Gears, Grease and Good Times
In attendance were 180 Sierra Electric Cooperative members who registered for the 2017 Annual Meeting held Saturday, April 1 at the Hot Springs High School gymnasium and cafeteria.

Members had the opportunity to listen to reports from the board of trustees, guest speakers, general manager, and to participate in trustee elections. The Hot Springs High School JROTC presented colors, Constance Zimmerman sang the National Anthem, and Father Don Hyatt provided the invocation. The Hot Springs High School Honor Society and JROTC served a great barbecue meal to those in attendance. Display booths were provided by Ben Archer Health Center, TWN Wi-Power, Tri-State G & T, and Sierra Vista Hospital. Members were also treated to a visit from “Power” the robot.

The results of the Election of Trustees are as follows:
District 1: Dennis Franklin
District 2: Charles McMath
District 3: Tami Garrett

Jimmy Capps, general manager, presented a service award to Sarah Witt, bookkeeper, for five years of service as an employee at the cooperative.

Board President John Bokich introduced the 2017 Youth Tour winners of an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.: Ella Cano-Linson and Anthony Wasilowski. Bokich also awarded Lilly Palomares, a local elementary student, with an award of $250 for taking first place in the statewide Safety Coloring Contest sponsored by SEC and other cooperatives.

The Board of Trustees chose to move the meeting to a Saturday this year and at a new location, the Hot Springs High School Gymnasium, in an effort to reach members who work during the week and to improve the parking availability. The change in venue allowed the Hot Springs High School to display their most impressive cafeteria and gymnasium facilities that were constructed in 2006. It is currently planned to continue the Annual Meetings at the high school gym on a Saturday in early April.

The Board of Trustees
John Bokich President Elephant Butte District 2
Darryl Sullivan Vice President Monticello District 3
Oscar Lee Wood Secretary Elephant Butte District 2
George Biel Treasurer Monticello District 3
Dennis Franklin Trustee Hillsboro District 1
Tami Garrett Trustee Las Palomas District 3
Charles McMath Trustee Elephant Butte District 2
Judy Smith Trustee Caballo District 1
Thomas Stroup Trustee Elephant Butte District 2

Our offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017, in observance of Memorial Day.

2016 SEC Renewable Purchases

In accordance with the NMPRC 17.572.23, Section K, Sierra Electric is required to report to the membership a summary of its purchases and generating renewable energy during the preceding calendar year. In 2016, Sierra purchased 137,737 kWh of renewable energy. Renewable Energy means electrical energy produced by means of low or zero emissions generation technology, with substantial long-term production potential, and generated by use of renewable energy resources that may include solar, wind, or hydropower resources.

Board of Trustees

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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.