



POWERLINES

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Official Newsletter of Tri-State Electric Membership Corporation

Tri-State EMC Hosts 75th Annual Meeting



Tri-State EMC (TSEMC) held its 75th Annual Meeting of Members September 16, 2023, in the Fannin County High School Performing Arts Center with 146 members registered at the meeting. Attendees enjoyed music by Blue Ridge Grass, door prizes and numerous grand prizes.

Directors Jim Quintrell (District 2) and Jerry Pack (District 4) were reelected for new three-year terms. Lisa Fields was elected as a new board member to District 6.

Veterans Day Closing

Tri-State EMC will be closed Friday, November 10, 2023, in observance of Veterans Day to honor all who served.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Tri-State EMC will be closed Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, 2023, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Clear Lines Ensure Safe, Reliable Power



Working with electricity can be a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. In fact, *USA Today* lists line repairers and installers among the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. That's why safety is the No.1 priority for Tri-State EMC. This is not empty talk. Over time, we have created a culture of putting our crews' safety and that of the community above all else.

Our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, our members. Yes, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to you, but equally important, we want our employees to return home safely to their loved ones. This requires ongoing focus, dedication, vigilance and your help!

Distractions Can Be Deadly

While we appreciate your kindness and interest in the work of our crews, we ask that you stay back and let them focus on their task at hand. Even routine work has the potential to be dangerous, and it takes their full attention and that of their colleagues, who are also responsible for the team's safety.

Distractions can have deadly consequences. If a lineworker is on or near your property during a power outage, for vegetation management or for routine maintenance, please allow them ample room to work. These small accommodations help protect our crews—and you.

If you have a dog, try to keep it indoors while lineworkers are on or near your property. While most dogs are friendly, some

are defensive of their territory and can't distinguish between a burglar and a utility worker. Our crews work best without a pet "supervising" the job.

We understand that for your family's safety, you want to make sure only authorized workers are on or near your property. You will recognize our employees by their logoed uniforms and the service trucks with our name on them. You may also recognize our lineworkers, because they live right here in our local community.

Slow Down and Move Over

In addition to giving lineworkers some space while they are near your property, we also ask that you move over or slow down when approaching a utility vehicle on the side of the road. This is an extra barrier of safety to help those who help all of us.