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GVEC Holds 2017 Annual Membership Meeting

Gonzales, Texas – June 26, 2017 – The GVEC Annual Meeting was held on June 23 at the Gonzales High School Special Events Center. Either present or by proxy, 927 GVEC members were represented at the meeting.

Registration for the meeting began at 5:30 p.m. While members waited for the business meeting to begin, they enjoyed refreshments, chili dogs and listened to The O’Neal Brothers Band. They were also able to browse the exhibit booths for GVEC subsidiaries, GVEC Home and GVEC.net.

At 7 p.m., the business meeting was called to order by GVEC Board President Lewis Borgfeld. The invocation was given by Board Vice President Melvin E. Strey.

Next on the agenda was the election of District Directors. Three incumbent Directors were elected to a three-year term on the GVEC Board of Directors: Lewis Borgfeld will serve as Director from District 2; Morris Harvey will serve as Director from District 5; and Mark Roberts will serve as Director from District 8.

A video presentation of reports to the membership, *Breaking the Mold*, followed the election. It provided an overview of major projects and initiatives undertaken in 2016. Topics included:

- The Co-op’s new focus on growing GVEC subsidiaries, GVEC Home and GVEC.net.
- Improvements to the electric system for performance, efficiency and reliability.
- Community initiatives, economic development activities and the 2016 financial report.

A special part of the evening’s program was the presentation of two GVEC Public Service Awards: one for an individual and the other for an organization. The tradition began in 1986 as a way to recognize people, businesses and organizations who have put forth consistent, unselfish and considerable service to the people around them and their communities.

The first award went to community leader, Bill Lopez, of Yoakum. As president of the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years, he has worked tirelessly to make his community the best it can be through his many hours of public service and unwavering support for the businesses, people and projects in Yoakum.

“Individuals and organizations like Bill Lopez and The Public Library Foundation are much appreciated for the difference they are making in their communities—today and for generations to come,” says GVEC General Manager and CEO Darren Schauer.

GVEC is a progressive cooperative specializing in the delivery of products and services that empower the people and communities in the Guadalupe Valley. Offering dependable electricity, high-speed Internet, efficient appliances, reliable AC/Heating sales and service as well as solar options, GVEC serves over 85,000 consumers through five customer service locations in Cuero, Gonzales, La Vernia, Schertz, and Seguin.

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Bill Lopez of Yoakum receives the 2017 GVEC Public Service Award for an individual for his service to his community and the impact he has made on its residents, businesses and projects. From left: GVEC Board President Lewis Borgfeld, Bill Lopez, GVEC General Manager and CEO Darren Schauer, and GVEC Board Vice President Melvin E. Strey.



The Public Library Foundation receives the 2017 GVEC Public Service Award for an organization for the huge impact it has made in helping to expand community resources and keep the Seguin-Guadalupe County Library on the cutting edge of libraries in Texas. From left: Sudy Bruns, vice president, The Public Library Foundation; Bob Blevins; Lewis Borgfeld, GVEC Board President; Sandra Moline; Margaret Mueller; Joe Patterson, president, The Public Library Foundation; Darren Schauer, GVEC General Manager and CEO; Randee Malmsten; and Melvin E. Strey, GVEC Board Vice President.

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