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84TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE AN ONLINE VIRTUAL EVENT

Due to the lingering concerns of COVID-19, the Annual Membership Meeting will once again be held online for 2021. As a result, the election of directors for Rutherford EMC will be held electronically as well. In 2020, there was an overwhelmingly positive response to our first electronic director election. We thank you for your participation in the director election last year and we hope that even more of you will take advantage of the convenience of voting electronically or by mail this year. We may not be shaking hands and sharing stories as we do when meeting in person, but we are very thankful to have the technology available to bring the co-op's business directly to you.

The business session can be viewed live on our website at remc.com, Saturday October 30, 2021, beginning at 11:00 a.m. For members who are unable to view the meeting live, it will be recorded and posted on our website from October 30 until November 6, 2021, for you to view at your convenience.

Rutherford EMC has contracted with Survey and Ballot Systems, an independent election administrator, to handle the election in advance of the virtual meeting. To participate in the 2021 Board of Directors's Election, Rutherford EMC members will vote by either a mail-in ballot or an online ballot prior to the Annual Membership meeting. Members who are active as of August 12, 2021, will be mailed an election packet on or about

September 27, 2021. The election packet will include specific directions on how to cast your vote by either mail or electronically on a secure online website.

Since the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting will be a virtual event, the prize drawings will be handled accordingly. Every member who casts a ballot will be included in the prize drawings. This includes both mail-in ballots and online ballot submissions. All prizes will be cash money and the Grand Prize will be \$500! There will also be (2) - \$250 cash prize drawings and (10) - \$100 cash prize drawings. You will have 13 chances to win cash and there is a total of \$2,000 in prize money up for grabs, so we encourage everyone to send in your ballot for a chance to win one of these great cash prizes!

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on October 30, 2021, at 11 a.m. for Rutherford EMC's 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting. Be on the lookout for the election packet and remember to cast your ballot for director nominees by mail or electronically. If you have any questions regarding the 2021 Annual Meeting, the voting process, or any submissions that you would like discussed during the meeting, please contact Chad Bailey at 1-800-521-0920 Ext. 450 or by email at cbailey@remc.com by Thursday October 28, 2021.

WPCA CREDIT REFLECTS COAL ASH SETTLEMENT

Beginning August 1 your electric bill will show a credit for the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA). The WPCA reflects increases or decreases in the cost of electricity that Rutherford EMC purchases from its wholesale power suppliers for distribution. The co-op's board of directors recently approved a credit of \$4.00 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity used by members. This credit comes as a result of the cooperative's portion of funds received from Duke Energy's final coal ash settlement approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) for Duke's retail customers.

The settlement with the NC Attorney General, NCUC, and the Sierra Club resolves how Duke will pay to clean up its coal ash. Last year, Duke Energy announced the largest coal ash cleanup in national history with the utility to excavate the majority of its remaining coal ash at 14 coal plants. That effort encompasses the removal of 124 million tons of coal ash.

The retail settlement reduces Duke's ability to recover from its customers the full cost associated with coal ash cleanup and is considered a "win" for

Duke Energy customers. Rutherford EMC is a wholesale customer, purchasing wholesale power from Duke Energy Carolinas and we have a provision in our wholesale power contract that provides Rutherford EMC the same benefits as a retail customer regarding coal ash costs and this settlement agreement.

While Rutherford EMC doesn't own any coal plants, environmental regulations related to the management of coal ash and its clean up impact the price all North Carolina utilities pay for wholesale power. We are very pleased to be able to return the funds received from the wholesale power provider, as a result of this settlement, back to our members.

Rutherford EMC strives daily to operate efficiently while continuing our mission to provide you with reliable electric service at the lowest possible cost. We are very excited to have this opportunity to offer a credit on the WPCA line item of your monthly bill due to this settlement.

Nominating Committee Chooses Board Candidates

The duly appointed Committee on Nominations met on July 8, 2021, at the cooperative's general office in Forest City, NC, for the purpose of selecting nominees for directors to be elected this year. The Committee on Nominations has selected four nominees to be considered for three-year terms on the Board of Directors. These nominees will be voted upon by the membership via mail-in ballot or online ballot prior to the 2021 Virtual Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

The nominees selected by the Committee on Nominations are:

