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CFEC Annual Meeting succeeds



Chiefland FFA members assist with the CFEC 2018 Annual meeting by passing out gift buckets during registration. They also helped distribute the winning prizes at the end as numbers were called.

Story and Photos

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CHIEFLAND -- The CEFC Annual Meeting was a success as it followed a tradition that has kept it strong.



Supervisors of election from the Tri County Area (from left) Dixie County Supervisor of Elections Starlet Cannon, Gilchrist County Supervisor of Elections and Levy County Supervisor of Elections Tammy Jones help voters from the three counties. They were able to register people to vote in the three counties or assist in other ways.

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Gospel quartet Reign Down preformed for attendees during CFEC 2018 Annual Meeting.



Jacob Cannon patiently waits for his mother Beth to register at CFEC 2018 Annual Meeting. She was a lucky winner of a \$25 gift certificate from Bar-B-Q Bill's.

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CFEC employee Ryan Watson demonstrates electrical line awareness and danger of hot lines. This model shows how objects touching power lines can lead to injury or death. CFEC is known for providing safe and reliable electric service to its members.

Mother Nature offered pleasant weather Saturday, Oct. 6, for Central Florida Electric Cooperative Inc. to host its 2018 Annual Meeting.

The event was held inside a massive warehouse located at the corporate CFEC headquarters in Chiefland. Arriving guests were greeted in the parking area by friendly staff on golf carts to shorten their walk from vehicle to warehouse. Golf carts took departing guests to their vehicles as well.

Attendance of 481 registered members along with approximately 200 guests were entertained by the gospel quartet Reign Down during the early hours.

Chiefland FFA members assisted CFEC employees with the registration booth as well as handing out member gift buckets filled with information booklets, a coffee mug, pens, light bulbs and a few trinkets.

In addition to the registration booth, the other booths included information about:

- Vegetation Management/ Right-of-Way
- Seminole Electric Cooperative/ Information and Suggestions
- Photobooth
- Heavy Equipment Visual
- Supervisors of Elections (Gilchrist, Levy and Dixie)
- CFEC Answers To Questions
- Powerline Safety Demonstrations
- City of Chiefland Fire Department

CFEC President Barbara Townsend called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., followed with invocation by Gordon Keller, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Chiefland.

President Townsend briefly discussed solar power and urged members to thoroughly evaluate prior to commitment, additional information can be found on the website

<https://www.cfec.com/>.



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The elections results in regard to the CFEC Board of Trustees was delivered by Robert Beauchamp, CPA, of Beauchamp & Edwards.

Two seats were unopposed -- District 2 Carl Roof, and District 3 Tony Weeks. Kenneth O'Steen of District 7 will continue as a trustee for the next three years. He received 400 votes. His opponent in that race Miles Andrews received 225 votes.

Guests participated in a question and answer segment with President Townsend and General Manager Denny George. Topics of concern by members included fees for online payments as well as allowing members to vote by the number of owned meters rather than as a single registrant.

The large warehouse of attendees remained seated upon the meeting's adjournment as they awaited the drawing of 200 prizes.

The majority of winners brought home \$25 cash. Several, tools and cooking items were given out. (I won a George Foreman grill.) The finale of three \$100 cash prizes and one of \$500 cash prize kept members on their seats in anticipation until those bigger cash prizes were awarded.