

## Across the Board

April 7, 2008

Present were directors Alexander Doyle, president; David Luke, vice-president; Brian Rivet, secretary; Terry Trahan, treasurer; Tracy Duval, J. D. Boudreux, Eroy Acosta, Roger Dale DeHart, Larry J. Daigle and Lloyd Gibson, advisor. Also attending were Michael Guidry, general manager; James Funderburk, attorney, and Elaine Robertson, member services supervisor.

After the invocation and pledge, the board approved 176 new members, the minutes of the March 3rd regular board meeting and the ALEC report (Acct. No. 1602594200).

The financial report, approved by the board, highlighted interest earnings, cash on hand, rate comparison showing SLECA having the lowest rates compared to other area utilities, line loss, kilowatt hour sales for the month, cumulative sales to date, cost of service, equity, TIER, electric and total revenue versus cost per kilowatt hour.

Following an update on upcoming schools, meetings and events, Mr. Guidry reported on the following: (1) SLECA continues to have the lowest rates in the area; (2) A study published in Science magazine shows that biofuels are not good for the planet; (3) China has had a huge effect on coal prices because of several mine closures, reduced exports, a bitter winter and growing demand; (4) EPA announced stricter pollution-forming ozone requirements going from 80 parts per billion to 75 parts per billion; (5) The Bush Administration has canceled the Future Gen project which was to have been built in Illinois; (6) Another global warming news article stated that data collected from measuring the ocean's temperature has revealed the oceans have not warmed up at all over the last four to five years; (7) A game found on the Touchstone Energy Kids website educates children on the savings realized when incandescent bulbs are replaced with CFLs; (8) The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has set aside \$5 million to upgrade Entergy's transmission line to increase its ability to purchase power from outside sources; (9) The Waterworks District will replace the waterline ruptured by Chet Morrison Contractors; (10) St. Anne Hospital has asked SLECA for an emergency power supply in the event of an Entergy outage; (11) The district meetings were all very well attended and 538 letters were collected to be delivered to our Congressional delegation; (12) SLECA scored a 99 percent overall score on its safety accreditation; (13) SLECA's Corporate Fitness Cup is underway and Family Fun Day is planned for May 17th; (14) SLECA experienced a cumulative fuel savings of \$4,779,710 as a result of the board's decision to go with the actual fuel rate instead of a fixed rate; (15) A power outage resulting from lighting blowing up two transformers on June Drive required SLECA to call HazMat for clean up; and (16) Contractors recently picked up the materials necessary to reconductor the feeder on Bayou Blue left.

The board then approved the following requests: (1) To allocate five percent of SLECA's CFC patronage to the System Integrity Fund which is used to defend co-ops' rights to serve their customers; and (2) To purchase new uniforms for the inside employees.

The manager's report and expenses, the safety report, showing employees have worked over 1,848,846 hours without a loss time accident, and the attorney's report and fees were then approved by the board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

You may obtain copies of the minutes by contacting SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 or by calling (504) 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

## SLECA SWEEPSTAKES

Did you know that each month SLECA gives away CASH just for reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY? It's true. Every month, four lucky SLECA consumers have their account numbers randomly selected by computer. The numbers are then hidden in the articles in the SLECA News section of LOUISIANA COUNTRY. Then it's up to you. If you see your account number, call SLECA and win \$25.00 in cash or have your winnings applied to your bill. It's that simple. So, if you are not reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY you're missing out on great local articles and the possibility of winning extra money.

## Have a safe and happy 4th!

SLECA's offices will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Standby crews will be on call to handle emergencies or weather-related outages.

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## Get to know your SLECA directors

### Alexander Doyle



Alexander Doyle, a resident of Houma, is president of the SLECA Board of Directors and has served in this capacity since his election to the board in 1985. An attorney, Doyle is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, the Terrebonne Parish Bar Association and is qualified to practice law in Federal Court. Additionally, Doyle served as Terrebonne Parish's Assistant District Attorney for 12 years. Doyle serves the District 6 areas of Mulberry, Barrios, Summerfield, Little Bayou Black, Coteau and Oakshire.

### Brian Rivet



Gheens resident Brian Rivet, owner of a logging and sawmill business, has served on SLECA's Board since 1983. He is presently secretary of the SLECA Board, is a former member of the Cajun Electric Power Cooperative Board of Directors, and has served as a board member of the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc. as well as a past director of Western Fuels. Rivet serves District 1, that includes the Gheens, Raceland and Mathews areas, and portions of Upper Bayou Blue, Coteau and Lockport.

