

# CONNECTIONS



WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

## POWERING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

A Message from David Lambert, General Manager



**David Lambert**  
General Manager, WREC

As a Member-owned Cooperative, Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative exists for one purpose: to serve our Members and the communities we call home. We are more than an electric provider we are a key driver of our local economy.

Since WREC is locally owned, the dollars we invest stay right here in our five-county service area. Those investments support public safety, infrastructure, schools, and essential services through the property taxes we pay each year. In 2025 alone, WREC paid nearly \$14 million in property taxes directly to our local communities funding services that benefit our neighbors every day.

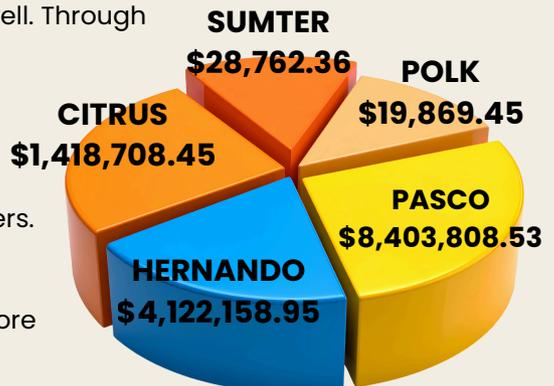
Our economic impact also comes from our people. Hundreds of skilled WREC employees live and work in the communities we serve. From lineworkers and engineers to Member Service professionals, these are good local jobs that support families,

strengthen local businesses and keep our communities running. We are also making significant, ongoing investments in our electric infrastructure and system maintenance across our service territory. These investments are essential to providing the highest level of reliability, safety, and service possible. In the past year alone, WREC added 183 miles of new high voltage power lines to our system and replaced millions of dollars' worth of poles system-wide. By proactively maintaining and upgrading our system, we are strengthening the grid our Members depend on every day and positioning our Cooperative to meet the needs of a growing region.

Giving back is part of who we are. Through partnerships and support for education, first responders, local nonprofits, and Members in need, WREC lives the Cooperative principle of neighbors helping neighbors.

Reliable electric service fuels economic growth as well. Through grid modernization, storm strengthening, advanced metering, and continued system improvements, we deliver dependable power that helps attract new businesses, support job creation, and enhance quality of life across the Nature Coast.

At WREC, we answer to our Members, not shareholders. Our mission is simple: serve locally, invest locally, and grow locally. Through taxes, jobs, infrastructure investment, and community support, we are doing more than keeping the lights on, we are energizing the future of the communities we proudly serve.



2025 WREC PROPERTY TAXES PAID

### David Lambert

General Manager  
Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc.



## Pet Electrical Safety Tips

Be sure to keep electrical cords and wires out of reach of your pets. Pets often chew on wires and cords, which sometimes can result in electrical shock. Make sure all cords and wires are hidden or out of reach.

# OFFICIAL NOTICE

WREC ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

Dear Member:

This is your **OFFICIAL NOTICE** of the **79th WREC Annual Meeting** of the Membership to be held on **Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026**, in the **Dan Cannon Auditorium** at the **Pasco County Fairgrounds**, 36722 State Road 52, Dade City, Florida 33525. **Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. and close at 6:15 p.m.** The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 p.m.

### MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT AND PROVIDE PHOTO ID IN ORDER TO REGISTER

In accordance with the provisions of the bylaws, the purpose of the meeting is to consider reports presented by the Corporate Officers, hear the Executive Vice-President and General Manager's report, and conduct other appropriate business. Trustee positions up for election this year are **District 2 in northeast Citrus County, District 4 in western Hernando County and District 8 in central Pasco County.** The Nominating Committee met on February 3, 2026 to consider qualifications of all Members who indicated a desire to be nominated for a Trustee position:

**District 2: David S. Hunnicutt**

**District 4: Alan F. Hengesbach**

**District 8: Paul R. Little**

The bylaws provide that nominations may be made by petition, but none were submitted. Therefore, the incumbent trustees of Districts 2, 4 and 8 were nominated by the committee and automatically re-elected for a three-year term.

