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GVEC Holds 2011 Annual Membership Meeting

Gonzales, Texas– June 29, 2011 – This year’s GVEC Annual Meeting was held June 24 at the Gonzales High School Special Events Center. Either present or by proxy, 4,844 GVEC members were represented at the meeting.

Members began arriving at 5:30 p.m. to register. While waiting for the business meeting to start, they enjoyed refreshments and chili dogs, and listened to country western music performed by Ken Brothers of West Point. Members were also able to browse GVEC subsidiary exhibit booths.

At 7:00 p.m., Board President Lewis Borgfeld called the business meeting to order. The invocation, given by GVEC Administrative Division Manager Jim Springs, followed.

Next on the agenda was the election of Directors. One new director and two incumbent directors were elected to a three-year term on the GVEC Board of Directors. Lewis Borgfeld of Cibolo will serve as Director of District 2; Morris Harvey of Nixon will serve as Director of District 5; and Mark Roberts of Schertz will serve as Director of District 8.

Following the election, a vote on two amendments to the Articles of Consolidation was taken, and both amendments were approved. The amendments were changes to:

- Article II to clarify that corporate and other entities, as well as individuals, may receive electric energy from the Cooperative, and;
- Article IX to make it consistent with the Electric Cooperative Corporation Act by clarifying that a 5% quorum is necessary to amend the Articles of Consolidation.

Next was a video presentation of reports to the membership. The presentation featured the unique people and places found “Only in the Guadalupe Valley” and the many ways GVEC is involved in the communities it serves. Other discussion topics included strategic decisions made regarding wholesale power, steps to maintain electric system reliability, the 2010 financial report, involvement in economic development within our communities, and an update on GVEC’s newly opened Western Operations Center.

A special part of the evening’s program was the presentation of the Public Service Award to the Guadalupe County Fire Fighter’s Association. It was accepted by Kurt Strey, secretary-treasurer of the association and fire chief of the New Berlin Fire Department. The Guadalupe County Fire Fighter’s Association provides training and support services to fire fighting organizations in our western service area and was responsible for establishing a centralized training facility in Schumannsville where fire fighters receive safe training in battling live structural fires and practice rescue skills. The association, consisting of 13 fire departments representing over 300 people, also provides training in other areas critical to fire fighters and emergency personnel.

“Without a doubt, the services provided by the Guadalupe County Fire Fighter’s Association make the GVEC service area a safer place to live, work and raise a family,” said GVEC General Manager and CEO Darren Schauer. “GVEC commends the efforts of this very important organization.”

GVEC is an electric cooperative that serves over 67,000 meters across 13 Texas counties. The service area spans 3,500 square miles across South Central Texas. The headquarters is located in Gonzales, Texas with four area offices in the cities of Schertz, Seguin, La Vernia and Cuero.

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