

Member News

For Members of Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative

Annual Meeting Program Guide

Thursday, May 6, 2004
Glad Tidings Church
Country Club Road in Morehead City

5:00 p.m.	Registration Begins Childcare Area Opens / Refreshments Served / Screenings Begin
5:00 to 5:45 p.m.	Morehead Middle Jazz Band
6:00 to 6:45 p.m.	Croatan High Jazz Band
6:55 p.m.	Board Takes Stage
7:00 p.m.	Business Session Opens
Call To Order	Roger W. Jones, President
Invocation	Rev. Diane LeBlanc Core Creek / Tuttle's Grove United Methodist Church
Welcome & Introduction of Guests	Craig Conrad, Exec VP & GM
Legislator comments	
Approval of 2003 Minutes	Roger W. Jones
Registration Closed	C&E Committee Chair
“A Day in the Life of a Lineman”	Video Presentation
Featured Entertainment	Havelock High School Chorus
Scholarship Presentations	Ben Ball, Foundation President
Attorney Nelson Taylor Named Acting Chair	Roger W. Jones
Nominating Committee Report	Leonard Jones, Chair
Meeting Adjourned	Roger W. Jones
Awarding of Prizes	Connie Fulcher

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CARTERET-CRAVEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Electrical hazards go outside with you

As you move your activities outdoors, you need to take your electrical safety savvy with you. There are many potential hazards outdoors, said CCEC Safety Director Jerry Cockrell, who offers these tips.

Your exterior electrical outlets should be equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI). Exterior GFCI outlets should also be equipped with covers to prevent rain or splashing water from breaking the circuit.

Inspect power tools, electric lawn mowers and trimmers before each use for frayed power cords or broken plugs and cracked or broken housings.

"When you use those tools, be careful not to cut through the power cord insulation," said Cockrell. "That's a good way to get zapped. If there is damage, stop using the tool immediately."

He suggested that frayed or damaged cords and plugs should be replaced by a qualified repair person, rather than mended.

Always use an extension cord marked for outdoor use and rated for the power needs of your tools.

"Never break off the prong of a three-prong plug to make it fit your extension cord," Cockrell said. "You should get an extension cord that accommodates a three-prong plug."

Electric-powered mowers and other power tools should not be used in the rain, on wet grass or in wet conditions. Keep other electric tools and appliances away from water. If you should drop anything electrical into water, unplug the tool before you try to retrieve it. Also, remember to unplug all portable power tools when not in use.

Water gardens are becoming more popular every year. If you plan to install a water garden this spring, or you have a pond and you're

preparing it for the new season, you need to consider some basic safety steps when using electricity around water.

Make sure any pump you use to aerate and re-circulate your pond is rated for underwater use (submersible). Using a non-submersible pump, at best, will ruin the pump. At worst, you could be in for a severe and possibly fatal shock. The same is true for underwater lights.

Never hook a pump to an extension cord, even one rated for exterior use. The pump should be plugged directly into the GFCI outlet. If one is not located nearby, have an electrician install a GCFI extender to the area. Use care when installing and plugging in the pump. Lower the pump into the



JERRY COCKRELL
Safety Director

pond, making certain it is stable. Then be certain to dry your hands and stand on a dry area

before you plug it in.

Never touch overhead power lines with your body or any object. Outdoor wires may not be covered with insulating material to protect you. In some cases, the weather may have damaged the insulation. If a power line falls over a metal fence, do not try to remove it, Cockrell continued. Call local authorities, and they will send the appropriate electric service provider to take care of the problem.

"Line workers wear special clothing and use special equipment to protect themselves when working on power lines and other equipment," Cockrell said. "You should always leave that work to them."

INSIDE-OUT

Perform maintenance now to assure cool summer

Heat pumps, central air conditioning systems and room air conditioners are tough pieces of equipment. But, without regular maintenance they lose about 5 percent of their original efficiency for each year of operation. With regular tune-ups by a qualified specialist, a unit will maintain up to 95 percent of its original efficiency.

