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# WHARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



The 2020 Wharton County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors and staff are: (l-r) John Roach; Samuel Craig Hardin; Patrick Kubala; Gary Raybon, General Manager/CEO; Paul L. Phillips, Jr., Vice President; Frankie Peter, President; Peggy Glaze; Jim W. Harton, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Rick Graff, Secretary/Treasurer; and Gus Wessels, Jr.

## 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of Members

### Special Drive Thru Meeting

**Due to COVID-19 Pandemic Precautions**

DETAILS ON PAGE 2 OF THIS REPORT

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 • 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

**EL CAMPO MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES

DETAILS ON PAGE 3 OF THIS REPORT



JUDY PETER  
(DISTRICT 3)



RICHARD L. CLARK  
(DISTRICT 3)



GUS WESSELS, JR.  
INCUMBENT  
(DISTRICT 6)



BRENT CERNY  
(DISTRICT 6)



CALVIN PFEIL, JR.  
(DISTRICT 9)



PAMELA R. HUNT  
(DISTRICT 9)



CHRIS BARBEE  
(DISTRICT 9)

# WCEC ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS DRIVE THRU PROCEDURE



## MUST BE PRESENT IN VEHICLE TO VOTE!

Each member who votes will receive a \$20 bill credit, an attendance gift, and entry into the drawing for WCEC's fabulous door prizes!

Drive thru line will open at 4:00 p.m. Voting will end at 7:00 p.m. SHARP.  
No access to drive thru line allowed after 7:00 p.m.

- Enter El Campo Middle School parking lot through the back entrance off of N. Wharton Street. (See Map on Back Cover)
- There will be multiple Registration stations in the ECMS parking lot. You will receive a Director Election and Report Approval Ballot for each membership. To speed up the drive thru process, **PLEASE LOOK OVER THE SAMPLE BALLOT BELOW AND DETERMINE YOUR CHOICES BEFORE THE MEETING.**
- Pick up your attendance gift and drop off your completed ballot with the Balloting Committee. Each voting member will receive a \$20 bill credit on their next month's bill and be entered into the prize drawing which will be held at a later date. Winners will be contacted by phone.

WHARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 <b>OFFICIAL BALLOT - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS</b> Fill the circle beside Candidate of your choice <b>VOTE FOR ONE IN EACH DISTRICT.</b>			NO.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>VOTE FOR ONE</u></b> <b>DISTRICT #3</b></p> <p>North of Louise &amp; El Campo, Round Mott, and Lost Prong</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Judy Peter</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Richard L. Clark</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-In</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>VOTE FOR ONE</u></b> <b>DISTRICT #6</b></p> <p>Esquire Estates, West Danevang, and West Midfield</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gus Wessels, Jr. (Incumbent)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brent Cerny</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-In</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>VOTE FOR ONE</u></b> <b>DISTRICT #9</b></p> <p>Suburban Area surrounding El Campo</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Calvin Pfeil, Jr.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pamela R. Hunt</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Christopher Barbee</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-In</p>	
<b>OFFICIAL BALLOT - APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORTS</b> The following items were mailed to you as part of the June 2021 Texas Coop Power Magazine. Please check YES or NO for each item.			
<p>I approve the Minutes of the 2020 WCEC Annual Meeting.</p> <p><u>YES</u></p> <p><u>NO</u> Reason: _____</p>	<p>I approve the 2020 WCEC Financial Report.</p> <p><u>YES</u></p> <p><u>NO</u> Reason: _____</p>	<p>I approve the President &amp; Manager's Report</p> <p><u>YES</u></p> <p><u>NO</u> Reason: _____</p>	

# DIRECTOR ELECTIONS—THREE-YEAR TERMS

## DISTRICT 3

### JUDY PETER

“My family and I have lived in Wharton County our entire lives and have been members of WCEC for as many years. My dad, J. Bridges, served on the board in the 1960s and my husband, Frankie, will be terming off this year as WCEC Board President. It was instilled in me at an early age to be a servant and to serve. I would very much like to continue the tradition of my family to serve the patrons, employees, and friends of WCEC.

Wharton County Electric Cooperative has proven itself time and time again in providing to its customers the best of best. You will have to look hard to find a better organization, run by better leaders and employees. WCEC has always been known in this area as a supporter and leader of this community. I will try my best to add my years of expertise to an already ‘successful and well-oiled machine.’

As a candidate of WCEC District 3, I think it will take a board that is ever diligent in this daily-changing world of ours to guide, promote, and safeguard our electric power system. I welcome your calls and comments on how to be more successful and productive.