### Eroy Acosta



Stephensville native Eroy Acosta, elected to the board in 1987, served his community as a restaurant and lounge owner for many years. Acosta is president of the combined St. Martin Parish Sewage District Board and the St. Martin Parish Water District Board. The Stephensville Volunteer Fire Department was established through his fundraising efforts and he served 21 years as president of the department. Acosta serves District 8, which includes the areas of Stephensville, Bayou L'Ourse and part of Gibson. Acosta has also represented SLECA on the board of directors of the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives. Acosta says he enjoys serving the community at both the state and local level.

### Roger Dale DeHart



Dularge native Roger Dale DeHart was elected to the SLECA Board of Directors in March of 1997. DeHart represents District 5 covering all of Bayou Dularge and Ashland North Subdivision. He is a member of the Terrebonne Parish School Board and served as its vice-president and president. He was appointed to and served on the Terrebonne Parish Home Rule Charter Commission. DeHart served more than six years as a commissioner for Fire District 10 and recently was elected to the Democratic Central Committee in District 51. He is very active in his community and is very serious about all of his commitments.

### J.D. Boudreaux III



Julien Dennis (J.D.) Boudreaux III, a resident of Donor who has been active in the Donner-Chacahoula Fire Department and Jaycees also has served on the St. Lawrence Church Parish Council. A self-employed grocery operator and bulk-fuel dealer, he was the last president of the Terrebonne Parish Police Jury and was a member and the first chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council. A former Justice of the Peace, Boudreaux is the Recipient of the Roland J. Thibodaux Award as a Terrebonne Parish school bus driver. He was appointed the District 2 SLECA director in January 2006 and has since been re-elected to the board by the consumers in his district.



### Lloyd Gibson

Lloyd Gibson, serving as advisor to the board since 1984, is a general contractor and owner of Cooke's Construction Co., Inc. A resident of Gibson, he has served as the Terrebonne Parish Constable in Ward 8 for 27 years. Gibson served as chairman of Terrebonne Parish Recreation Board, District 8, for 18 years and was senior deacon and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St. James Baptist Church of Gibson for 25 years. He also serves on the board of the START Corp. and is the current president of H.O.P.E. of Terrebonne, a community civic organization. Gibson is very concerned about his community and is actively involved in its development.

## SLECA employees receive advanced training

SLECA offers its employees a comprehensive training program that covers every aspect of utility field operations stressing safety and efficient operations under all possible conditions (Acct. No. 2800930802).

Level IV, Gp. 1 La. Intensive Lineman Training—SLECA employee Brian Landry (right) was among linemen from across Louisiana who took part in the eight level, four-year La. Intensive Lineman training program conducted recently at the offices of the Assn. of La. Electric Co-ops in Baton Rouge.



Level I Intensive Lineman Training—SLECA employees (below, back row, left to right) Brennan Blanchard, Lee Aucoin (front row, left to right) Reggie Pontiff and Andre Dupre were among linemen from across Louisiana who took part in the eight level, four-year La. Intensive Lineman training program conducted May 5-9.



## SLECA helps fellow co-op restore power

SLECA was one of five electric cooperatives in Louisiana to send six men and two vehicles to assist Dixie Electric Membership Corp. (DEMCO) restore power after violent thunderstorms spawned tornados, golf-ball size hail, intensive lightning and wide-spread flooding across much of the state, May 14-15.

Thirty-one service men and 12 service vehicles from five electric co-ops departed from their respective bases after the first line storms moved into Louisiana on May 14, dumping over 12 inches of rain in Shreveport. (Acct. No. 3751667704) A second series of more violent storms spawning several tornados, golf-ball size hail and extensive flooding pounded south Louisiana on May 15, leaving 25,000 DEMCO consumers in the dark.



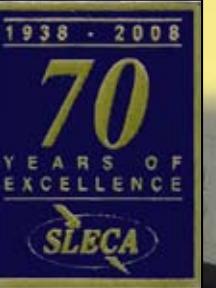
High winds toppled trees, not only bringing down power lines but blocked roads in many areas. Heavy rain also caused extensive flooding, slowing restoration work. DEMCO had 14,000 outages in Livingston Parish, 9,000 in E. Baton Rouge and 2,000 in the Felicianas and in Tangipahoa, Ascension and St. Helena parishes.

Continued rain and high winds through May 16 complicated repair work and in many cases forced crews to return to recently repaired lines that suffered additional damage from new storms.

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