

KEC Names Rauckman as New Director of Finance

Robert “Bob” Rauckman joined KEC as the director of finance on April 7, 2008.

A native of Hutchinson, Bob graduated with an accounting degree from Kansas State and has worked the last 12 years in public accounting. During that time, he has also worked with several non-profit organizations, including the American Red Cross.

His duties at KEC will include all finances, building and grounds, and human resources.

“I think KEC is a great organization,” he said. “I’ve always been a little familiar with the rural electrics.”

He explained that his father-in-law would wire homes near Dighton in the late 1940s so they could be connected to the new electric cooperative.

Bob and his wife, JoAn, have lived in Manhattan and in Toronto, Canada, before relocating in Topeka. They have two grown daughters and enjoy swimming and working in their yard where they grow roses.

“It’s like taking a vacation in our back yard,” Rauckman said. He also enjoys a weekly game of golf.



Bob Rauckman

Thunderstorms Cause Outages to Hundreds of Butler REC Members

Hundreds of Butler members were without electricity after winds in excess of 130 mph moved across the cooperative’s service area early April 8.

Spring thunderstorms that stretched across the state caused a substantial amount of damage to the electric cooperative. At the peak of the storm, there were more than 1,000 outages across Butler and Marion counties.

“Most of the damage was due to poles snapping from the force of the straight-line winds,” said Dale Short, Butler REC’s manager. “We estimated that approximately 1,000 of our members were without power, and we had more than 180 utility poles on the ground.”

Butler’s linemen were joined by crews from Rolling Hills, DS&O, Caney Valley, and Heartland to help restore power to all members the following evening.

In Sympathy

Edward Walker Parris

Former manager of Ninnescah, Walker Parris died April 12 at the age of 64.

Parris served as Ninnescah’s general manager from 1992-2003. He also served as KEC President from 1998-2001.

A memorial service was held on April 16 at the Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson, followed by a graveside service at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt.

Memorials may be sent to the Pratt Humane Society, in care of the mortuary. Personal condolences may be sent to www.elliottmortuary.com. Cards may be sent to Mary Parris at 2207 Dover Drive, Hutchinson, KS 67502.



Walker Parris

Job Opportunities

Lane-Scott Electric Seeks Lineman

Lane-Scott, Dighton, is seeking a journeyman lineman to help provide safe and reliable electric distribution service.

Requirements include a HS Diploma/GED, successful completion of an apprenticeship program or equivalent job experience, involving a minimum of four years line experience in all areas of electric distribution, trouble shooting and maintenance. Valid Class A CDL with excellent driving record.

Lane-Scott offers a competitive wage and full benefit package including paid family medical insurance, including vision and dental; NRECA pension plan, paid life insurance, 401K, LTD insurance and other benefits.

Send resume and cover letter to Vic Torson, Manager of Electrical Operations, Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 758, Dighton, KS, 67839, call 800-427-2217, or email vic.torson@lanescott.coop.

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