A big thank you goes out to our linemen and support staff during an unprecedented winter storm just a few months ago. Thank you for this nomination for District 3, and consider marking your ballot for Judy Peter.”

Peter has lived in the WCEC service territory for 70 years. She and her husband, Frankie, have three grown children. She is a graduate of Louise High School as well as a wife, mother, grandmother, farmer, and Realtor.

Peter has served as secretary to the Wharton County Youth Fair Executive Board for 8 years and has been an active member and President of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Board of Directors for 10 years.

### RICHARD L. CLARK

“In 1971, WCEC built a line west of Garwood and FM 1693 to an elderly couple who had never had electricity. If it had not been for WCEC, they may have never had electricity. If it had not been for REA, how many others would have been in the same shape? We had coal oil lamps and wood-burning stoves even into the 1970s. Now, thanks to WCEC our lives are so much easier.

Lights at the flick of a switch; push a couple of buttons and your meal is ready in seconds; turn a dial, push a button, put your food in a pot, and your meal is ready when you get home.

I’ve lived through it all - from having to climb every pole to using a bucket truck 99% of the time. Having retired in 2015 after 31 years as a lineman at WCEC, I know what it takes to keep the lights on and the rate as low as possible. Everyone at WCEC - from directors to office personnel to warehouse to linemen and helpers - works hard to keep the lights on and your house comfy.”

Clark has lived in the WCEC service territory for 55 years. He and his wife, Paula, have three grown children and 5 grandchildren. He is a graduate of El

Campo High School and Texas A&M Lineman School. He is retired after 31 years of service at WCEC.

Clark has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 46 years serving as Inside and Outside Guard and Deputy Grand Knight. He is also on the Taiton Community Center board and served as a member of the WCEC Safety Committee.

## DISTRICT 6

### GUS WESSELS, JR.

#### INCUMBENT

“Wharton County Electrical Co-op is successful because of the experienced staff we have including the CEO, linemen, and office professionals. It has been a pleasure working with them over the last three years. During the recent freeze event, all personnel did everything they could to minimize the outages and comply with the mandated response from the power generators and ERCOT. I am sure winterizing the plants will be addressed by the legislature during this session. We need to continue to look at the proper mix of fossil fuel and green energy solutions that will ensure these events will have a minimal impact in the future. I will continue to do my best if elected to a second term as Director of District 6. It is a pleasure serving as your Director.”

Wessels has lived in the WCEC service territory for 60 years and is the Dean of Financial & Business Services/CFO at Wharton County Junior College. He and his wife, Donna, have two adult daughters.

Wessels is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and a Certified Public Accountant. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Texas Society of CPAs. He belongs to Christ Lutheran Church and has served on the board of Czech Catholic Home.

### BRENT CERNY

“I am a strong supporter of cooperatives and have been my whole life. I feel cooperatives give their members an advantage over large corporations that are owned by stockholders.”

Cerny has lived in the WCEC service territory for 31 years. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children. He is a graduate of El Campo High School and Texas A&M University where he received a B.S. in Agribusiness. He is a district sales manager at Land O’ Lakes as well as a farmer.

Cerny serves on the boards of Danevang Farmer’s Co-op, United Ag, and Texas Farm Bureau.

## DISTRICT 9

### CALVIN PFEIL, JR.

“The recent chaos showed that our co-ops faired above the rest. They had power when others didn’t. Our member-owned cooperatives provided fantastic service. They are an integral part of today’s world in providing for its members.

I do believe the future will present an even greater need for the product offered. Even in these difficult times, the co-op has been able to keep the price at a good rate. The future looks bright for the co-ops. I

would be proud to serve on the board of our co-op.”

Pfeil has lived in the WCEC service territory for 64 years. He is a graduate of El Campo High School and the University of Texas-Arlington. He is retired as a deputy sheriff/jailer for Wharton County. He has five grown children. He is married to Nancy Novosad Pfeil.

Pfeil is a past officer of the Knights of Columbus, El Campo Little League board, and is a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Philip’s Catholic Church.

### PAMELA R. HUNT

“The benefits of rural electrification allow member-owned cooperatives to purchase power on a wholesale basis and distribute it using their own network of transmission and distribution lines. It is to provide reliable, safe, competitive electricity to their members. It also provides economic benefits to our community rather than distant stockholders. It is important to maintain electricity to rural areas now and in the future.”

