



# Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

# News

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## A Unique Annual Meeting In A Unique Year

The 2020 Annual Meeting held September 22nd was very different from past Sac Osage annual meetings. The changes were made to ensure the safety of our members by adhering to the Cedar County Health Department recommendations while maintaining the integrity of the Annual Meeting. This year registration was open from 9:00AM to 6:30PM. Members were able to register, collect their door prize, and submit their ballot without leaving their vehicle. More than 1300 members took advantage of the drive-through registration.

Three director districts were up for election this year. Since only one person was nominated from each district, that person was deemed elected at the Annual Meeting. Ray Huesemann was re-elected to District 4. Gary Ashby was reelected to District 5. Gene Brockus was reelected to District 6.

There were two bylaw amendments voted on by the membership. Bylaw ammendments are

voted on by the entire membership. Ballots were mailed with the September issue of the Rural Missouri magazine. Members could mail their completed ballots to vote, or bring the ballots to cooperative headquarters.

The first amendment to the bylaws modified Article 3, Section 4. The amendment allows votes cast by mail to count towards the quorum for future meetings. This amendment passed with 79.6% of the vote.

The seconed amendment voted on at the 2020 Annual Meeting modified Article IV of the Cooperative Bylaws. It increased the number of consecutive terms a member of the Board of Directors can serve. No member of the Board of Directors shall now serve more than six consecutive terms. This amendment passed with 65.3% of the vote.

Board President, Neale Johnson, opened the business meeting and introduced Jack Daniel to lead the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The business meet-

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Gina Whitlock checks in a member during the drive through registration.

ing was then turned over to Cooperative Attorney, Chris Hoberock. Members who stayed for the business meeting were asked to wear face coverings and maintain social distance. The meeting was officially adjourned after the ballot count was completed and the results of the Bylaw amendments were known.

**Sac Osage Electric Cooperative  
Offices Will Be Closed  
November 26th and 27th in  
Celebration of Thanksgiving Day.**





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## Sac Osage Lineman Help With Hurricane Laura Relief Efforts

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative sent four linemen and two trucks to Louisiana to assist in power restoration efforts after Hurricane Laura. Kelly Eck, Dustin Bray, Josh Heiserman, and Brian Fugate left Cooperative headquarters Saturday, August 29th, and returned Thursday, September 17th.

The linemen traveled to southwestern Louisiana to help out Beauregard Electric Cooperative (BECI). When the Sac Osage crews along with crews from other Missouri cooperatives arrived, all BECI members were without electricity. By September 17th more than 26,000 meters were restored, 61% of the cooperative's membership.



Dustin Bray deep in damaged line.

A tent city was set up to house and feed the visiting lineman. Each night they would park the trucks closely together, get a meal, and sleep on a cot before waking up to start work again. Bobby Mean, of Beauregard Electric Cooperative, offered high praise to the Missouri linemen saying, "their crews were the best that I've had, and I appreciate every one of them."

Restoration efforts continued after the Missouri crews returned home. The help of visiting crews like the guys from Sac Osage sped up repairs exponentially. One of the founding cooperative principles is "Cooperation Among Cooperatives." Sac Osage is proud to have linemen willing to volunteer to fulfill that principle.



Josh Heiserman works dirt as the crew replaces a pole.



Where trucks could not get to, lineman climbed poles to get the unenergized line back in service.



Josh Heiserman, Dustin Bray and Kelly Eck



From left: Josh Heiserman, Brian Fugate, Dustin Bray, and Kelly Eck.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1. Remember to set your clocks and timers back 1 hour.**