**Please make plans to attend and participate in the business of your Cooperative.**

Sincerely,

**Terrence E. Schrader**

WREC President



## Cyber Safe Corner

Phishing attacks often appear as deceptive emails, messages, or websites designed to steal sensitive information or trick you into clicking harmful links, leading to data breaches or financial loss. Stay safe by being cautious with unexpected messages, verifying senders, and avoiding suspicious links or attachments.



# SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

If you have a disability and need specialized transportation during an emergency, it's important to plan ahead. Contact your local Emergency Management Office well before hurricane season begins. These offices experience high call volumes when a storm is approaching and may not be able to assist at that time. Reaching out early ensures you receive the support you need. Contact details, including phone numbers and office locations, are provided to the right.

**HERNANDO COUNTY:**  
352.754.4083  
18900 Cortez Boulevard,  
Brooksville, FL 34601

**PASCO COUNTY:**  
727.847.8137  
9744 Government Dr., Bldg. A,  
New Port Richey, FL 34654

**POLK COUNTY:**  
863.298.7000  
1890 Jim Keene Boulevard,  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

**CITRUS COUNTY:**  
352.249.2700  
3549 Saunders Way,  
Lecanto, FL 34461

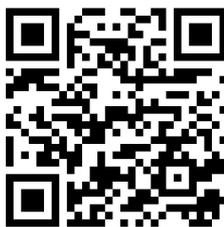
**SUMTER COUNTY:**  
352.689.4400  
7375 Powell Road,  
Wildwood, FL 34785

## Florida Special Needs REGISTRY

### In the Event of an Emergency or Natural Disaster

Do you or someone you know need assistance in evacuating your home to a shelter that meets your/their needs?

State and local emergency management agencies developed the Florida Special Needs Registry to ensure persons with special needs receive assistance during disasters.



To register, visit  
[snr.flhealthresponse.com](http://snr.flhealthresponse.com)  
or scan the QR code.



Did you Know? **Sunshine 811**

Call Sunshine 811 two days before you dig. It's the law.

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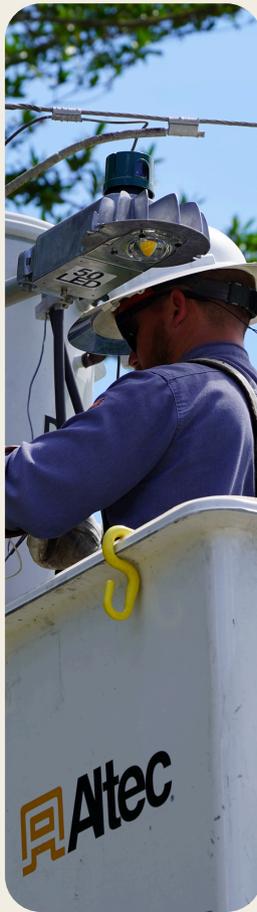
Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative

# Streetlight Out?

To report a streetlight in need of repair, please call your local cooperative office, or log on to [wrec.net](http://wrec.net) and click on the 'Repair Street Light' button (or scan the QR code), then complete and submit the Street Light Repair Request Form. You can also download the WREC mobile app and request a street light repair.



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## LOCAL WREC NUMBERS

Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: 352-567-5133  
One Pasco Center District Office: 352-588-5115  
Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465  
West Hernando District Office: 352-596-4000  
Crystal River District Office: 352-795-4382

## Stay in the Know

Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms.



Scan to visit [wrec.net](http://wrec.net)

## Energy Saving Tips

Avoid wasting energy by tackling phantom power. Many electronics continue to draw electricity even when turned off. Unplug unused devices or use smart power strips to stop this hidden energy drain and lower your electric bill.



## DID YOU KNOW?

WE OFFER A ONE-TIME PAYMENT OPTION AT [WREC.NET](http://WREC.NET). VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK THE PAY NOW BUTTON ON THE HOME PAGE.

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Your Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Corporate Office in Dade City to conduct the business of the Cooperative and its subsidiaries. LEGAL NOTICE: Operation Round-Up is a registered trade name for WRECares. 100% of all contributions are available for disbursement. Registration #SC-02353. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free from within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state. 1-800-435-7352.

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