Hunt has lived in the WCEC service territory for 6 years and is the Executive Director of the El Campo Medical Foundation. She and her husband, Tommy, have four grown children. She is a Southwest Texas State University graduate and has her Texas Real Estate License.

Hunt is a member of the Anchor Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Delta Gamma, Pilot Club, Rotary Club, and First Baptist Church. She is involved with many youth-oriented organizations such as Rotary Literacy, FBC Youth Committee, and the Shattered Dreams project.

### CHRIS BARBEE

“Rural electrification gives those in the country the same advantages as their city neighbors. Since July 24, 1939 when the first rural electric lines were energized in Wharton County, rural electrification continues to change and improve lives. Member-owned cooperatives like WCEC purchase power on a wholesale basis and distribute it using their own network of transmission and distribution lines.

With commercial utilities, only major shareholders have any say in running the company. All members of cooperatives can take part in shaping policies and influencing the business, as expressed through your election of directors. Unlike commercial utilities, cooperatives focus on service, not profits.

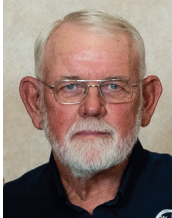
I think all will agree that during the recent freeze it was GREAT being a WCEC member! Our WCEC team kept the lights, and heat, on as much as possible while some of our neighbors on AEP lines went 3-4 continuous days without power. That was a benefit of rural electrification.”

Barbee has lived in the WCEC service territory for 53 years. He and his wife, Carol, have two grown children. Barbee is a graduate of El Campo High School and the University of Texas. He is the current mayor of El Campo and the former Publisher of the El Campo Leader-News and City of El Campo Community Services Director.

Barbee is a member of the Rotary Club, a charter member of the El Campo Museum Society and El Campo BEEs, and has served as an officer for the El Campo Hospital Authority, El Campo Chamber of Commerce, West Wharton County American Cancer Society, and Texas Press Association. He is a life member of the NRA and a deacon at First Baptist Church.



## *Strength Through Adversity* PRESIDENT & MANAGER'S REPORT



PRESIDENT  
**FRANKIE PETER**



MANAGER  
**GARY RAYBON**

2020 and the first quarter of 2021 will be a time that we remember for the rest of our lives. We can safely say that we are all glad to see that time frame in the rear-view mirror. From a history-making pandemic to a record-shattering ice storm, we all should be commended for simply making it to the point of having an Annual Meeting. In April 2020 when the WCEC Board approved protecting the membership by having a drive-through Annual Meeting, we all assumed that it would be a one-time affair and by June of 2021 everything would be back to normal. As the saying goes, "Man makes plans... and God laughs." At the February 2021 meeting of the WCEC Board, it was decided out of an abundance of caution to once again hold a drive-through Annual Meeting. While we would prefer to get together with the members and enjoy a good meal and fellowship, we feel that this is the best decision at this time.

Starting in mid-March 2020, your Board and the employees at WCEC have overcome and adapted to changes in operations due to the global pandemic. During 2020 the Board held both virtual meetings and socially distant meetings. While not optimal, the necessary work of the Board was accomplished and the Board remains united in moving forward with the goals and mission of WCEC. Throughout the year the employees have adapted to changed working hours, mask requirements, and socially distancing rules which at the time seemed to change hourly. Through it all, the employees got the job done with no complaints and a smile on their faces. Through the pandemic and resulting shutdowns, our priority has been the safety of our employees while maintaining the level of service that our members have come to expect from WCEC. We hope that we have

accomplished that goal.

The events surrounding Valentine's day and winter storm Uri were extremely trying for WCEC. While we were lucky to not have much damage to our electrical system, we were exposed to over 100 hours of ERCOT mandated rotating outages. While our power supplier South Texas Electric Cooperative (STEC) was providing all the generating capacity to serve our loads, being part of the ERCOT grid meant our members were subject to the rotating outages like everyone else in the state. We apologize for any inconvenience that the outages caused, but please believe our employees did an amazing job of fielding questions from members and assisting STEC in minimizing the duration of the rotating outages. A special thanks for all the kind words of support from our members during that difficult week.

As of the writing of this report, there is still turmoil at ERCOT, and the powers that be in Austin are holding hearings on design changes and restructuring the wholesale market. Please be assured that your voice as a cooperative member will be heard in any and all discussions.

As we have since 1938, WCEC will continue to answer to the needs of the members we serve with a sense of dedication and a smile on our faces.