Beyond servicing, there are other things you should do to keep your system running at peak performance. Buy good filters and change them regularly. Check ductwork in crawlspaces. Keep bushes and other materials clear of the outside unit. Avoid closing supply air outlets in your house.



Financial Report

INCOME

(Dollars earned by sector)

	2002	2003
Residential	\$31,881,859	\$32,879,041
Commercial & Industrial	8,738,406	9,041,674
Public / Other	1,097,099	1,206,970
Non-operating	315,896	133,971
Miscellaneous	359,271	132,360
TOTAL INCOME	\$42,392,531	\$43,394,016

EXPENSES

(How each dollar was spent)

	2002	2003
Power	\$28,522,077	\$29,356,296
Taxes, Interest, Depreciation	5,320,156	5,409,136
Administration/ General	2,489,579	2,236,106
Operation / Maintenance	2,828,679	2,894,225
Customer Service/ Accounting	2,160,937	2,064,649
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$41,321,428	\$41,960,412
OPERATING MARGINS	\$1,071,103	\$1,433,604

2003 STATISTICS

Total Consumers 33,996	• Miles of Distribution (overhead) 1,136
New Services Connected 667	• Miles of Distribution (underground) . . . 857
Miles of Transmission 55	• Total Miles of Energized Line 2,048

Carteret Craven Electric Cooperative

Minutes of 63rd Annual Meeting of Members May 1, 2003 Glad Tidings Church, Morehead City, NC

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Members of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation was held on Thursday evening, May 1, 2003, in Glad Tidings Church, Country Club Road, Morehead City, North Carolina.

Registration began at 5:00 p.m. Members participated in health screenings, enjoyed hot dogs, and listened to the Havelock High School Jazz Ensemble directed by George Benitez. Childcare services were also available.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President R.W. Jones. The invocation was given by Chaplain Barry Metzger, MCAS Cherry Point. Cub Scout Troop 283 posted the colors, and President Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members and guests were welcomed by Executive Vice President and General Manager Craig Conrad. Program participants and the Board of Directors were introduced.

Secretary Chadwick reported that a quorum of members was present for the purpose of transacting an official meeting. He offered a motion that the minutes (mailed to members in the May Member News) be approved as written. The motion was duly seconded and carried. A motion was made, seconded and carried, to dispense with the reading of the Official Notice of the Meeting. Alvin West, chairperson of the Credentials and Election Committee, declared the registration closed.

President Jones introduced the video presentation. Following the video presentation, EVP Conrad gave a brief history of the

Cooperative's scholarship program and explained the selection process. President Jones and Michael Sasser, vice president of Carteret-Craven Electric Foundation, awarded plaques to the 2003 scholarship recipients: Casey O'Berry, Kimberly Murrell, Crystal Compton, Nicole Notargiacomo, and Shana Falgout.

Paul Quillen, cooperative line crew leader, emceed the drawing for several cash door prizes prior to entertainment by the East Carteret High School Singers under the direction of Constance Sowers.

Cooperative Attorney, Nelson W. Taylor III, was made acting chairperson of the meeting. He cited from the Bylaws the nomination and election procedures. Mr. John Curry Jr., chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that the nominee for District 1 is Ralph Freeman, District 3 is Arland Bell, and District 4 is Fred Fulcher. In addition, Paul Payne and Barbara Dohlen were nominated by member petition for District 4. Alvin West, Chairperson of the Credentials and Election Committee, announced the election results: 653 votes for Fred Fulcher, 304 votes for Barbara Dohlen, and 255 votes for Paul Payne. Secretary Chadwick cast one ballot for each of the uncontested nominees.

There being no further business, President Jones adjourned the business meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The remaining cash door prizes were awarded, and the winners of the six months of electricity and truck were announced.

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