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**OTERO COUNTY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

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Taking Flight

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The broad-tailed hummingbird
is a New Mexico native.

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Board of Trustees

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Charles Mulcock, SE District

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Denny Burnett, SE District

Secretary

Marty Mills, Central District

Treasurer

Scott Shafer, NW District

Kenny Blazer, SW District

Bill Bird, NE District

Cheri Hass, Central District

David Powers, NE District

Tim Rabon, SW District

Preston Stone, NW District

Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9 a.m. at the cooperative.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

2022 Election Information

Four positions on the Otero County Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees are up for election. Elections will take place Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Annual Meeting of Members in the Cloudcroft High School gymnasium.

Trustees holding positions expiring in 2022 are:

- Denny Burnett—Southeast District.
- Marty Mills—Central District.
- Tim Rabon—Southwest District.
- David Powers—Northeast District.

Those elected for these positions will serve three-year terms ending in 2025.

Article IV, Section 3 of the bylaws states:

SECTION 3.

Nominations. Nominations for Trustees to be elected shall be by Petition signed by fifteen or more members acting together, and who are bona fide residents of the district for which the nomination is made. The Petition shall be filed not less than twenty-five (25) days or more than forty-five (45) days before the date of the Meeting of the Members in which Trustees are to be elected. Nominations for the position of Trustee from the floor, at the annual Meeting of Members, is not allowed.

The secretary shall include with the notice of the meeting, at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of

Trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates. Notwithstanding anything contained in this SECTION, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this SECTION shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of Trustee.

Petition forms are available for pickup in any of our local offices in Cloudcroft, Alto or Carrizozo, or they can be downloaded on our website.

According to the dates outlined in the bylaws, petitions will only be accepted between Wednesday, June 22, 2022, and Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Completed petitions may be turned in at any OCEC office. ■

OCEC Lineman Awarded the Long Rope Safety Award

Journeyman lineman Matt Chavez has been awarded the Long Rope Safety Award for 2022. He was nominated by his peers for being a leader in safety.

“Matt influences the crew by making safety paramount,” a colleague said. “There are rules that must be followed, but he explains why they are there and how they will not be deviated from. He influences us all by always looking for improvement on safety and work practices.”

The Long Rope Safety



Mario Romero, left, presents Matt Chavez with the statewide 2022 Long Rope Safety Award in June at the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association annual meeting.

Award is dedicated to all linemen in New Mexico who have been killed or injured on the job. It is presented to someone with a positive attitude toward training, communication, safe work habits and who demonstrates

a culture of safety in a challenging industry.

Matt has been employed as an OCEC lineman since 2011. He works out of Tularosa.

Congratulations, Matt! You are an asset to OCEC members and employees. ■



2022 ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

CLOUDCROFT HIGH SCHOOL GYM

**REGISTRATION - 8:30 AM
BUSINESS MEETING - 10:00 AM**



BARBEQUE LUNCH WILL BE
SERVED AFTER THE MEETING

