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Joan Carol Locklear Announces Candidacy for Local EMC Board

Joan Carol Locklear, a twenty-six year educator with the Public Schools of Robeson County announces her candidacy for the Lumber River EMC board of directors At-large seat in the October 8th annual election seat for 6 pm at the UNC-P Performing Arts Center.

Joan is married to Denzel Ray Locklear and they have four children, Nahir, Darren, Davance and Deidra. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and lives in the Harpers Ferry Community. She is a member of New Prospect Methodist Church.

Mrs. Locklear is also past president of Union Elementary School and a member of the North Carolina Education Association. In her 26 years as an educator, she has help develop the future leaders of our county and state.

The services that the Lumber River Electric Membership Coop provides it's Youth Scholarships and Bright ideas for Teachers grant program which is of special interest to Joan as an educator. She would like to see the Coop put greater emphasis on our youth because they will be our future consumers and owners of the Coop. Better marketing of the historical role of the Cooperative in rural counties will ensure strong sup-

portive consumers of the Coop when deregulation comes.

Joan believes that for the Coop to be successful in the long term it's policies and procedures must be carried out in the best interest of all members with fairness and compassion for the company owners and consumers. In making her decision to run for the At-large seat on the EMC Board, Joan realized that this is another way to continue Robeson and adjoining counties. Lumber River is one of the largest Coops in North Carolina and one of the fastest growing. It is a major industry in the region.

The Corporation is a multi-million dollar business that helps attract industry and jobs to our services area through government obtained interest free loans and grants for infrastructure. Joan will work to help bring more to our service area for industry and jobs and will seek a seat on the LREMC Economic Development Committee.

She will ensure that Lumber River's investment and role in the proposal Comtech Technology Industrial Park remains strong and brings jobs to our area that requires skilled labor, which will result in higher paying jobs. Joan Carol will ensure that rate increased

are the last resort before they are passed on to the consumer. The senior citizen on fixed incomes and the poorest of our service area will be her first concern in any debates in the boardroom about rate increases.

She stated that the Coop must be pro-active about the possibility of deregulation of utilities in the future. The Coop has innovated in its marketing and services when utility competition comes, which is projected to come over the next six to ten years, according to experts. Joan wants to see the Coop transition successfully the future tides that may lead to deregulation.

If elected to the LREMC Board, Joan will be a voice for the poorest of our consumers which includes the elderly, those on fixed incomes, and those on public assistance. She will support Help A Needy Friend utility assistance fund at EMC and seek to expand scholarships for our youth who are of LREMC families.

She encourages all the members to vote, and cite their conviction for the future board of operations of their Coop. A vote for Joan will be a vote for a change in the current At-large seat, a vote for change in the changing times in the utility business across the state and county.

Burlie Locklear Seeks Seat on LREMC Board

Mr. Burlie Locklear seeks seat on LREMC Board

Burlie Locklear of Hoke County is seeking a seat on the Lumber River EMC Board of Directors on October 8th at the UNC-P Performing Arts Center during the EMC's annual meeting of the membership. He is seeking the District 7 seat, but all EMC members can vote for the candidate long as they are members of the Coop.

Mr. Locklear has a long history of serving in membership and advocacy positions. He is a former 15-year member of the LRDA board of directors and helped lead the Lumbee tribe's Federal Recognition Committee and Economic Development committee for many years until he left the LRDA board due to tribal government restructuring in 2001.

Since leaving the LRDA board in 2001, Mr. Locklear has continued to grow his own electrical repair and installation business, and is also employed with the Hoke County Sheriff's department as a law enforcement officer. His wife also owns her own hair styling business.

Burlie's broad leadership experience, he feels, will contribute to his affective service on the LREMC board to help the Coop continue to grow and expand new services to all the EMC consumers. He is a major supporter for a strong role by

the Coop in economic development.

As a small business owner in the electrical profession Mr. Locklear feels that his experience and knowledge of the technical side of providing power at the consumers meter base will allow him to help the board understand and appreciate what the field staff face ever day in doing their often dangerous jobs.

This may help affect board policy development that strengthens the Coop's annual safety reviews through more detail by the board to this most critical side of the electric service utility industry. This attention to details Burlie knows is how LREMC will continue to prevent injuries and protect the lives of its most value assets, it's employees.

He will also work with the board, when elected, to continue, and even expand its role in economic development in the LREMC territory, through such projects as Comtech. Hoke County has high rates of minority poverty and the Coop can help promote more economic development through access to various zero interest loans and grants. Burlie will have a deep background in grants and leveraging resources from his over fifteen years of past experi-

ence on the LRDA non-profit board.

