



Bradley Cherry  
President and CEO

## Trees and hope for the future

*Celebrating Arbor Day's 150th anniversary*

“A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit.”

Though the origin of this saying is unclear, its meaning rings true for Grayson RECC on many levels.

Our ability to provide safe and reliable electricity at competitive rates is only possible because of the leadership of the people who started this cooperative 71 years ago. As Grayson RECC powers our communities today, we continue to be led by and belong to the consumer-members we serve, and we continue to benefit from the strategic decisions and sacrifices of decades past.

Meanwhile, to borrow another phrase of unknown origin, “The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now.”

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, a celebration that sprouted in Nebraska in 1872 and has since grown into a global push to plant trees to improve the environment and our lives. Arbor Day is celebrated nationally on the last Friday of April, this year on April 29.

Plant with energy savings in mind, as trees can help keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Planting deciduous trees on the south, southwest and west sides



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of your home can cut the heat during summer months, while allowing sunlight through during the fall and winter. Consider planting native species—such as eastern redbud, serviceberry or red maple—and borrow a page from our forefathers and envision the future. (Search “Top 10 Trees” on [KentuckyLiving.com](http://KentuckyLiving.com).)

Research how tall your tree will grow when mature and select a prime planting spot away from overhead utility lines. Here are a few general tips:

Plant a small tree, under 25 feet at maturity, a minimum of 25 feet from distribution power lines.

For a tree that matures at 25–40 feet, plant it 40 feet from power lines.

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If the tree is expected to grow more than 40 feet high, plant it 60 feet from utility lines.

Do not plant near underground utility services, as tree roots can interfere with underground pipes, cables and wires.

Keeping trees away from utility lines not only keeps you safe, it keeps them safe as well. Trees planted too close to underground lines can suffer root damage. Trees planted too close to overhead lines need regular pruning, damaging the tree and its appearance.

Contact Grayson RECC to request that your tree be trimmed if it begins growing near power lines; don't risk your safety doing it yourself.

For their shade, their beauty, and their essential role in nature, planting a tree is an investment in the future.

As Lucy Larcom wrote in the late 19th century, "He who plants a tree plants a hope."



## LINWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

We thank lineworkers for their courage and commitment to powering our community.

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**Office closed on Friday,  
April 15, in observance  
of the Good Friday  
Easter holiday.**

For outages and emergencies,  
please call (800) 562-3532.

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2022

# ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022  
NOON UNTIL 5 P.M.

DRIVE-THRU REGISTRATION,  
VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
AT 5 P.M. ON FACEBOOK LIVE

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## COMMON REASONS FOR

# POWER OUTAGES

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Power outages are never convenient for anyone, but they do occur. Though it's often obvious why there might be an outage—usually because of the weather—sometimes we might be left in the dark, literally and figuratively, while the power's out.

### HERE ARE SOME COMMON REASONS:

- Weather
- Animals
- Trees
- Vandalism
- Accidents
- Planned Outages



ANDREI NOVAK/ADOBEE STOCK

# Official Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

Notice is hereby given that the annual membership meeting of the Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation will be held at Grayson RECC headquarters building at 109 Bagby Park St., Grayson, on Thursday, May 12, at 5 p.m. to take action on the following matters:

1. Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meeting of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon
4. Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, trustees and committees
5. Report on the election of board members
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

No proposal shall be voted upon at the annual meeting unless it has been placed on the agenda by any member by filing a copy of the proposal with the Grayson RECC Board Secretary within the time allowed, with a request that it be submitted to the annual meeting for consideration.

You are cordially invited to attend the 2022 Annual Meeting of Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Registration is open from noon to 5 p.m.

**Please note that annual meeting will be a drive-thru service this year due to recommendations on social distancing. Please come and register for your annual meeting gift and register for door prizes. Food will not be available.**

Sincerely,



Jim Bentley, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

**Office Hours:**  
7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Monday–Friday  
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Call (800) 562-3532  
Text 55050

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**Counties Served:**  
Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Lawrence,  
Lewis and Rowan

**Our Mission**  
Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation exists to provide safe, efficient electricity and related services to our members, our communities, and others who may be affected by our actions and decisions.

**President and CEO**  
Bradley Cherry

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