For Peggy Glaze and Frankie Peter, this Annual Meeting marks the end of their service on the WCEC Board as each of them has reached their term limits. They wish to say "Thank You" for the honor of serving the membership of WCEC for nine years.

## OPERATION ROUND UP 2020 CHARITABLE FUND DISTRIBUTION

100 Club of Wharton County

All Little Things Country

Blessing Cup

Boys & Girls Club of El Campo

Danish Historical Preservation Society

El Campo Art Association

El Campo Community Events

El Campo Medical Foundation

El Campo Red Wave Booster Club

El Campo Youth Baseball

Everyday Heroes

Garwood Volunteer Fire Department

Hospice Support

Louise Beautification, Inc.

Matagorda County CASA

Matagorda Women's Crisis Center

Patriots & Heroes Outdoors

Shall Not Hunger

Texana Center

Wharton County Youth Fair

## 2020 COBANK SHARING SUCCESS GRANT RECIPIENTS

Helping Hands Ministries | Manna Meals | Wharton County Youth Fair

# MINUTES OF 2020 MEETING OF MEMBERS

## Minutes of Annual Meeting of Members

June 17, 2020

Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. held its 82nd annual membership meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at the El Campo Civic Center in El Campo, Texas. On June 1, 2019, each member of the cooperative was mailed, in the 82nd Annual Meeting brochure, an Official Notice of Annual Meeting of Members to be held June 17, 2020.

Due to the global coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and Texas Governor Greg Abbott issuing an executive order to observe social distancing of at least six feet between persons, at a special called board meeting, the Board of Directors of Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. voted to continue with plans to hold the annual membership meeting as scheduled; however, the format would be a "drive-through" for the safety of both cooperative members and employees. No meal was served. To abide by the social distance rule, members remained in their vehicles at all times.

Registration began at 4:00 PM. Upon entering the Civic Center parking lot, members received an additional copy of the Texas Co-op Power insert showing information and photos of Director Nominees; the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes; 2019 Financial Report, and the President's and Manager's Reports. Members then drove under the covered portico and stopped. WCEC employees registered members and gave them a two-part ballot. The first part of the ballot was the Election of Directors; the second part was the Approval Ballot allowing members to approve the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting, the 2019 Financial Report, and the President's and Manager's Reports.

Members then drove around the building for the second stop. Here each voting member received an attendance gift. Any children in the vehicle also received a special attendance gift.

As members continued driving around the back of the building, the third and last stop was the ballot drop-off area. Here the pre-selected Ballot Committee collected the ballots. Members then exited the parking lot.

At 7:00pm sharp, no further entries were allowed into the parking lot. Any members still in line were allowed to register and vote.

After all ballots had been collected, the Ballot Committee consisting of Bryan Popp, District 1; Thomas Kaspar, District 2; David Kutac, District 3; Steven Goetsch, District 4; Donald Southall, District 5; Donna Wessels, District 6; Tiffany Riha, District 7; Cuatro Strack, District 8; and Albert Rucka, District 9, were directed to an area to count the ballots with the assistance of Patsy Metting, Manager of Accounting.

Director Nominees were:

- District #2: Patrick Kubala; Karl H. Haupt
- District #5: Annett K. Simmons; Rick Marik; Samuel Craig Hardin
- District #8: Fritz Cornelius; Jim W. Harton, Incumbent.

Immediately after all ballots had been counted, winners of the Director Election were certified by Ballot Committee Chairman Cuatro Strack. Those elected by simple majority vote were:

- District #2: Patrick Kubala
- District #5: Samuel Craig Hardin
- District #8: Jim W. Harton

General Manager/CEO Gary Raybon and outgoing President Leroy Kaspar called all candidates and notified them of the results.

The Approval Ballots were tallied with the following results:

- The Minutes of the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting were approved.
- The 2019 Financial Report was approved.
- The President's and Manager's Reports were approved.

Each registered member will receive a \$20.00 bill credit that will be applied to the June billing period. Given the unusual format of the 2020 meeting, on Thursday, June 18th, registration cards were printed for each voting member, and the cards were put in a drawing for prizes. The drawing for twenty (20) prizes took place at the WCEC headquarters office on Facebook Live. All name cards were included for the final grand prize drawings. Grand prize winners were:

- \$100 free electricity: Bobby Peter
- \$100 free electricity: Stephen Hilderbridle
- \$100 free electricity: Felix E. Mica, Jr.
- \$300 free electricity: Alice Atchetee

The final count of voting members was a Wharton County Electric Cooperative history-breaking record of 760. Given the unexpected turnout, only 500 ballots were ordered and more ballots had to be made. There were only 500 attendance gifts ordered and vouchers were given for those who did not get one.

