

# Current Conversations

March 2026



## A Commitment to Stewardship

March is an important time of year at TCEC. It marks the close of our fiscal year and gives us an opportunity to reflect on the progress made over the past twelve months while looking ahead to the year to come.

For the past 23 months, two priorities have guided our work: improving the Cooperative's financial health and enhancing member service. Both are essential to fulfilling the mission of providing safe and reliable power at the lowest possible cost.

Stewardship is central to how a cooperative operates. Because TCEC is owned by its members, every financial decision made carries a responsibility to manage resources wisely while continuing to strengthen the service provided.

This issue of Current Conversations highlights many of the ways we continue working to enhance member service. Across these pages you'll see members helping neighbors through the [Cooperative Giving](#) program, students from local communities selected to represent TCEC on the [Government-In-Action Youth Tour](#), and programs that return real dollars back to members through rebates and local discounts.

While this issue focuses heavily on member service, know that our commitment to improving your cooperative's financial health remains just as strong. The work taking place behind the scenes to strengthen TCEC's financial position is ongoing, and members will see the results of that effort in the upcoming fiscal year report.



**Scott Spence**  
President & CEO

Together, these efforts support the mission that guides everything we do.

Thank you for your continued trust.

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# ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

## Round Up: Spare Change Is Helping Real Neighbors

Round Up is a voluntary program that rounds your monthly bill up to the next dollar. The difference, less than a dollar, goes into the Cooperative Giving fund help members who are struggling to pay their electric bills.

Small amounts, but they add up fast when hundreds of people are chipping in every month.



TCEC partners with Texas Neighborhood Services, a nonprofit serving families across North Texas to get that money to members who need it. In January alone, **22 people** received direct bill assistance through the program. Last month, **TCEC presented \$25,000** to Texas Neighborhood Services to keep those assistance payments going.

Enrollment in Round Up is free and you can opt out at any time. To sign up, call 817.444.3201 or log in to your account at [tcectexas.smarthub.coop](https://tcectexas.smarthub.coop). Learn more about this partnership [HERE](#).

## CoBank Invests \$15,000 in TCEC Communities

Through a \$15,000 donation to the Cooperative Giving program, CoBank is helping North Texas families keep the lights on.

CoBank is one of the nation's largest agricultural lenders, providing financing to electric cooperatives, rural water systems, farming operations, and other businesses that keep rural economies running.

TCEC is one of the cooperatives CoBank works with, and part of CoBank's mission is giving back to the communities its borrowers serve.

This year's contribution goes directly toward bill payment assistance for TCEC members through the Cooperative Giving program, which means the impact lands close to home. Learn more [HERE](#).



*Corporate partners gain brand visibility and community connection while helping fund Cooperative Giving. To explore partnership opportunities, contact [CooperativeGiving@tcectexas.com](mailto:CooperativeGiving@tcectexas.com).*

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## Four High School Students Headed to Washington, D.C.

Each summer, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association sponsors a Washington, D.C. trip for students from electric cooperatives across the country. Students tour the Capitol, visit national monuments, attend briefings with elected officials, and meet young people from rural communities in every state.

TCEC is proud to sponsor four students this year for the trip of a lifetime.

To earn their spot, applicants submitted essays reflecting on how they live out TCEC's 10 Essential Attributes, then competed in in-person interviews before a panel of volunteer judges. The robust competition reminded us just how much talent, character, and civic spirit exist right here in our communities, and made the selection of this year's finalists no easy task. To learn more about these youth leaders, [CLICK HERE](#).

Special thanks to our judges for their time and thoughtful evaluation throughout the process.



**Whit Parkey**  
Home Schooled/Archer City



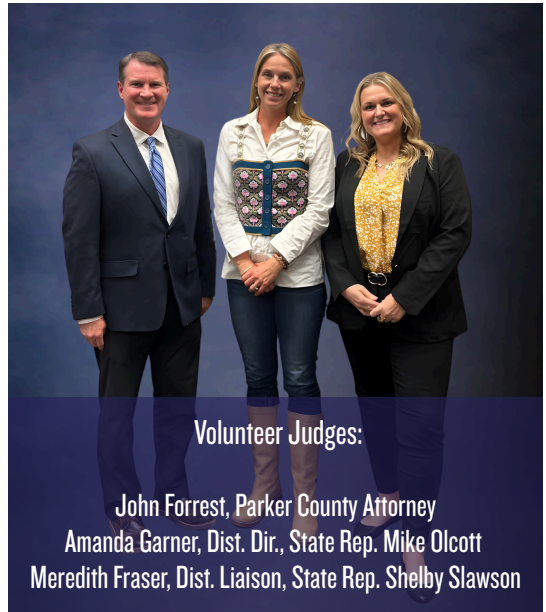
**Mukund Nadella**  
Carroll High School



