

# Record Attendance at 80th Annual Meeting

OCEC held its annual membership meeting on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the Cloudcroft High School Gymnasium. Attendance was the highest it has been in recent years with over



900 people showing up to participate in the governance of their cooperative.

The meeting kicked off with a tribute video to employees recognizing them for their hard work and dedication in the Wind Storm of March 2019. A resolution was passed dedicating the 80th Annual Meeting to the men and women of OCEC who are always there to answer the call, not only during a major storm, but each and every day.

The business portion of the meeting included video reports from the president, treasurer and general manager. Charlie Mulcock briefed attendees on some of the challenges that OCEC faces to include the adoption and implementation of the Energy Transition Act from Santa Fe. Information was also passed on about Operation Round Up, the Energy Efficiency Fund and the OCEC Education Foundation Scholarship Program.

Scott Shafer, Board Treasurer, reported that your co-op has a strong balance sheet and income statement and noted that almost \$800,000 in patronage capital was retired and refunded to member owners this year who had service in the years of 1994-1995. Mr. Shafer also reported that the Carrizozo Solar Project is working as

planned as \$147,000 in power costs was saved in 2018 as a result of this facility being installed.

General Manager, Mario Romero, spoke about the replacement of the old line feeding Sunspot and Timberon, replacement of aging underground lines in Alto and a rebuild of overhead infrastructure in Carrizozo that should dramatically improve the reliability of electric service for people who live in these areas. Other topics touched on included OCEC's national recognition for the implementation and success of the Commitment to Zero Contact safety initiative, and the likely need for a rate adjustment in 2020, primarily due to system improvements like the ones mentioned above that were needed for greater reliability.

Election of trustees was held with two contested and two unopposed races for positions as trustee. Incumbent, Denny Burnett came out as the winner in the Southeast district, defeating challenger, Jini Turri. David Powers beat out Jim Helms and Monroy Montes for a seat in the Northeast District, which was recently left vacant by the passing of long-time trustee, Fred Hansen. Powers will be serving his first term on the OCEC Board of Trustees. Marty Mills, Central District and Tim Rabon, Southwest District also were re-elected for another three-year term.

After the meeting was adjourned, the drawing for over 100 door prizes was held and a tasty barbeque lunch was provided for those in attendance. Be sure to mark your calendars now for next year's meeting to be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

Links to annual meeting videos will be posted on the co-op's website for members who were unable to attend.

## Don't Wait. Be Prepared Before the Storm

It's your worst-case scenario. A major storm was predicted and this time, the predictions were right. Many power lines are down, and your electricity may be out for several days. You are low on everything—food, pet supplies, toilet paper, batteries, diapers and your medication.

Imagine how you would feel in this situation. While you can't predict which weather forecast will come true, you can plan ahead so when a severe weather event strikes, you have the tools and resources to effectively weather the storm. The Department of Homeland Security offers several resources to help you prepare for major weather events and natural disasters.

Visit [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan).

### Preparedness Actions and Items

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).

## OCEC offices closed Monday, September 2, 2019 for Labor Day

### Board of Trustees



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President • SE District



**Matt Flotte**  
Vice President • Cent. District



**Denny Burnett**  
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**David Powers**  
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**Tim Rabon**  
Trustee • SW District



**Preston Stone**  
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### Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the cooperative.



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