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

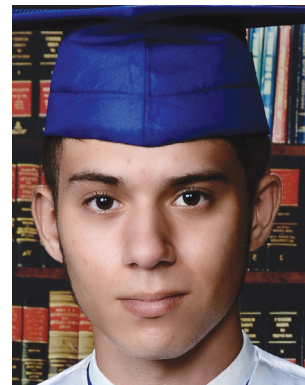
**UNFORTUNATELY, THE 2021 GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR WAS CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19. THREE \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED IN LIEU OF THE TRIP.**



**KAYLA BOLFING**  
El Campo High School  
District 8  
Daughter of Steve Bolfing  
and Gloria Williams.



**CALE CHAMBERS**  
El Campo High School  
District 4  
Son of Scott and  
Tammy Chambers.



**TRENT VILLARREAL**  
Rice High School  
District 1  
Son of Gabriel and  
Shannon Villarreal.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

	As of 12/31/20	As of 12/31/19
Total Utility Plant in Service	\$ 67,535,576	\$64,524,255
Construction Work in Progress	1,055,939	994,494
<b>Total Utility Plant</b>	<b>68,591,514</b>	<b>65,518,750</b>
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(1,137,272)	(10,349,518)
<b>Net Utility Plant</b>	<b>\$57,454,242</b>	<b>\$55,169,232</b>
Investment in Assoc. Org. - Patronage Capital	\$20,518,313	\$19,541,041
Investment in Assoc. Org. - Other Non-Gen. Funds	516,211	522,579
Other Investments	2,460	2,460
<b>Total Other Property &amp; Investments</b>	<b>\$21,036,984</b>	<b>\$20,066,081</b>
Cash - General Funds	\$403,818	\$1,090,768
Temporary Investments	0	0
Accounts Receivable - Sales of Energy (net)	1,691,957	1,636,026
Accounts Receivable - Other (net)	149,909	57,662
Materials and Supplies	29,351	38,599
Prepayments	221,444	209,258
Other Current and Accrued Assets	0	0
<b>Total Current and Accrued Assets</b>	<b>\$2,496,479</b>	<b>\$3,032,314</b>
Other Deferred Debits	\$631,995	\$809,405
<b>Total Assets and Equities</b>	<b>\$81,619,700</b>	<b>\$79,077,031</b>

### MARGINS AND EQUITIES

Memberships	\$20,900	\$20,610
Patronage Capital	42,385,099	40,794,330
Operating Margins - Prior Years	0	0
Operating Margins - Current Year	1,784,559	2,126,939
Nonoperating Margins	57,395	123,265
Other Margins and Equities	60,370	60,370
<b>Total Margins and Equities</b>	<b>\$ 44,308,323</b>	<b>\$43,125,514</b>

### LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS

Long-Term Debt	\$35,022,712	\$33,586,942
Accumulated Operating Provisions	23,905	43,905
Accounts Payable	1,494,935	1,381,135
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	401,092	487,406
<b>Total Current and Accrued Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,896,027</b>	<b>\$1,868,541</b>
Other Deferred Credits	\$368,733	452,130
<b>Total Liabilities and Other Credits</b>	<b>\$81,619,700</b>	<b>\$79,077,031</b>
<b>Equity as a Percent of Assets</b>	<b>54.286%</b>	<b>54.536%</b>
<b>Equity as a Percent of Capitalization</b>	<b>55.852%</b>	<b>56.217%</b>

## SUMMARY OF OPERATING STATEMENT

Revenue	\$21,699,871	\$21,534,251
Less Cost of Power	14,428,636	14,283,246
Gross Margin	7,271,235	7,251,005
Distribution Expense - Operations	611,217	631,326
Distribution Expense - Maintenance	985,221	995,986
Consumer Accounting Expense	437,785	427,041
Customer Service and Information Expense	77,751	82,025
Sales Expense	90,258	85,424
Administration and General Expense	863,152	853,733
<b>Total Operations and Maintenance Expense</b>	<b>\$ 17,494,021</b>	<b>\$17,358,781</b>
<b>Depreciation, Tax and Interest Expense</b>		
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	\$1,913,820	\$1,812,237
Interest Expense - Long-term Debt	1,610,628	1,598,540
Interest Expense - Other	9,310	8,708
<b>Total Depreciation and Interest Expense</b>	<b>\$3,533,758</b>	<b>\$3,419,484</b>
<b>Cost of Electric Service</b>	<b>\$21,027,779</b>	<b>\$20,778,265</b>
<b>Operating Margins</b>	<b>\$672,092</b>	<b>\$755,986</b>
Nonoperating Margins - Interest	20,271	33,428
Nonoperating Margins - Other	37,124	89,837
Generation and Transmission Capital Credits	839,063	1,116,746
Other Capital Credits and Patronage Dividends	273,404	254,207
<b>Patronage Capital or Margins</b>	<b>\$1,841,954</b>	<b>\$2,250,204</b>

