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FLINT HILLS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

NEWS

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Board Selects Goeckel as Manager

The Flint Hills RECA Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that **CHARLES (CHUCK) GOECKEL** will be the new General Manager. Goeckel replaces General Manager Robert Reece, who is retiring at the end of January 2018.

Goeckel attended Marymount College of Salina and Wichita State University earning degrees in computer science and business administration. He began his rural electric co-op career as an accountant for Sedgwick County Rural Electric Cooperative in Cheney, then joined Flint Hills RECA on Jan. 15, 1990, as office manager. In 1995, he was promoted to assistant manager.

To further his education in the rural electric world, Goeckel completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Management Internship Program at the University of Wisconsin School of Business in 2014.

In addition to his commitment to Flint Hills RECA, Goeckel has been actively involved in community clubs and other organizations. He is currently a member of the Council Grove Rotary Club (past president), St. Rose of Lima Church Parish Council (past president),

and the treasurer for the Morris County Hospital Foundation. He is also a member and past president of the Kansas Rural Electric Accountants Association. Goeckel's family includes wife, Marla, and three children: Megan, Matt and Mason.



Chuck Goeckel

"I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve the members, Board of Trustees and employees of Flint Hills RECA. The co-op is blessed with very dedicated employees who all actively participate in carrying out the co-op's mission to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power to the members we serve. The co-op's future is bright. We look forward to the many opportunities we will have to bring value to our membership," said Goeckel.

The Board of Trustees and employees are confident that Chuck will continue his dedication and passion that he has shown during the past 28 years with Flint Hills RECA, to provide the best possible service to the co-op members in his new role.

Mark Your Calendars! Annual Meeting March 20

The Flint Hills RECA Annual Meeting will be held on March 20, 2018, at the Herington Community Building.

We hope that you will attend the Annual Meeting and take part in the business of the cooperative.

| March 2018 | | | | | | |
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Reece Retires After 43 Years of Service

Flint Hills RECA helped **BOB REECE** celebrate his retirement with an open house get together on Dec. 15, and an employee Christmas/retirement party on Dec. 3.

Reece was presented an engraved meter lamp as a token of appreciation for his 43 years of dedicated service to Flint Hills RECA and many other retirement cards and gifts, including numerous golf balls to use during his retirement. Over 100 guests attended the open house to wish Bob farewell.

On behalf of the staff, board and membership, we would like to thank you for your years of dedicated leadership. Best wishes in your retirement, Bob!



Top left: Bob Reece's wife and three daughters came to help celebrate his retirement at the December 15 open house party. Stephanie Frazier, wife, Marie, Jena Stockwell and Brenna Scott.

Top right: Bob Reece was presented a meter lamp at the Employee Christmas/Retirement party located at the Historic Hays House on December 3rd.

Lower left: Bob Reece congratulating the new General Manager, Chuck Goeckel.

Bob's Retiring! Congratulations!

43 Years of Service (1975-2018)
3 Billion kWh's Sold
4,000 New Services Built

28 Years General Manager (1990-2018)
99.9% Service Reliability
\$9.4 Million in Capital Credits Paid to Members
\$5 Million of Subsidiary Margins for the Coop
\$60 Million of Construction
25 Board Members Served
300 Homemade Desserts for the Board (Thanks Marie)
150 Employees Managed
1.9 Million Employee Hours Worked
Zero Employees Lost on the Job!
Countless Employee Family Members Impacted

Thank You for Your Dedication and Service!

Scott W. Zimmerman *George Effel* *Jim Miller*
Duane Hansen *Dale F. Anderson* *Jerry Olson*
Duane Carlson *Shaun & Patti*



Apply to Win a Free Trip of a Lifetime

The Flint Hills RECA is sponsoring two all-expense-paid trips to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 13-19, 2018.

Rafting, hiking and building memories—it's not just another trip! At camp, you will join winners from other co-ops in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming at the Glen Eden Resort in the beautiful Rocky Mountains to build valuable leadership skills and friendships of a lifetime. So pack your sunscreen and hiking shoes and get ready to build memories that will last a lifetime.

The contest is open to all current high school sopho-

mores and juniors in Flint Hills' service area whose parents or guardians are members of Flint Hills RECA. Contest entrants will be interviewed and required to take a brief written test covering material that will be made available to each contestant.

If you are a high school sophomore or junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the application form below and send by **Feb. 6, 2018**, to Flint Hills RECA, Attn: Diann Diehl, P.O. Box B, Council Grove, KS 66846.

Once we receive this form, material will then be sent to you for the interview process.

Contest Application for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp—Due Feb. 6, 2018

Complete and return this application to Flint Hills RECA, Attn: Diann Diehl, P.O. Box B, Council Grove, KS 66846, or diann@flinthillsrec.com by **Feb. 6, 2018**.

Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Year in School _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Phone Number _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.

Signature of Applicant _____

I hereby grant permission for _____ to apply for the 2018 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by Flint Hills RECA.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____