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WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Looking Ahead: A Bright New Year Together

Dear Members,

As we turn the page to a new year, I want to reach out not just as your General Manager, but as a neighbor who shares the same community and values. Thank you for trusting Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative to power your homes and businesses.

I think it is important to know, nearly 65 percent of every bill goes straight to our wholesale power provider, Seminole Electric Cooperative, for the energy we deliver. Seminole Electric Cooperative is owned and governed by Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative and 8 other distribution Cooperative-owners, who distribute energy to nearly 2 million residential, commercial, and industrial end-use Members in 42 of Florida's 67 counties.

WREC works hard every day to find ways to keep your rates affordable and your service reliable, despite rising material costs and no matter what Florida's weather throws our way. Because of these efforts, WREC continues to offer some of the lowest electric rates in the state. That's something we're proud of, and it's possible thanks to the dedication of our employees. Our team isn't just working for you—they're working with you. They live here, volunteer here, and care deeply about the neighborhoods we serve. Whether it's restoring power after a storm or supporting local events and organizations, their commitment goes far beyond the job.

We're grateful to be part of this community, and we look forward to another year of serving you. On behalf of everyone at WREC, I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and bright new year.

Warm regards,

David B. Lambert

Executive Vice President & General Manager



WREC Inspired Students During the Great American Teach-In

This past fall, WREC proudly participated in multiple Great American Teach-In events across our service territory. These opportunities allowed our team to connect with students of all ages and share what it takes to keep the lights on every day.

Our linemen demonstrated the skills, training, and safety practices that are essential to their work. Students learned how our crews respond to outages, maintain the electric grid, and ensure reliable power for our communities—all while staying safe in challenging conditions.



To make safety real and relatable, our linemen also showed students the personal protective equipment (PPE) they use every day, such as insulated gloves, hard hats, and safety harnesses and explained how each piece helps keep them safe while working around high-voltage electricity.

We have always believed in investing in the next generation, and these teach-ins are always a perfect way to spark interest in careers within the electric industry. By showing students the dedication and teamwork behind the scenes, we hope to inspire future innovators and problem-solvers.

Thank you to all the schools and educators who welcomed us into their classrooms. Together, we built a brighter future!

Deadline Fast Approaching: Apply for WREC Educational Foundation Scholarships!



The WREC Educational Foundation is excited to announce that scholarship applications for the 2026 award cycle are now available!

This year, WREC is proud to offer 130 scholarships to help local students pursue their dreams of higher education.

The program is designed to assist graduating high school seniors and others continuing their education at accredited colleges, universities, or technical schools. Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2026, so don't wait—start your application today!

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit www.wrec.net or scan the QR code. WREC is committed to supporting the future of our community—could you be one of our next scholarship recipients?



Streetlight Out?

To report a streetlight in need of repair, please call your local cooperative office, or log on to 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.



Scan to Report



Energy Saving Tips



Save energy by sealing gaps with weatherstripping, caulk, or foam, and make sure ductwork is airtight. Upgrade to energy-efficient windows, insulate attic access, and install door sweeps to block drafts. These simple steps can cut energy waste and lower costs.

DID YOU KNOW?

WREC'S MEDICALLY
ESSENTIAL PROGRAM HELPS
MEMBERS WHO RELY ON
ELECTRIC-POWERED MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT BY PRIORITIZING
POWER RESTORATION
DURING OUTAGES.

NON-OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE
79th Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2026








In accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws, you will also hear results from elections in Districts 2, 4, and 8 and transact other business that may come before the meeting. District 2 is in northeast Citrus County. District 4 is in western Hernando County and District 8 is in central Pasco County. The Cooperative's Bylaws provide that candidates for trustee positions may be nominated either by the Nominations Committee or by petition. The Nominations Committee will meet early in February to select a slate of candidates for Districts 2, 4 and 8.

Your official **Annual Meeting Notice** will be mailed prior to the meeting.

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

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The W.R.E.C. Nominations Committee is comprised of:				
DISTRICT 1: Dan Kreisle Crystal River	DISTRICT 2: Kevin Peeples Floral City	DISTRICT 3: Peggy Earwood Brooksville	DISTRICT 4: Daniel Maracich Spring Hill	DISTRICT 5: Wayne Benedict Brooksville
DISTRICT 6: Stephen Herrmann San Antonio	DISTRICT 7: Robyn Glowatsky New Port Richey	DISTRICT 8: David Mengel Land O'Lakes	DISTRICT 9: Clay Madl Zephyrhills	



WREC's Annual Meeting Location: Dan Cannon Auditorium at the Pasco County Fairgrounds
36722 State Road 52, Dade City, Florida 33525

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