### 2020 REVENUE



### 2020 EXPENSES



**Rick Graff**  
Secretary/Treasurer

Wharton County  
Electric Cooperative

Feb. 18, 2021

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

El Campo, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the Cooperative), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenue and patronage capital, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Bumgardner, Morrison & Company, LLP*

**Bumgardner, Morrison & Company, LLP**

Certified Public Accountants

Victoria, Texas

# EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE MILESTONES



**45 YEARS**

**PATSY METTING**  
Accounting Manager



**40 YEARS**

**LUZ-MARIA ARREDONDO**  
Consumer Service Manager



**10 YEARS**

**JODY DOMEL**  
Foreman



**5 YEARS**

**RICKY GARZA**  
Journeyman Lineman



**5 YEARS**

**DANIEL GUTIERREZ**  
Journeyman Lineman



**5 YEARS**

**BRAYDEN PAYNE**  
Journeyman Lineman



**5 YEARS**

**ANDREW ROTHBAUER**  
Network Technician

## YOUR DEDICATED WCEC HOME TEAM

Wesley Lange ..... 51	Linda Bacak ..... 22	Andrew Rothbauer ..... 5
Clarence Kunz ..... 49	Tim Bohuslar ..... 16	Troy Korenek ..... 4
Patsy Metting ..... 45	Miriam Piloto ..... 16	Shelly Schulz ..... 4
Brenda Rodriguez ..... 43	Willie Stavena (part-time) ..... 16	Gene Puryear ..... 4
Janice Kulcak ..... 42	Lee Wayne Roddy ..... 14	Lance Kolafa ..... 4
Luz-Maria Arredondo ..... 40	Chris Cavness ..... 13	Carol Diaz ..... 3
Gary L. Raybon ..... 37	Jody Domel ..... 10	Spencer Sebring ..... 2
Richard Arnett ..... 34	Selena Delapena ..... 9	Jayson McKeon ..... 2
Kenny Trochta ..... 33	Nathan Danielson ..... 8	Russell Shelton ..... 1
Donald Priesmeyer ..... 32	Glenn "Dusty" White ..... 7	Esmeralda Leon ..... .5 mos.
Vance Jaks ..... 27	Keaton Hubbell ..... 6	Ashley Wells (part-time) ..... .3 mos.
Keith Beal ..... 24	Ricky Garza ..... 5	Matthew Abbott ..... 1 mo.
Juan Rubio ..... 23	Daniel Gutierrez ..... 5	
Mario Manriquez ..... 22	Brayden Payne ..... 5	

## RETIREES FOR 2021



**RICHARD JALOWY**  
ENGINEERING MANAGER

**44 Years**  
of Service



**DIANE BARGER**  
HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR

**42 Years**  
of Service



**PATRICK CERNY**  
SERVICE LINEMAN

**32 Years**  
of Service

WEST LOOP

FM 2765

N. MECHANIC STREET

# El Campo Middle School

Wednesday, June 16  
4-7 p.m.

**DO NOT ENTER WHARTON STREET FROM N. MECHANIC! CONTINUE TO TURA STREET.**

Please be courteous! Do not use business driveways to reach Wharton Street - continue to Tura Street. Do not block traffic on Wharton Street.

VOTING ENDS AT 7 P.M. SHARP.  
NO ACCESS TO THE DRIVE THRU LINE AFTER 7 PM

ENTER HERE FROM WHARTON STREET

DO NOT ENTER HERE

REGISTER HERE

GIFT PICK UP

BALLOT DROP OFF

EXIT HERE

EL CAMPO MIDDLE SCHOOL



# DRIVE THRU

## MEETING OF MEMBERS

Drive Thru Meeting  
Due to COVID-19 Precautions

*\$20 Bill Credit, Attendance Gift, and Entry for Prize Drawing for each Member Who Votes!*

**MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE.**

TURA ST.

N. WHARTON STREET