

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

# Bluebonnet, LCRA grants help with community projects



The Delhi Community Center will get upgrades so the historic building can continue to serve as a meeting place for area residents, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from LCRA and Bluebonnet. From left are Rick Arnic, LCRA Governmental and Regional Affairs representative; Gary McMullen, Delhi Community Center president; Ray Rodgers, community center trustee; Milton Shaw, Bluebonnet director; Lori A. Berger, LCRA Board member; David Reininger, community center trustee; Danney Rodgers, community center trustee; Joyce Buckner, Bluebonnet community and development services representative; and Johnny Sanders, Bluebonnet manager of community and development services.



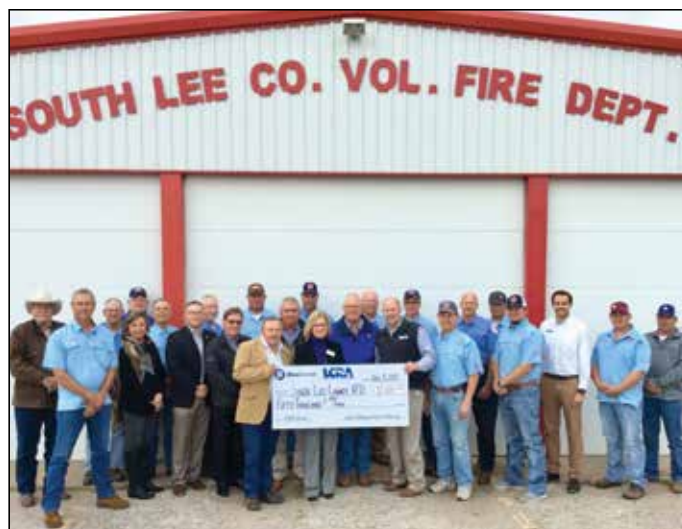
The McMahan Volunteer Fire Department is getting new personal protection equipment, thanks to a \$16,000 community development grant. From left are Rick Arnic, LCRA Governmental and Regional Affairs representative; Walt Joaquin, firefighter; Brian McNabb, VFD chief; Barbara Decker, firefighter; Herb Decker, firefighter; Linda White, VFD support; Stramer White, firefighter; Lori A. Berger, LCRA Board member; Chris White, firefighter; Milton Shaw, Bluebonnet director; Joyce Buckner, Bluebonnet community and development services representative; Helen Eaton, VFD support; Johnny Miranda, VFD assistant chief; and Johnny Sanders, Bluebonnet manager of community and development services.



The Lower Colorado River Authority and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative have provided multiple grants to nonprofit groups and first responders in Bluebonnet's service area. The grants are part of LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program.

The program provides economic development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's electric and water service areas. The program is part of LCRA's effort to give back to the communities it serves. Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative is one of LCRA's wholesale electric customers and a partner in the grant program.

The Prairie Lea Parent Teacher Organization updated the playground at the Prairie Lea school with new, safer equipment, thanks to a \$22,104 grant from LCRA and Bluebonnet. Front row, from left, are Tamika Meraz, Prairie Lea PTO treasurer holding Elitatia Santos; Samantha Santos, PTO president; Kay Markert, PTO volunteer coordinator; Lori A. Berger, LCRA Board member; Larry Markert, Prairie Lea ISD superintendent; Joyce Buckner, Bluebonnet community and development services representative; and Jill Russell, PTO vice president. Back row, from left, are Milton Shaw, Bluebonnet director; Pat Johnson, grandparent/volunteer holding Reid Russell; Jack Johnson, grandparent/volunteer holding Everett Russell (not seen); Beverly Watwood, Prairie Lea Baptist Church representative; and Helen Long, Prairie Lea ISD school board member.



The South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department is getting a new tender truck that will allow firefighters to respond more efficiently and safely to emergencies, thanks to a \$50,000 community development grant. From left are Charles Murray, Lee County commissioner; Charles Becker, South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department vice president; Delvin Boriack, VFD volunteer; Joyce Bise, VFD volunteer; Raymond Arldt, firefighter; Wilbert Noack, firefighter; Hondo Powell, Bluebonnet community and development services representative; Wayne Gallip, firefighter; Johnny Sanders, Bluebonnet manager of community and development services; Russell Kappler, firefighter; Paul Fischer, Lee County judge; Mark Johnson, Bluebonnet community and development services representative; Curtis Oltman, firefighter; Lori A. Berger, LCRA Board member; Russell Jurk, Bluebonnet director; John Hinze, firefighter; Phil Wilson, LCRA general manager; Ron Zoch, VFD secretary; Michael Krause, VFD treasurer; Nick Hinze, firefighter; Carson Becker, firefighter; Shawn Bigon, drill captain; Clint Harp, LCRA chief of staff; Kyle Jenke, firefighter; and Philip Tharp, firefighter and Bluebonnet control center operator.



Washington County Emergency Medical Service is getting a new swift-water rescue boat, thanks to an \$18,500 grant from LCRA and Bluebonnet. Front row, from left, are P.J. Ellison, LCRA Board member; Lori A. Berger, LCRA Board member; Ben Flencher, Bluebonnet board chairman; Kenneth Mutscher, Bluebonnet board vice chairman; Phil Wilson, LCRA general manager; Hondo Powell, Bluebonnet community and development services representative; and Johnny Sanders, Bluebonnet manager of community and development services. Back row, from left, are Clint Harp, LCRA chief of staff; John Brieden, Washington County judge; Kevin Deramus, Washington County EMS director; and Robert Mikeska, Bluebonnet director.

SAVE THE DATE

## Bluebonnet to elect Board members May 8

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting will be May 8 at The Silos, formerly the Sons of Hermann Hall, in Giddings. Three of 11 seats on the Board of Directors will be up for election that day, and co-op officials will present members with the annual state-of-the-co-op report.

Board members serve staggered three-year terms. Seats up for election this year represent District 1 for Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales and Hays counties; District 2 for Travis County; and District 3 for Bastrop County.

The deadline to declare candidacy and file required documentation and fees in order to seek a seat on the Board was Feb. 7. Look for information about all candidates and more details about this

year's Annual Meeting in the April issue of Texas Co-op Power magazine or on our website.

The Silos is at 1031 County Road 223, Giddings. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. May 8, and the meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, you can vote by proxy. Proxy forms will be mailed to Bluebonnet members this month and must be postmarked, or dropped off at any of Bluebonnet's member service centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart or Manor, by 5:30 p.m. May 1.

Questions about the meeting? Call 800-842-7708 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email [memberservices@bluebonnet.coop](mailto:memberservices@bluebonnet.coop).

LET US POWER YOUR EDUCATION

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- 30 scholarships for colleges or universities

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative is awarding 60 SCHOLARSHIPS of \$2,500 each to qualified students graduating from high school or accredited home study programs.



Get applications from your high school counselor, Bluebonnet's member service centers or at [bluebonnet.coop](http://bluebonnet.coop). Click on the Scholarships link under the Community tab.

Application deadline 5 p.m. March 9, 2018

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