Directorate District One

J. Dean Carpenter, 3613 Dallas Cherryville Hwy., Dallas, NC
Mark L. Mullen, PO Box 446 Lincolnton, NC

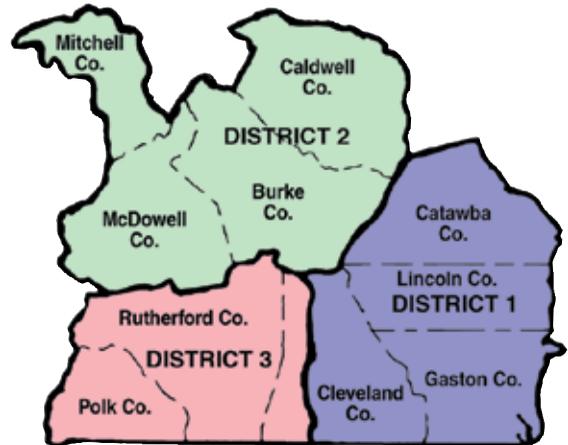
Directorate District Two

Joel Z. Wakefield, 7074 Streamside Drive, Morganton, NC

Directorate District Three

Amy P. Torvinen, 749 Parris Rd., Rutherfordton, NC

In accordance with the Bylaws, the membership will elect two directors from Directorate District One, one director from Directorate District Two, and one director from Directorate District Three. The approximate geographical boundaries of the directorate districts are shown in the drawing.



Attention Educators:

Bright Ideas Final Deadline is September 15th

It's the final call for Bright Ideas Education Grant applications! Rutherford EMC is partnering with local educators to bring learning to life through the Bright Ideas education grant program once again. Educators can submit their applications for Bright Ideas grants of up to \$1,000 for innovative, hands-on classroom projects that would not otherwise be funded. Learn more about this awesome program, find helpful grant writing tips and apply online at ncbrightideas.com, but hurry the deadline is September 15, 2021.

"Rutherford EMC is proud to have supported teachers by providing this great opportunity since 1994, we see firsthand how dedicated and creative our local educators are and certainly understand the important role they play in our future generations," said Dirk Bureson, General Manager of Rutherford EMC. "By providing these new tools to help educators reach students, we are investing in young minds and the future of our local communities." Rutherford EMC expects to award over \$15,000 in grants to very innovative and deserving educators again this year. These grants are available to qualifying K-12 teachers for projects in any subject including music, art, history, language, reading, science, mathematics, and information technologies, just to name a few. Educators can apply individually or as a team. Applications can only be submitted online and are only being accepted through Sept. 15, 2021, so hurry!

The application process is simple to complete, you can even start the application and save your work until you have a chance to return to it. To apply you must include a budget, and explain the implementation, goals, creative elements and evaluation of the project. Applications will be judged through a competitive evaluation process. Judges will be looking for projects that feature inventive and creative approaches to learning. Grants for the 2021-2022 school year will be awarded in November.

Bright Ideas grants are made available through each of North Carolina's 26 independent electric cooperatives, including Rutherford EMC. Since the

program began in 1994, electric cooperatives have awarded more than \$13.6 million in grants to teachers, funding nearly 13,000 projects benefiting approximately 2.7 million students across the state.

As a member-owned cooperative, Rutherford EMC is committed to supporting local communities. During the 2020-2021 school year Rutherford EMC awarded over \$15,000 in Bright Ideas Education Grants to 17 very deserving local educators. This could be your year, so get your Bright Ideas application started online today!



Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians

- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

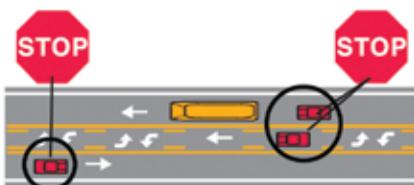
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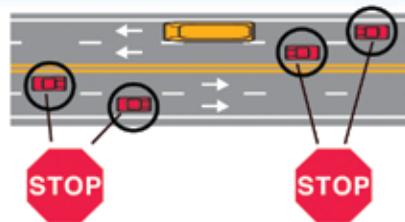
North Carolina's School Bus Stop Law



Two-lane roadway: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.



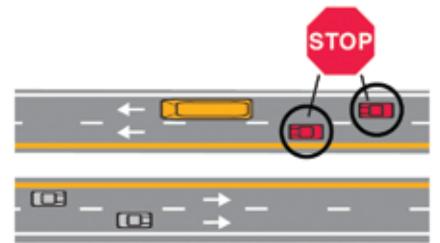
Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.



Four-lane roadway without a median separation: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.



Roadway of four lanes or more with a center turning lane: When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.



Any divided highway with a median separation: When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.



Statewide Pole Top Rescue Competition

Lineman Kyle Daves will be representing Rutherford EMC at the Statewide Pole Top Rescue Competition hosted by North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives on November 4, 2021, at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount, NC.

During the rescue drill, each lineman must perform in a scenario which he or she finds a fellow worker unconscious atop a utility pole. The lineman, dressed in full climbing safety gear, must radio for help, scale 20 feet up a utility pole, rig a rope, lower a 105-pound mannequin to the ground, and begin CPR.

Kyle is a multi-year contender at this event and earned his spot in the statewide competition by completing the rescue drill in a little over 2 minutes at Rutherford EMC's competition in May. Dave Bourguardez came in a close second place and will be Kyle's alternate.

