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Nominating Committee Appointed

The bylaws of Radiant Electric provide that the Board of Trustees shall appoint a Nominating Committee, which will select the candidates for the Trustees' positions expiring in 2010.

The Board of Trustees has appointed the members listed to the Nominating Committee. The terms of Lee Bracken, District 3, Position 5 and Chad Ayers, District 1, Position 2 will expire at the Annual Meeting of Members on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

The Nominating Committee will tentatively meet in mid-January for the purpose of committee organization. The committee will reconvene near the end of January for the purpose of placing in nomination a slate of candidates to elect two Trustees to serve a three-year term on the Radiant Electric Board of Trustees.

The committee members will prepare and post at

the cooperative office, at least 45 days before the Annual Meeting, a list of at least two nominations for each Trustee position to be filled by elections.

The Nominating Committee Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of meeting, a ballot listing the candidates nominated by the committee.

Any 15 or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted.

Nominations made by petition, if any, must be received at least 30 days before the mailing of bal-

2009 Nominating Committee

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lots to be included on the official ballot.

The results of the Nomination Committee process will be published in the *Kansas Country Living* magazine.

You will elect two candidates by mail ballot. The results will be announced at the Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the Radiant Electric headquarters on April 8, 2010.

Trustee Positions Expiring in 2010

- ▶ District 1, Position–2
Chad Ayers
- ▶ District 3, Position–5
Lee Bracken

Radiant's Office will be Closed for the Holidays

In observance of the holiday season, we will be closed on December 24–25 and January 1. May the warmth, joy, and peace of this Christmas be with you and yours now and throughout the year.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Area Retail Shops Ready for the Holidays

The saying goes, "There's no place like home." That's also true when it comes to doing your holiday shopping.

Area Chamber of Commerce offices encourages their citizens to "Shop at Home" this season. Whether you're looking for a special tool for that favorite son-in-law; a gift certificate to a favorite restaurant for your grandparents; or looking to buy yourself a new TV for the holidays, starting in your hometown is the best buy.

Support your fellow members that believe in your community whether by owning a business or working in one. Keeping your money in your hometown is good business all the way around.

Independence has several stores that are owned by Radiant Electric members or have members working in them.

Hasselmann's Floral & Gifts—

Owned by Jim and Denni Sheldon, Hasselmann's carries a wide variety of flowers and gifts for all occasions.

A large selection of Crabtree and Evelyn lotions; Noel air fresheners; and Root candles makes Hasselmann's a great place to pick up a gift for the holidays. They also make their own potpourri and preserve wedding flowers.

All occasion cards are created by Independence resident Jan Asleson.

Hasselmann's is located at 801 Penn Ave in Independence

Sayers Ace Hardware—This store has just about everything you could imagine for keeping a couple shopping together happy.

Not only do they have tools to fix up your home for the holidays but also a corner of the store is a Christmas wonderland.

In it you will find Christmas decorations; purses; jewelry; picture frames or one of the many other items the store carries. Stephen and Vava Sayers have something for everyone.

Sayers Ace Hardware is located at 314 N Penn Ave in Independence.

Bill Schabel's TV—In 1975, Bill and Sue Schabel bought the former Zenith TV dealership. Bill is now retired, but his son, Billy continues to run the



Hasselmann's employee, Tina Swyers decorates a Christmas tree in dried flower bundles as she prepares for the holiday season.

store with Sue helping out.

They now carry a large selection of LG HDTV's that come in all different sizes to fit your family home. Installing DishNetwork satellites also keeps the family busy.

In the last six months, they have become a distributor for the Klipsch Speakers and also do home wiring for stereos and televisions. There are even candles that Sue calls "my fun line" for sale.

Bill Schabel's TV is located at 318 N Penn Ave.



Vava Sayers showcases holiday decorations at Sayers Ace Hardware Store.



Billy Schabel (left) continues on in the family business with his son, Sullivan.

Scholarship Available to Graduates

Attention graduation seniors and college students. Watch for an article in the January 2010 Radiant Electric center spread featuring the Radiant Electric Cooperative Merit Scholarship.

The Board of Trustees has approved \$4,000 in scholarships to be awarded for the 2010–2011 school term. Instructions will be included on how to apply, items needed with the applications and the due date.

Thanks to Our Members Attending Open House



Katherine Smith and her daughter, Kim Stockton check over the cookies during the Cooperative Month reception.

Radiant Electric would like to thank all of our members who dropped by for refreshment during Radiant's Cooperative Month reception held on Friday, October 23.

Those attending received refreshments and appreciation gifts.

Right: Becky Bauman, takes a moment to enjoy her cookie and water after filling her bag with customer appreciation gifts.



Practice Holiday Electrical Safety This Season

Radiant Electric reminds you to keep electrical safety in mind when decorating for the holiday season:

- ▶ **Before decorating**, read and follow the manufacturers' instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all decorative electrical products.
- ▶ **Use lights** and other electrical decorations certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory such as CSA, UL, or ETL.
- ▶ **When decorating outdoors**, be sure to use lights and other electrical decorations certified for outdoor use.

- ▶ **Inspect each decoration** before plugging into an outlet. Cracked, frayed, loose or bare wires, as well as loose connections may cause electrical shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items.
- ▶ **Unplug electrical** decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses.
- ▶ **Do not connect** more than three light string sets together.
- ▶ **Do not overload** extension cords—they can overheat and start a fire. Keep all outdoor extension cords and light strings clear of snow and standing water.

