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## Annual meeting set for March 20

Central Electric Power Association will hold its 81st Annual Meeting of the Membership on March 20 at the Carthage Coliseum on Highway 16 East in Carthage. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

In accordance with the laws of the state of Mississippi and the bylaws of the association, three directors will be elected for three-year terms. Members will elect one director from Scott County, one director from Neshoba County, and one director from Rankin County. There also will be reports given on the operation of the association for the past year, and other matters of business will be conducted.

The Nominating Committee for 2018 consists of Mike Madden from Scott County, Jerry C. Winstead from Neshoba County and Paul Grant from Rankin County.

Candidates nominated by the

Nominating Committee for re-election to the board are Pettey Leach from Scott County, Hanna Watson from Neshoba County and David Boyd from Rankin County.

Central Electric, with the cooperation of Sta-Home Health Agency in Carthage, will provide a health fair at the annual meeting. Nurses will offer free blood pressure screenings. Services provided at the health fair will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 10:20 a.m., when the business meeting begins. Bros. 4 will provide the musical entertainment before the meeting.

Immediately following the meeting, the health fair will re-open and continue as long as interested participants remain.

Each Central Electric member who registers at the annual meeting will receive a free light bulb and will be eligible to win one of the following prizes: slow cooker, coffee maker, clock/radio,

electric skillet, electric can opener, toaster, coffee percolator, iron or electric clock. The grand prize for members who are present at the meeting will be an electric smoker.

Central Electric will give away a special prize this year for any member who registers in person at the meeting or who sends in his or her proxy or ballot from this publication in the attached postage-paid envelope. You do not have to be present at the meeting to win the special prize, a 2010 Ford F150. The truck has been retired from Central Electric's fleet of vehicles and will be given away as is with no guarantees.

Remember, mail in your proxy or ballot for this year's meeting. You do not have to be present to win. If your name is drawn at the annual meeting, we will notify you.

Central Electric is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative based in

Carthage with branch offices in Philadelphia, Sebastopol and Rankin County. The co-op maintains more than 4,000 miles of distribution line and serves more than 36,000 member-owners in central Mississippi. Central Electric's service area includes parts of Leake, Neshoba, Attala, Scott, Newton, Rankin and Kemper counties.

The bylaws of the association provide that any person, firm or corporation may become a member of Central Electric by making written application, paying the membership fee, purchasing electricity from the co-op and abiding by the rules and regulations as prescribed by the board of directors.

Central Electric's annual meeting is for you, the member-owner. So mark your calendar for March 20, and we'll see you at the annual meeting!

## BALANCE SHEETS

### Central Electric Power Association

ASSETS	2017	2016
<b>Electric Plant</b>		
In service – at cost	\$164,827,403	\$161,106,552
Construction work in progress	880,869	436,101
<b>Total electric plant</b>	165,708,272	161,542,653
Less: accumulated provision for depreciation	78,953,677	74,531,848
<b>Electric plant, net</b>	86,754,595	87,010,805
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Investments in associated organizations	888,327	888,327
CSA stockholder loan receivable	34,475	35,456
Economic Development loan receivable	2,840,826	3,271,112
CoBank membership	1,000	1,000
<b>Total other assests</b>	3,764,628	4,195,895
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and temporary investments	23,022,703	29,136,343
Accounts receivable - members	5,366,263	5,492,160
Accounts receivable - others	74,696	72,702
Materials and supplies	1,562,927	1,692,777
Prepaid expenses	506,779	332,077
Other current assets	517,189	607,055
<b>Total current assets</b>	31,050,557	37,333,114
<b>Deferred Charges</b>	729,792	718,192
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$122,299,572</b>	<b>\$129,258,006</b>
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<b>EQUITIES &amp; LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equities</b>		
Memberships	\$774,300	\$766,665
Earnings reinvested in system assets	81,914,131	79,479,888
<b>Total equities</b>	82,688,431	80,246,553
<b>Long-Term Debt less Current Maturities</b>		
Notes payable	28,763,747	31,341,700
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	28,763,747	31,341,700
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Current maturities of notes payable	526,703	2,113,280
Accounts payable - trade	6,193,333	11,549,946
Customer deposits	2,599,049	2,512,481
Accrued taxes	119,809	145,697
Accrued unpaid vacation	576,417	552,255
Other current liabilities	86,033	72,912
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	10,101,344	16,946,571
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		
Advances from TVA	743,052	719,904
Post-retirement benefits	2,998	3,278
<b>Total other liabilities</b>	746,050	723,182
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES &amp; LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$122,299,572</b>	<b>\$129,258,006</b>

## Annual Meeting Program

- 9:00 a.m.** Registration
- 9:30 a.m.** Entertainment by Bros. 4
- 10:20 a.m.** Call to Order, Brian Long, General Manager; Invocation; Welcome, Mayor Jimmy Wallace; Report of Manager, Brian Long; Engineering and Operations Report; Awarding of Door Prizes; Transaction of Business; Election of Directors; Awarding of Door Prizes
- 12:15 p.m.** Adjournment
- 2:00 p.m.** Report of Election Committee

## Voting Instructions

If you do not plan to attend the annual meeting, please mark the ballot or proxy below, cut it out and return it in the attached, postage-paid envelope. By mailing in your ballot or proxy, you will be eligible to win the **Special Prize**, a 2010 Ford F150 retired from Central Electric Power Association's fleet of vehicles. You also will be eligible to win one of the following prizes:  
**Grand Prize:** electric smoker  
**Other Prizes:** slow cooker, coffee maker, clock/radio, electric skillet, electric can opener, toaster, coffee percolator, iron or electric clock.  
 You do not have to be present to win, so please remember to mail your ballot or proxy.

## PROXY

I, the undersigned member of Central Electric Power Association, do hereby constitute and appoint

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*(Name of person appointed agent)*

my agent and attorney infact to represent me at the annual meeting of members of said Cooperative to be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Coliseum in the city of Carthage, Mississippi, on the 20th day of March, 2018, and my said agent and attorney is hereby authorized to cast my vote on any and all matters coming before said meeting, or any adjournment thereof, with the same force coming before said meeting for a vote.

Witness my signature this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Each member is urged to attend the meeting, but if for any reason you cannot be present, you are requested to sign the proxy and deliver it to a member who will attend. But remember, no one can vote a proxy who is not a member of the cooperative, and no member can vote more than three proxies. So be present if possible, but if you cannot be present, be sure to sign your proxy and send it by someone to the meeting, or mail it if you prefer.)

## BALLOT

**Annual Meeting  
 Central Electric  
 Power Association  
 March 20, 2018**

**Note:** For your ballot to count, you must vote for three directors: one director from Scott County, one director from Neshoba County, and one director from Rankin County.

- Scott County**
- 1. Pettey Leach ( )
- \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Neshoba County**
- 2. Hanna Watson. ( )
- \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- Rankin County**
- 3. David Boyd ( )
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## OFFICIAL NOTICE of the

### Annual Meeting of Members

Pursuant to Article III, Sections 3.01 and 3.03, of the association bylaws, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of members of Central Electric Power Association will be held in the Carthage Coliseum, Highway 16 East, on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

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If you cannot attend, fill out the ballot or proxy (see next page) and mail immediately in the attached postage-paid envelope.

Each member who attends will receive a free light bulb. Many other valuable door prizes will be given away by drawing names from those registered. Please try to attend.

This year, six names will be drawn from the mail-in votes and prizes will be awarded to them.

Danny Thornton, Secretary

## Statement of nondiscrimination

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

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