



# Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

# News

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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFULL ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2023

We could not have asked for better weather than what we had during our 2023 Annual Meeting of the Members. A nice breeze blowing through our warehouse kept our employees and board members comfortable as over 700 members participated in the Member Appreciation Drive Through to collect their door prizes.

As the drive through concluded, our business meeting began in the Community Room. Members were not only in attendance in person, but were also in attendance on our Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Facebook page.

For the very first time, Sac Osage Electric Cooperative provided a live stream viewing of the annual meeting on social media. This allowed members to be able to watch the meeting from the comfort of their home, a ball game, or wherever life had taken them during that moment.

Board President Ken Hacker called the meeting to order and introduced Board Member Gene Brockus to give the prayer of invocation. Gene also led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Hoberock, the Cooperative's General Counsel, declared quorum had been established and the business meeting would proceed. He provided information pertaining to this year's meeting to include the proposed Bylaw Amendments.

General Manager, Aaron Ash, followed Chris Hoberock and provided his manager's report to the members.

Over 1200 members voted in this year's Bylaw Amendment Proposals that were mailed to each member. Voter Inspectors hand counted each ballot that was received from the members until shortly after 11 p.m. At the end of the night, Bylaw

Amendment I passed with 81% of the vote and Bylaw Amendment II passed with 65% of the vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Official Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Members of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Inc. will be published at a later time.

We want to take this moment to thank each and every one of our members for taking the time to cast their vote and participate in our annual meeting.





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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND CHARITIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

With Christmas approaching fast, Sac Osage Electric Cooperative will be finalizing our yearly Operation Round-Up contributions.

Operation Round-Up allows our members at Sac Osage Electric Cooperative to round their bill up to the next dollar amount and donate the difference to local charities.

These additional donations made by the members are disbursed to local charities such as El Dorado Christmas Basket Fund, Nevada Community Outreach, the Osceola Christmas Fund, the Salvation Army, and the Stockton Christmas Fund.

The average donation is approximately 50 cents per month, with a maximum of \$11.88 per year.

The more members that are signed up for Operation Round-Up, the more we can help our Sac Osage Electric Territory during the holidays.

If you are interested in signing up for Operation Round-Up, please complete the form shown on this page and return it to Sac Osage Electric Cooperative.

You can also complete the form on our website at [sacosage.com/operation-round](http://sacosage.com/operation-round)



**MAIL:** Sac Osage Electric Cooperative  
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Yes! Sign Me Up For Operation Round-Up.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sac Osage Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employee Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_





## GET A CERTIFIED HOME ENERGY AUDIT

As the winter months approach as well, now would be a good time to consider having a Certified Energy Audit completed at your home.

A Certified Energy Audit Report will identify opportunities to improve the performance of your home based on the analysis.

Through the process, the home assessor will gather information and produce a report including characterizations of your home and action you can take to reduce your home's energy use while increasing comfort of the living space. Common recommendations often include:

- Conduct whole-home air sealing to reduce air leakage and drafts.
- Add insulation to your home's attic, foundation, or walls to prevent heat loss.
- Seal and insulate ducts in unconditioned spaces.
- Remove or repair any parts of the home with internal moisture or mold to improve air quality and reduce deterioration.
- Improve the efficiency of heating, cooling and hot water equipment.
- Install home ventilation, smart thermostats, LEDs, smart power strips, ENERGY STAR appliances, solar PV, an electric vehicle charger, and other efficient technologies that improve home performance.

The right mix of improvements to your home will depend on the age and quality of current equipment, the local climate, and your home energy goals.

The home energy program through Sac Osage Electric Cooperative may also provide incentives up to 50 percent of the costs of qualifying measures with a maximum of \$500 allowed for installing the audit recommendations.

### Do-It-Yourself Home Energy Assessments:

1.) **Locate Air Leaks** - Make a list of obvious air leaks (drafts). The potential energy savings from reducing drafts in a home may range from 10% to 20% per year, and the home is generally much more comfortable afterward.

2.) **Check Insulation Levels** - Heat loss through the floor, ceiling, and walls in your home could be very large if the insulation levels are less than the recommended minimum. When your house was built, the builder likely installed the amount of insulation recommended at that time. Given today's energy prices (and future prices that will probably be higher), the level of insulation might be inadequate, especially if you have an older home.

3.) **Inspect Heating and Cooling Equipment** - Inspect heating and cooling equipment annually, or as recommended by the manufacturer. If you have a forced-air furnace, check your filters and replace them as needed. Generally, you should change them about once every month or two, especially during periods of high usage or if your home has poor indoor air quality. Have a professional check and clean your equipment once a year.

4.) **Lighting** - Energy for lighting accounts for about 10% of your electric bill. Examine the light bulbs in your house and consider replacing inefficient bulbs with a more efficient choice, such as ENERGY STAR light-emitting diodes (LEDs) bulbs or energy saving incandescents.

5.) **Appliances and Electronics** - The appliances and electronics you choose and how you use them affect your energy use and costs. Examine the appliances and electronics in your home and estimate their energy use. Consider strategies for reducing the energy use of your appliances and electronics.

Find more information and full

articles at <https://www.energy.gov>

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