**Jack Miller**  
Weatherford High School



**Kobie Torgeson**  
Azle High School



**Volunteer Judges:**

**John Forrest, Parker County Attorney**  
**Amanda Garner, Dist. Dir., State Rep. Mike Olcott**  
**Meredith Fraser, Dist. Liaison, State Rep. Shelby Slawson**

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## Even More Energy Savings: Rebate Program Expands for 2026!

In January 2026, TCEC launched the expanded [Energy Efficiency Rebates](#) program.

It's a straightforward way for members to earn money back for making qualifying home upgrades — increasing efficiency, getting paid back for the investment (tune-up, appliance, heat pump), and reducing future energy bills.



**Limited funds available. First come, first served.**

Here's how it works. Purchase a qualifying item, such as ENERGY STAR appliances or a Heat Pump tune-up. Then submit your receipt and a short application at [tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency-rebates](https://tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency-rebates). TCEC reviews the submission and applies a credit directly to your account. Rebates range from up to \$50 for Energy Star products to up to \$125 for heat pump tune-ups and can be applied for twice during 2026. The program launched with \$350,000 in available funds, and is paid for by unclaimed funds, not members.

Efficiency upgrades may help reduce the monthly bill for as long as the equipment is running. The rebate just lowers the cost of getting started. Full details, the list of qualifying items, and the application are at [tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency-rebates](https://tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency-rebates).

This is a first-come, first-served program and the funds won't last indefinitely.

## Special Election Update – Districts 6 & 8

Applications for the Districts 6 and 8 Special Election were due January 23 at 5:00 p.m. to the [Credentials and Elections Committee](#).

For District 6, no applications were received. For District 8, one application was received from Mr. Frank Roszell.

The [Credentials and Elections Committee](#) found Mr. Roszell qualified to serve in accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws and nominated him for the 2026 special election. As an unchallenged candidate, and consistent with Section 2.4 of the Bylaws, Mr. Roszell will be elected by acclamation at the Virtual Member Meeting on April 6, provided he continues to meet all eligibility requirements. No voting or ballots will be required. View Mr. Roszell's bio at [tcectexas.com/director-elections](https://tcectexas.com/director-elections).

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## Local Businesses Are Offering TCEC Members Real Savings

Last year, TCEC launched a free [Member Discount Program](#), a directory of local businesses offering exclusive deals to TCEC members. There's no membership card to carry, just a quick mention of your TCEC account is all it takes at most participating businesses. Each month, we'll introduce you to four participating businesses.



**ATS Outdoors** offers lawn and yard care services across the Gatesville, Springtown and Weatherford area. Spring is here, and if the yard work list is long, this is a good time to get help with it. Visit them online at [atsoutdoors.com](https://atsoutdoors.com). **Members receive \$100 off any zero turn purchase and 10% off parts.**



**Tornado Terry's** in Keller is an arcade and entertainment venue. A great option for game nights, birthday parties, or any afternoon that needs a change of scenery. Check out their website at [tornadoterrys.com](https://tornadoterrys.com). **Members receive \$5 off an EFI admission using code TCE2025.**



**Fuller's Folly** offers vacation lodging near the Brazos River in Weatherford. If Spring travel is on the calendar, check rates here before booking elsewhere. Learn more at [fullersfolly.com](https://fullersfolly.com). **Use code TRCO15 to receive 15% off your entire stay.**



**Reading Rabbit** in Azle is a children's bookstore and event space offering story time and educational programming. Spring Break activities are expected on the March calendar. Check their site at [thereadingrabbit.com](https://thereadingrabbit.com) for updates as the schedule is released. **Members receive \$5 off a \$25 purchase.**

The full discount directory with all participating businesses is on the [MyTriCountyTX App](#) and updated as new partners join. Local business owners who want to join this program to offer discounts to TCEC members can reach out to [communications@tcectexas.com](mailto:communications@tcectexas.com).



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