



**CENTRAL ELECTRIC  
POWER ASSOCIATION**

*A tradition of dependable, hometown service since 1937*

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**CENTRAL ELECTRIC WILL HOLD ITS**

# Annual Meeting

**MARCH 15, 2022 AT THE CARTHAGE COLISEUM**

*In accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi and the bylaws of the Association, four directors will be elected for three year terms. Members will elect one director from Leake County, one director from Neshoba County, one director from Newton County, and one minority member at large.*

## SECTION 4.04. Nominations

(a) It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Board members are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations consisting of three (3) members who shall be selected from the given areas from which Board members are to be elected so as to insure equitable representation. No existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, and close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household of existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director may serve on such committees. The committee shall receive and consider any suggestion as to nominees submitted in writing by members of the Cooperative. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare a list of nominations for Board members, and submit its list to the Secretary not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting.

(b) Any fifty (50) or more members who are in good standing, are from the given area from which a Board member is to be elected, and acting together, may nominate a Director candidate for the area by petition. Any such petition for nomination must be submitted on a form designated and provided by the Cooperative. Each member signing such petition shall place thereon the date of signing, address, account number and service location of the member. Such nominations made by petition, if any, shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting. Such nominations shall be posted by the Secretary

at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee on Nominations is posted. A member may not make more than one (1) nomination by petition for each vacancy. If a member signs more than one petition for a director vacancy, then the signature of the member bearing the latest date of signing by the member will be considered and any previously dated signature by the member on any other petition(s) will be deemed invalid, null and void. If a member signs more than one petition on the same date, all signatures of the member bearing the same date of signing will be deemed invalid, null and void. (c) The Secretary shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for Board members. The Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Board members to be elected and the counties they will be elected from and represent, and the name and address of each of the candidates nominated by the Committee on Nominations or by petition.

*A report from the Committee of Nominations and other annual meeting information will appear in the March issue of Today in Mississippi. As a member-owner of Central Electric Power Association, you have a right to participate in the annual meeting to hear the latest cooperative news and to elect the board of directors.*

*Mark your calendar for March 15, 2022 and plan to attend Central Electric's annual meeting at the Carthage Coliseum on Highway 16 in Carthage.*



Whether you've already decked your halls or you're just getting started, there's still time to incorporate energy savings into your holiday décor planning.

If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights and they can last 40 holiday seasons. They're also

will save you time, money, and energy. If you're using a timer for exterior lighting, make sure it's weatherproof and intended for outdoor use.

If Clark Griswold's décor style is a bit much for your taste, consider a more natural approach. Many Christmas tree farms, and even retailers like Lowe's and Home Depot, give away greenery clippings from recently trimmed trees. With a little twine, extra ornaments, and sparkly ribbon, you can create beautiful garlands and wreaths to hang over your front door or windows. To add extra twinkle at night, you can install solar-powered spotlights to illuminate your new (essentially free!) greenery. Solar spotlights can vary in price, but you should be able to purchase a quality set of four for about \$30, and because they run on natural energy from the sun, there's no additional cost to your energy bill.

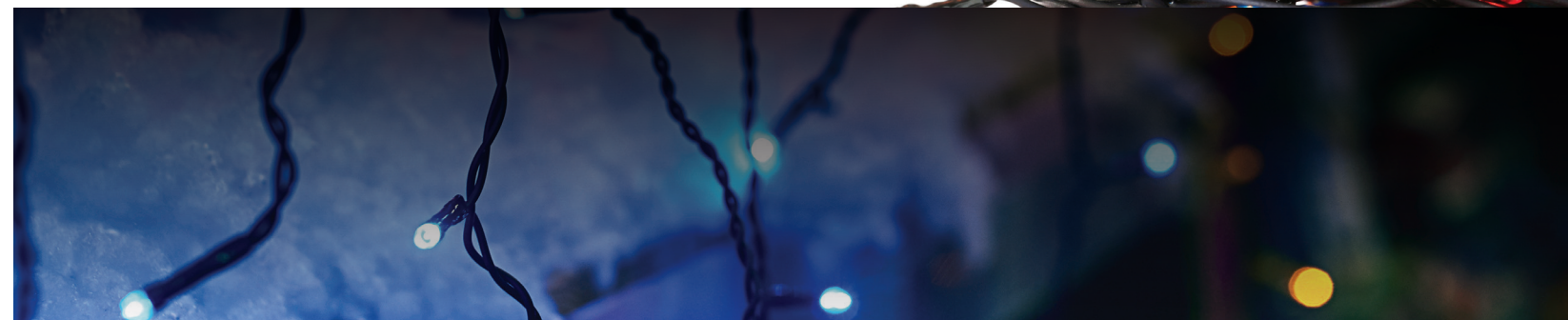
Regardless of how you decorate your home for the holidays, there are plenty of ways to save energy throughout the season. Visit Central Electric's website for additional energy-saving tips.



safer because they're made with epoxy lenses, not glass, making them more resistant to breaking, and they're cool to the touch, so no burnt fingers!

If you missed Santa's memo about energy-saving LEDs, and your holiday lights are already up, you can still save on lighting costs. All you need is a programmable light timer. Most models cost between \$10 to \$25 and can be purchased at local retail stores. With a light timer, you can easily program when you want your holiday lights turned on and off, which

*If you haven't made the switch to LED holiday lights, it's time. LEDs can last 40 holiday seasons, and they're safer than incandescent holiday lights.*







# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM OUR CO-OP FAMILY TO YOURS, WISHING YOU A  
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

*Central Electric Power Association will be closed  
Dec. 24 and 27 for Christmas, and Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve.*

*To report an outage, please visit [www.centralepa.com](http://www.centralepa.com) and click on **Report An Outage**,  
call 601-267-3043, or text the word **OUT** to 866-846-5671 if you are enrolled in the  
outage texting service. A dispatcher is on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

## Energy efficiency tip of the month

Heading out of town for the holiday season? Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets like TVs, phone chargers, gaming consoles, and toothbrush chargers use energy when plugged into an outlet — even when they're not in use.