Welcome New Members

Alvin Davidson—Caney
Clarence Ray—Caney
Joel McNeill—Cherryvale
Kevin Redford—Cherryvale
Billy Whitson—Cherryvale
Clifford Allison—Coffeyville
Audrey Miller—Coffeyville
Karla Kretschner—Columbus
Scott Bell—Fredonia
Kevin Hartpence—Fredonia
Karen Hauge—Fredonia
Heather Hylar—Fredonia
William Corle—Independence
Darryl Smith—Independence
Michael Cook—Neodesha
Nicole Hankins—Neodesha
Coleman Ventures LLC—Wichita
Keith Kirk—Wichita

Let's Look on the Bright Side

Dusk to dawn security lights for homes, businesses and farms let you look on the bright side with safety and convenience.

That's because when you add a security light from Radiant Electric you're adding protection for your family and your property, plus hours to your evening for work or play.

For just \$7.45 a month, a security light is not only a bright decision, it's very efficient and affordable.

So look on the bright side and call Brian at 620-378-2161 to schedule a security light to be installed on your meter pole.



Winter Time Procedure at Radiant Electric

The provisions of the procedure allow for special payment and establish the disconnection procedures for any residential member of the Radiant Electric Cooperative, Inc., with unpaid arrearage to retain or restore electric service throughout the winter weather period.

Radiant will not disconnect a member's service between December 15 and March 1 when the Chanute reporting station of the National Weather Service office forecasts the temperature will drop below 30 degrees or will be in the low 30s or colder within the following 24-hour period unless:

- ▶ **A** It is at the member's request.
- ▶ **B** The service is abandoned.
- ▶ **C** A dangerous condition exists on the member's premises.
- ▶ **D** The member violates any rule of the cooperative, which adversely affects the safety of the member or other persons, or the physical integrity of the cooperative's delivery system.
- ▶ **E** The member causes or permits unauthorized interference with, or diversion or use of (meter bypass), electric service situated or delivered on or about the member's premises.
- ▶ **F** The member is proved to have misrepresented his or her identity for purpose of obtaining electric service.

In any of these situations, the cooperative may disconnect the service immediately. Service disconnected under C, D and E above may be restored as soon as possible within normal business hours, after the physical problems as defined in C, D and E above have been corrected.

In order to keep from being disconnected when temperature is 30 degrees Fahrenheit or above, or to be reconnected regardless of temperature, a member must comply with the provisions of the Good Faith Test.

The requirements of the Good Faith Test are not applicable when the temperature is forecast to drop below 30 degrees Fahrenheit or the low 30s or colder in the next 24-hour period. To meet the Good Faith Test and qualify for the benefits of the Winter Time Procedure, the customer will;

- ▶ **Inform the cooperative** of the member's inability to pay the bill in full.
- ▶ **Give sufficient information** to allow

the cooperative to make a payment agreement.

- ▶ **Make an initial payment** of 1/3 of the arrearage plus the current months bill by the due date.
- ▶ **Apply for federal, state, local** or other funds for which the member is eligible.
- ▶ **Not illegally divert** (bypass meter) electric service.
- ▶ **Allow a service limiter to be installed**, at the cooperative's option, which will provide for minimal use of electricity allowing only essential electric service.
- ▶ **Provide a certified statement** from a qualified physician if a health deficiency is involved.
- ▶ **Not default** on a payment plan.

Radiant Electric Cooperative will publish a written notice of the Winter Time Procedure once a year, at least 30 days prior to the WTP period to each residential member who is currently receiving the service. The cooperative will file a copy of the notice published with the commission.

- ▶ **Send one written notice** mailed first class at least 10 days prior to termination of service. A member may not be disconnected until a 24-hour forecast above the activating temperature is predicted by the Chanute reporting station of the National Weather Service. During that 24-hours, the cooperative will make at least one telephone call attempt to the phone number of record. The telephone call attempt(s) the day prior to disconnection is in addition to the already existing notice requirements contained in the standards under Other Provisions.
- ▶ **On the day disconnection**, Radiant must receive 24-hour forecast above the activating temperature from the Chanute reporting station of the National Weather Service. If the temperature is then forecast to be below the activating temperature, the disconnection may not be carried out and the cooperative must wait for another 24-hour forecast above the activation temperature. Only one phone call attempt will be made per month.
- ▶ **The cooperative will**, in the telephone contact(s), the 10-day written notice and the disconnect message at the residence,

in addition to the existing requirements contained in Other Provisions, also inform the member of the existence of the Winter Time Procedure—and that the member Good Faith Test and the telephone number of the cooperative business office for bringing the member's electric bill current.

- ▶ **Inform the member of**, or provide a list of, the Good Faith requirements.
- ▶ **Inform the member of**, or provide a list of, organizations where funds are available to pay electric bills.
- ▶ **Inform the member of**, or provide a list of, all other pay arrangements for which the member might qualify.
- ▶ **Adopt and inform members** about a third-party notification plan.

Other Provisions:

- ▶ **Any deposit or additional deposits** required made in conjunction with the Winter Time Procedure may be amortized over a 30 day period. Written notice of this will be provided to each member required to make a deposit.
- ▶ **Radiant Electric Cooperative** may inform its members of the long-range advantages of weatherization programs.
- ▶ **Upon documentation** by the utility that diversion of service has occurred (meter bypass) and that the member has benefited from diversion, the member will be deemed in breach of the Good Faith Test. Such breach may be cured by payment by the member for the value of the diverted service plus a deposit. The value of such use will be estimated based on historic use of such member or such residence.
- ▶ **Any member who has defaulted** in the most recent winter time period and remains in default has breached the requirements of the Good Faith Test. To cure such default, the member will make a payment in full for all arrearage, pay any disconnect and reconnect charges incurred as a result of such default, make a reasonable security deposit and comply with the provisions of the Good Faith Test.
- ▶ **The member should** be encouraged to renegotiate Winter Time Procedure payment if he or she receives utility or other lump sum assistance.