SWAP SHOP

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation provides Swap Shop ads as a free service to its members. Guidelines are as follows: Ads are published first-come, first-served. When the space allotted for ads each month is full, remaining ads will be held over for the next issue. Ads will not be run more than once unless re-submitted. Commercial ads will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit, condense or deny publication of any advertisement. Rutherford Electric Membership Corp. assumes no responsibility for the content of any advertisement and does not endorse or warrant any of the goods so advertised. Please include your account number with your ad.

Mail your ads to:

Newsletter Editor, Rutherford EMC, PO Box 1569,
Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 or e-mail at cbailey@remc.com.
No phone calls, please.

FOR SALE

Ford 601 Workmaster tractor, 2 new tires & 6 attachments, \$4,200; 1992 Bass Buggy 18' pontoon boat, \$3,000. 704-865-7238.

Grandad's Honey – pure & natural, \$15 per quart, some comb slices available also, Lincolnton, NC. 704-748-3258.

Love inspired books w/many different titles, like new, only read once. 828-544-5270.

Like new 250 gal. oil tank w/stand, \$150; food grade water totes – 275 gal., \$100 ea.; #2 grade totes \$75 ea.; burning barrels, \$10 ea.; solid top plastic drums, have 100 of these, \$10 ea.; barrels w/lids & rings, \$20. Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

Men's 2x & 3x polo shirts w/tags; pants & walking shorts size 38 waist; also have a wide wheel chair, Lincolnton, NC. 704-735-9935.

Jupiter alto saxophone, ex. cond.; Grandfather clock made of cherry wood w/Swiss works. 828-310-7161.

Complete woodworking & cabinet making equipment – tools, saws, planer, DeWalt router, drills & wood. Selling all as a bundle, \$8,500 OBO. 704-742-0957 or 704-735-2714.

Wooden corner curio cabinet w/glass shelves, \$150; one blonde 2 drawer nightstand, \$35; Breadman Pro breadmaker, \$15; will trade all for 2 truckloads of seasoned firewood – no pine or cedar, also have glass top white end table, \$20. 704-718-3074.

New in box - Harley Davidson dominos, \$30; Harley Davidson Monopoly \$30; Harley Davidson Trivia, \$30, Nascar Checkers, \$20; Nascar Pictionary, \$20; Seymour Mann porcelain doll "Lucy Ann", \$30, & Brass Key Camelia porcelain doll in wooden display case, \$50. 828-403-0310.

Barcelona Red A.R.E. fitted hard tonneau cover for a pickup truck, fits bed approximately 61" long, asking \$600, negotiable. 828-803-7930.

Southerland brand power adjustable twin XL bed, wireless remote, Made in USA, \$800. 980-875-8897.

Minneapolis Moline G450 tractor, one owner, good cond., sheltered, asking \$5,000 OBO; New Holland 474 Haybine, good cond., \$1,400 OBO. 704-732-7259.

Baseball cards assorted by teams; football, basketball & hockey cards, all cards are two cents ea., all in ex. cond., most are from the 1980's – 90's. 828-408-3500.

Ford 2610 diesel tractor – work ready, 40 HP, power steering, new 2 stage clutch, port for rear end hydraulic attachments, new paint, good tires, recently changed engine oil, all filters, transmission & differential oils, \$6,500. 828-756-2231.

C.K.C. Yorkie/Poos – tails docked, de-dew clawed, shots & worming up to date, D.O.B. 5/12/21, 1 female & 3 males; also D.O.B. 6/17/21, 3 females & 2 males; also have Shih-Tzu Poos. 828-433-1374.

Bush Hog 5 ft. finish mower, \$300; 2 HP outboard boat motor, \$100. 828-448-0517.

Christmas tree w/some decorations, 6' tall, used twice, still looks beautiful, \$35 OBO. 704-718-3074.

Minn Kota Maxxum 70 lb. thrust, 24 volt trolling motor, great shape, \$450. 704-922-0552.

Cemetery plot w/granite stone included, located at Westview Gardens, Bessemer City, NC, \$1,600. 704-685-2507.

Ford tractors – 8N & 9N, good for parts or to restore, make offer; 1970's model 5000 Ford diesel tractor w/ Lewis steel winch, needs motor work, has new rebuilt fuel pump, \$3,500; 1970's model 4000 Ford diesel tractor, was running when parked, \$2,500; 1970 model 3000 Ford diesel tractor, runs good, new tires on rear, \$4,000; 1995 Ford F-250 4x4 pickup, 7.3 w/turbo, utility bed, runs good, needs minor work, \$4,000. 828-391-3568.

MISCELLANEOUS

Free: hard fill in the Morganton area, you pick up. 828-403-0310.

Free: 5 female guinea pigs w/cage & play area. 980-329-1007.

RUTHERFORD EMC'S STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

