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District Meetings

A Privilege of Co-op Ownership



Chuck Huerter
District 7
Friday, Nov. 12



Ken Howard
District 8
Monday, Nov. 8



Buddy McCarty
District 9
Monday, Nov. 15

Selecting representation on VVEC's board of trustees is one of the fundamental privileges of cooperative ownership. Members in districts 7, 8 and 9 will be choosing their trustees at district meetings in November.

Those meeting dates and locations are:

District 7

Friday, Nov. 12
St. James Catholic Church
5500 S.E. Douglas Lane
Bartlesville

District 8

Monday, Nov. 8
VVEC Pavilion
8901 E. 146th St. N.
Collinsville

District 9

Monday, Nov. 15
Silver Creek
Church of the Nazarene,
9000 N. 145th E. Ave.
Owasso

Registration for all meetings will open at 6 p.m. and close at 7 p.m., when the business session begins.

Members who are the official voting delegates for organizations such as churches, will need to submit a completed Organization Certificate, which can be found on page 2 of this issue. The certificate needs to be submitted at the time of registration.

If you don't know which district you live in, you can find this information on your monthly bill, or by visiting the co-op's Web site at VVEC.com. Click on the 'About VVEC' tab, then scroll down to the 'map' tab.

VVEC trustees are members just like you, and selecting those trustees is one of the advantages of owning your electric cooperative. Come and exercise your privilege of co-op ownership, visit with VVEC staff, and enjoy the fellowship of your co-op neighbors at your district meeting. 

**VVEC offices
will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 25
and Friday, Nov. 26
so employees can spend
the Thanksgiving holiday
with their families.
Please call 371-2584
or 1-800-870-5948
to report an outage.**





District 7

Chuck Huerter

Chuck holds an associate degree in electronics; a bachelor degree in personnel administration and has 20 years experience with Phillips Petroleum. He owned a small business in the health care industry for 15 years before retiring.

He has represented district 7 since 1985, watching the district grow to over 2,600 members.

Chuck holds certified director status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which he earned after completing the required number of continuing education classes offered to board trustees, and has also earned his 'Board Leadership' certification.

He is an avid bicycling enthusiast, and has ridden in Oklahoma FreeWheel.

An active member of the Bartlesville community and of St. James Catholic Church, Chuck has three children and six grandchildren.



District 8

Ken Howard

Ken is a production supervisor with American Airlines, where he has worked since 1998. Prior to beginning his career with American Airlines, he owned and operated a local aviation business.

He is a life-long resident of Collinsville where he has lived on VVEC lines, and a graduate of Collinsville High School.

Ken continues his trustee education by attending classes designed for cooperative trustees and has received his certificate in the Credentialed Cooperative Director program sponsored by NRECA.

He has represented the more than 3,100 members in district 8 since 1992, and currently serves as vice-president of the board of trustees.

He and his wife Dana have three children and four grandchildren. They are active members of the Collinsville First Baptist Church.



District 9

Buddy McCarty

Currently president of the board, Buddy was appointed as a trustee in 1995 to fill the unexpired term of a trustee who was moving. He now represents one of the fastest growing areas in VVEC's service territory; District 9 has more than 3,400 members.

He has been an agent for State Farm Insurance for almost 30 years.

He and his wife Diana have lived in Owasso for more than 25 years. They both attended Northeastern State University, and Diana is now a real estate agent. Buddy is an involved and active member of the community.

He and Diana have two daughters and two granddaughters.

He encourages members in his district to contact him if they have questions about their cooperative. He can be reached at 272-5364.



RECIPE

Country Turkey Noodle Soup

- 3 cans (14 1/2 oz. EACH) Swanson clear ready to serve chicken broth
- 1/4 c. chopped celery
- 1/4 c. chopped carrot
- 1 Tbsp. minced onion
- 1 Tbsp. minced parsley
- 1/8 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 1/8 tsp. thyme leaves
- 2 c. diced cooked turkey
- Prepared noodles

In 3 quart saucepan over medium heat, combine all ingredients except turkey and noodles. Cover; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low. Cook 20 minutes until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Add turkey and noodles; heat through.

