a scholarship.

## Reading of Proof of Mailing of Meeting Notice

President Menking read the "Proof of Mailing of the Notice of the Annual Meeting." After the reading, the document was submitted to Executive Secretary, Liane Padilla for attachment to the official minutes of the meeting.

## Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting

President Menking stated that the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting had been provided in the October 2021 issue of the Texas Co-op Power Magazine and the Annual Report booklet. Upon calling for corrections or additions to the minutes, a **motion** was made, seconded and duly carried that the minutes of the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting be adopted as published.

## Treasurer's Report

President Menking stated the Treasurer's Report had been provided in the October 2021 issue of the Texas Co-op Power Magazine and the Annual Report booklet. A **motion** was made, seconded, and duly carried to approve the report as printed.

## President & CEO Reports

A video of staff and Board President Brian Menking was shown to our membership in attendance.

## Member Voting

In 2020, the NEC membership was presented an opportunity to vote on a change to the Articles of Incorporation. This change would allow us to not hold an election when districts have only one candidate. When the membership approved this change, the Board then amended the Bylaws to add **Article III, Section 6, Uncontested Election**, which states "In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Section 46, (11th edition), as amended, in the event only one person is nominated for a position, then the meeting chair may declare that the nominee is elected by unanimous consent or acclamation."

This year, two districts were up for election and there was only one candidate for each district. The President of NEC declared that David Rosse- candidate for District 3 director, and Juan Alvarado- candidate for District 7 director, are elected by consensus, both for a three year-term.

## NEC Retail Member Referral Program Winners and Prize Drawings

Chief Retail Officer Frank Wilson announced the NEC Co-op Energy Referral Program winners. NEC Co-op Energy member MPM Homes received a \$500 electric bill credit for first place and Debra Anderson received a \$250 electric bill credit for runner up. Prize drawings were drawn randomly.

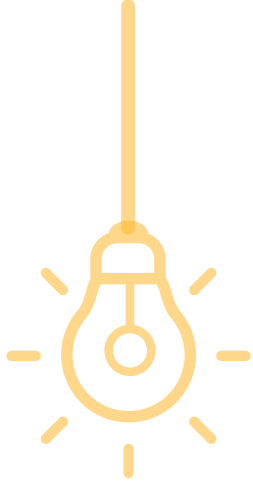
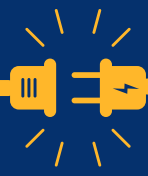
## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Rosse, Secretary

APPROVED: Brian Menking, President

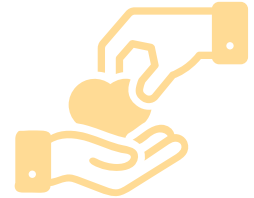




## POWERING OUR COMMUNITIES



# OPERATION ROUND UP



\$144,760 awarded

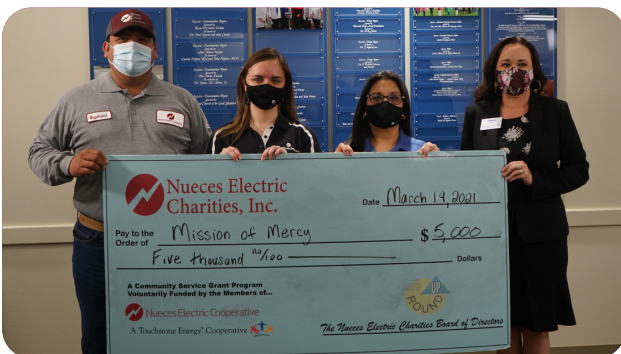
25 area charities



Education Service Center Region 2



United Connections Counseling



Mission of Mercy

Giving back to the communities we serve is a core cooperative principle. The Operation Round-Up program is a great way for the co-op and its members to give back. Nueces Electric Charities receives member donations through the Operation RoundUp program. Operation Round Up is a simple billing program. It allows our members to round up their electric bills to the next dollar. The donation never exceeds 99 cents per month, but every penny counts.

Powering through together means that, as a community, we all lend a hand. We give support where support is needed. Members can continue to support our community grant program. We encourage our members to sign up for Operation RoundUp. A few cents each month makes a big difference for our communities. Powering through together we can keep our area charities strong. Your NEC family deeply appreciates your generosity and support.

Grant deadlines are January 1 & July 1 of every year.



Scan the QR Code & Donate Today!



# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

## 2021 Grant Recipients

Agape Ranch

Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend

CASA of the Coastal Bend

Children's Coalition of Aransas County

Coastal Bend Community Foundation

Corpus Christi Education Foundation

Corpus Christi Hope House

CC Metro Ministries

Corpus Christi Pregnancy Center, Inc. dba  
Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend

Corpus Christi Young Life

Education Service Center Region 2

Family Counseling Service

Focus Foundation - Summer Sports  
and Wellness Program

HALO-Flight

Institute of Rural Development

Mission of Mercy

Moody Clinic/Brownsville Society

South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation,  
Inc.

The Ark Assessment Center and Emergency  
Shelter for Youth

The Purple Door

United Connections Counseling

United Way of the Coastal Bend

Youth Odyssey, Inc.

YWCA



Agape Ranch



Corpus Christi Young Life



Youth Odyssey, Inc.

# 2021 RAMIRO DE LA PAZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Rylee King**



**Kayla Teeler**



**Emilio Pelagio Jr.**



**Abigail Chaney**



**Jenna Carr**



**Lorena Ramirez**



**Talee Oaks**



**Ezekiel Hubert**



**Blake Moos**



**Paul R. Snow III**



**Mia Tey**



**Eliana Dykehouse**



**JoAnn Robledo**

NEC has established the Ramiro De La Paz and John L. Sims scholarship programs. These programs are funded by escheated capital credits – or capital credits of former members who we could not locate to refund their money. The State of Texas lets us keep some of the undeliverable capital credits to support our scholarship program. Each year, Nueces Electric Cooperative awards college scholarships to high school seniors who are dependents of cooperative members.

In 2021, 13 lucky high school students were awarded \$20,000 dollars in scholarships. These high school seniors were from 11 local schools and plan to attend a university, college or trade school in Texas. We are proud to support their education in accordance with our cooperative principles.



# 2021 YOUTH LEADERSHIP TOUR



**Abigail Larkin**



**Kara Johnson**

NEC sponsors 2 local youth on the Government-in-Action Youth Leadership Tour each year. This is an all-expense-paid trip for high school juniors who are dependents of members to learn about different aspects of the government, meet their members of Congress, and enjoy an action-packed visit to Washington D.C.

In 2021, NEC sponsored Abigail Larkin and Kara Johnson. Due to the pandemic, the students were not able to travel. NEC, instead, awarded the students with \$4000 scholarships to support their college education and schooling.

# WHATS TO COME?



## SCHOLARSHIP

We are proud to support local students in their education by awarding university, two-year college, and linemen scholarships to graduating seniors who are dependents of members!



Scan the QR code to apply for a **scholarship** now!



Scan the QR code to apply for **Youth Tour** now!

## YOUTH TOUR

NEC offers an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C to High School juniors who are dependents of members!



## CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY AT NEC HEADQUARTERS!

Saturday, Nov. 5

**9am-noon**

14353 Cooperative Ave, Robstown, TX



**\*\*ALL members must bring a current copy of their NEC bill to be eligible to receive a tree. Limited amount of seedlings available at Ricardo & Ben Bolt Service Centers**