

A T T E N T I O N

BELFALLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

Please tear off the card below along the dotted line and
BRING IT WITH YOU
to the

• **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** •

of

Belfalls Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Friday, August 18, 2006
Flag Hall in Cyclone

Music starting at 7 p.m.
Business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Belfalls and McLennan County Electric Cooperative employees will be available before and after the meeting to answer any questions concerning the merger. Merger information and display booths will be set up.

Participate in the merger survey for a chance to win a \$100 credit on your electric bill.

See inside this cover for official meeting notice.

Please bring this card with you to the annual meeting. It serves as your registration card and ticket for prizes.

Member Registration Card

**for Belfalls Electric Cooperative
Annual Membership Meeting**

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members of Belfalls Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Official notice of membership annual meeting is hereby given that, in accordance with the bylaws, the membership meeting of the Belfalls Electric Cooperative, Inc., will convene at

7:30 p.m.
August 18, 2006
Flag Hall in Cyclone, Texas

Purpose of this meeting:

1. To report to the membership on the previous year's operations.
2. To allow report of the Nominating Committee and to elect two directors:
Dan Foster District 2
Kenneth Hollas District 3
3. To provide information and answer any questions concerning the merger study with McLennan County Electric Cooperative.
4. To act upon all other business that may come before the meeting.
5. Musical entertainment

David Walston
Secretary-Treasurer

**As a member of the cooperative,
be sure to attend this important meeting!**



**Each member who registers
will receive an attendance gift.**



**Prizes will be awarded by drawing
at the close of the meeting.**



First prize will be a color television.



Energy-Efficient Cooking

Did you know that when buying a new freezer, you should select a chest-type freezer instead of an upright model? Why, you ask? Chest-style freezers retain cold air better when the door is opened. Simple steps such as these can make a tremendous difference in your utility bill each month. With the rise in energy costs over the last year, we hope you find this tip and a few others helpful in easing electric bill-induced headaches. A few minor changes in your daily kitchen routine can result in a noticeable difference in your energy expense each month. We have chosen this area to be our focus this month. If you find something that works better or that we have left out, please let us know so we can pass along the helpful hints.

Cooking

1. Use an outdoor grill when possible to keep the heat out of the kitchen.
2. Use a microwave to help keep the kitchen cool and reduce cooking time.
3. Consider using other low-heat tools such as crockpots, electric skillets or toaster ovens, or try one-pot dinners like stews or casseroles.
4. Turn off the oven about five minutes before items are done and let the remaining heat complete the job.
5. Don't open the oven door frequently. Each time you open the door, you lose 25 to 50 degrees of heat.
6. Prepare your food when the kitchen is coolest, in the early or later hours of the day.
7. To minimize heat loss, use flat-bottomed pans that fit the size of the burner.



8. Use lids on pots and pans on the stove to prevent heat loss.
9. The less fat or water you use, the quicker the cooking time.

Kitchen appliances

1. Test the seal of your refrigerator and freezer door gasket periodically by closing the door on a dollar bill. If the bill pulls out easily, you may need a gasket.

2. Clean the coils under or behind your refrigerator several times a year.
3. Keep the freezer defrosted.
4. Don't open the door longer than needed.
5. Be sure your dishwasher is full, but not overloaded.
6. Let your dishes air dry.
7. Run the dishwasher late at night to avoid adding heat and humidity to your home.

CAPITAL CREDITS NOTICE

Capital credits were recently allocated to accounts of members of Belfalls Electric Cooperative. The factor used to compute your 2005 capital credits is .030242356. Your total electric bills for the year 2005 should be multiplied by this factor to find out how much was allocated to your account(s). Your total billing does not include any tax, service or miscellaneous charges. It is very important that departing members keep the co-op informed of any address change in the future so they can receive capital credit refunds when they are paid.

Belfall's Unsung Heroes

Neither Rain, Nor Sleet, Nor Gloom of Night Will Keep Me From My Appointed Rounds.'

The motto of the postman also rings true for your Belfalls line crew. This year alone, our members have sustained 933 hours of electrical outages due to major storms and lightning. Despite the sheets of rain, roaring wind and late hours, your line crew has skillfully succeeded in

repairing, replacing and servicing lines in an effort to sustain electricity to over 5,000 members—and that's in their spare time! In an effort to show appreciation to these guys, in the upcoming storm season, we are asking our members to try to clear any debris that may be obstructing

the passage to poles and transformers. We are also asking for you to report any changes to gate combinations or locks to our office or crew members. Take a moment to say thank you for a job well done, the next time you see one of these Belfalls employees.



Bobby Skala
6 years of service



Kenneth Fikes
29 years of service



Doug Matous
18 years of service



Ernest Martin
6 years of service



Larry Koslosky
36 years of service



Safety Training
May 2006

“Thanks for a job well done!”

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We would like to notify our members of a few changes that will be taking place immediately.

In an effort to make bill paying quicker and easier for our members, we are now **OFFERING CREDIT CARD/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS AND ONE-TIME BANK DRAFTS** in the office or by phone with-

out the added processing fees you've paid in the past. We also offer recurring bank or credit card drafts.

We will **NO LONGER BE LEAVING COLLECTION NOTICES AT THE DOOR** the day prior to disconnect. If a balance is left unpaid past the disconnect date, we will attempt to notify members by telephone, and payment will be due by the next business day. If not received, the account is subject to disconnection immediately.

IN EMERGENCIES

During regular business hours:

(254) 583-7955

Please contact our after-hours answering service in case of an outage not occurring during business hours.

(254) 583-7955

(254) 751-8458

BELFALLS
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Incorporated

P.O. Box 598
Rosebud, Texas 76570

June 22, 2006

We, the undersigned nominating committee, in a meeting held Thursday, June 22, 2006, at the office of Belfalls Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Rosebud, Texas, do hereby nominate the following names for directors to be elected at the annual meeting to be held on Friday, August 18, 2006:

District 2

Dan Foster
316 CR 263 LP
Cameron, TX 76520

District 3

Kenneth Hollas
883 W. FM 485
Cameron, TX 76520

Nominating Committee:

<i>John L. Larson</i>	<i>Joe Lee Marek</i>
<i>Mrs. Billie Moore</i>	<i>Ira Burns</i>
<i>Jim Thompson</i>	<i>H. L. Arney</i>
<i>Roy Schuetze</i>	

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