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Bringing Light to the Community: Withlacoochee River Electric Illuminates Ernie Weaver Park!

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) is proud to announce a heartfelt commitment to Ernie Weaver Park in Brooksville. In collaboration with Florida Drilling and Geopoint, WREC is donating and installing 12 poles and 9 lights at the park's 4 baseball fields, that currently have no lights.

WREC employees volunteered their own time on Saturday, May 18, for the light installation at Ernie Weaver Park. We cannot thank our employees enough for their generosity and joining WREC in our commitment to giving back to our community and making a meaningful difference.

Lighting up Ernie Weaver park was a critical need for the community, enhancing safety and accessibility for residents and visitors. With the addition of these lights, Ernie Weaver Park will become a vibrant place for recreational activities even after sundown.

"WREC is deeply committed to enriching the communities we serve," stated David B. Lambert, Executive Vice-President and General Manager of WREC. "By providing the necessary lighting infrastructure, we aim to create a safer and more inviting environment for recreational activities, fostering a sense of community pride."

"WREC has generously donated the materials, electrical connections, and professional installation for 12 light poles, to provide necessary lighting for 4 previously unlit T-Ball fields at Ernie Wever Park. These 4 fields have historically been the last remaining fields within the complex that have been limited to daytime-usage only", quoted Christopher Linsbeck, Hernando County Community Services Director. "The impact of this upgrade will immediately improve the overall experience for the community's youth participants, and most importantly, make the gameplay conditions safer with improved visibility. The Park's Department is very appreciative of this significant donation, and we believe the community will continue to benefit from these upgrades for many years to come."

The collaborative effort between Withlacoochee River Electric, Florida Drilling, and Geopoint exemplifies the power of partnership in driving positive change. Together, these organizations are illuminating Ernie Weaver Park, enhancing its value as a recreational destination for generations to come.

About Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 260,000 homes and businesses in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Polk, and Sumter counties since 1941. WREC is dedicated to providing reliable and affordable electric services to its members while actively contributing to the communities it serves.

For more information about Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative and its community initiatives, please visit <u>www.wrec.net</u>.

Pictured: WREC's General Manager, David Lambert, along with WREC employees and community members, volunteering their time to help with the light installation.