SERVES: 7 cups or 4 servings.

2009 Gross Receipts Tax

by Amount

School District	WEC	KAMO	Total
Oklahoma Union	\$90,055.84	\$41,574.18	\$131,630.02
Caney Valley	\$81,446.82	\$68,484.30	\$149,931.12
Oologah	\$81,234.93		\$81,234.93
Owasso	\$71,629.89		\$71,629.89
Collinsville	\$58,349.06	\$51,636.23	\$109,985.29
Skiatook	\$54,515.63	\$35,568.16	\$90,083.79
Bowring	\$53,340.53		\$53,340.53
Nowata	\$49,879.48		\$49,879.48
Barnsdall	\$48,008.78	\$36,816.16	\$84,824.94
Dewey	\$46,968.85		\$46,968.85
Claremore Sequoyah	\$42,221.05		\$42,221.05
Bartlesville	\$38,038.75		\$38,038.75
Sperry	\$37,406.95		\$37,406.95
Copan	\$29,353.45		\$29,353.45
Justus	\$24,281.12		\$24,281.12
Avant	\$23,049.38	\$29,679.13	\$52,728.51
Foyil	\$22,381.26		\$22,381.26
Pawhuska	\$20,483.77	\$39,234.17	\$59,717.94
South Coffeyville	\$19,332.63		\$19,332.63
Chelsea	\$18,465.53		\$18,465.53
Hominy	\$17,932.41	\$100,191.44	\$118,123.85
Claremore	\$17,495.39		\$17,495.39
Sand Springs	\$16,787.60	\$31,629.13	\$48,416.73
Verdigris	\$11,952.89		\$11,952.89
Catoosa	\$11,641.90		\$11,641.90
Prue	\$10,581.23	\$10,296.05	\$20,877.28
Tulsa	\$8,746.51		\$8,746.51
Anderson	\$8,625.37		\$8,625.37
Osage Hills	\$5,519.50		\$5,519.50
Inola	\$3,473.50		\$3,473.50
Chouteau-Mazie	\$537.69		\$537.69
Total Tax Remitted	\$1,023,737.69	\$445,108.95	\$1,468,846.64

Co-op Taxes Support Area Schools

It's a common misconception that electric co-ops don't pay taxes.

Actually, cooperatives don't pay income tax, but they do pay gross receipts tax.

In 2009, WVEC paid \$1,023,737 in gross receipts tax that went to support school districts in the co-op's service territory.

Including the more than \$445,000 KAMO Power paid, these two cooperatives paid almost \$1.5 million in taxes.

The amount of tax paid to each school district is determined by the total miles of electric lines the two co-ops have in each district.

The taxes are paid to the Oklahoma Tax Commission who then distributes the monies to the school systems.

Information to the left details the breakdown of how much was paid to each school district by WVEC and KAMO Power. 

Tax Credits Expire in December

If you need new windows, roofing, insulation or an air conditioner, consider replacing your old ones by Dec. 31.

That's when the federal tax credit for energy-efficient home improvements expires.

For qualifying products you install by the end of the year, you can take a tax credit of up to \$1,500 on your 2010 taxes. The requirements for each product are super-specific, so visit www.energystar.gov to get the correct details. 

More Great Deals with Your Co-op Connections® Card

Air Solutions Heating & Cooling, Sand Springs

20% of diagnostic service call or \$150 off complete HVAC system

Acapulco Golden Tans, Owasso

10% off tanning packages & product (monthly specials excluded)

J-C & Sons Waste Management, Barnsdall

10% discount for first 6 months sign-up for residential trash service

The year's biggest shopping season is coming up. Don't forget to take advantage of the great deals available by using your Co-op Connections® Card. Visit WVEC.com or Co-opConnections.com for a list of businesses and special deals.