Mr. Locklear attends Midway Assembly Church of God in Hoke county, and will be known by his many friends in Robeson and surrounding counties from his playing in the Indian Sports league in the 1960's. He has also performed electrical work on many churches, businesses, and residences in Robeson county over the years.

Mr. Burlie also currently serves on the N.C. Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in Fayetteville, having been appointed to that board in 1999 by Governor Jim Hunt upon the recommendation of LRDA and the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in Raleigh. The Housing Authority oversees for the Lumbee tribe over two hundred Indian housing units in four counties.

In closing, Mr. Burlie is no newcomer to serving people, particularly poor people in the LREMC services area. With your vote October 8th Mr. Burlie Locklear will bring a new kind of experience to the board of LREMC. He will be and advocate for the staff and the members in all decisions the seeks out other growth opportunities, and faces the potential of federal utility deregulation in the coming years.

McIntyre announces grants for local fire departments

Washington, D.C. - U.S Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that four Southeastern North Carolina fire departments have been selected to receive federal funds from the U.S. Fire Administration.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "Everyday of the week our firefighters and rescue personnel put their lives on the line to protect us. With approval of this federal funding, we are providing our fire departments with the resources they need to do their jobs and provide better safety for our communities. This is great news, and I am very pleased that our taxpaying dollars are coming back home to improve our area!"

The grants for fire operations and firefighter safety have been approved for the following fire departments:

* Lumberton Fire Department	\$186,750
* Stoney Point Fire Dept (Fayetteville)	\$18,000
* A-D-R Fire/Rescue (Riegelwood)	\$131,400
* Clement Volunteer Fire Dept (Aurityville)	\$68,382

Rev. Stony Locklear Announces for Candidacy for Local EMC Board

Reverend Stony Locklear of Wagram has announced his candidacy for the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors, representing District 9 (Scotland County) seat in the annual co-op election to be held October 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the UNC-P Performing Arts Center.

Rev. Locklear is Pastor of Turning Point Worship Center and has served as Pastor of two churches in the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association in previous years. He served at Union Baptist Church of Lumberton and Triumph Baptist Church of Wagram. He is the Founder of Turning Point Worship Center in Pinhurst, NC.

He has hosted two gospel radio programs on local radio stations WKKE and WSTS in the past. His program was on WKKE for eight months and WSTS for 15 months trying to help meet the spiritual needs of shut-ins and the elderly particularly.

He is an independent small business owner and has been self employed for over 24 years in the landscaping business. He is owner and operator of Locklear Landscaping of Fayetteville, NC.

Rev. Locklear and his wife, Brenda, have one child, Chantel, who is expected to be attending UNCP this coming year. This will be Rev. Locklear's first run at an elected seat on such a board, but he is excited about the opportunity to continue his role of serving people.

He believes that the membership of the Electric Co-op should exer-

cise their right to vote because they are the owners of the business. Each year the right to elect the leadership of the Corporation is a right all members have. He encourages his many friends and supporters to vote for Rev. Locklear's four county service area to come out and vote October 8th.

Rev. Locklear's major priority on the board will be to ensure that the Co-op runs and operates on sound business principles and is fair to all the consumers. He has a special place in his heart for senior citizens who have to pay their light bill each month on fixed incomes.

He would like to see the Co-op find new ways to help the elderly, in addition to the Help A Needy Friend Program. He will research and explore ways to do this when elected, looking for models of what is being done by other Co-ops throughout America, and ways to partner with the public and private sector to help our elderly in their difficult choices they have to make each month between their major purchases of food, medicines, and utility expenses.

Rev. Locklear will bring to the EMC table 24 years of small business experience, and one who knows the hardships of operating a small business and making ends meet. He is acutely aware of the burdens the poor face each month when the monthly light bill rolls in. He will have this knowledge and compassion for the poorest consumers at the forefront of every time he has to vote on a rate in-

crease in the Co-op board room.

Another priority that concerns candidate Locklear is economic development. He will support Co-op's expanded role on trying to bring economic development to all the region EMC serves. He will support on-going efforts with the development of the Comtech Industrial Park in Robeson county to bring high skilled, good paying jobs to our depressed area.

In closing Reverend Locklear would remind the Lumber River EMC consumer owners of the Coop that you company is no longer just a light company. It provides serves for the poor such as food baskets at Christmas, light bill assistance through Help A Needy Friend, scholarships for EMC students and the Bright ideas grant program for innovative classroom school teachers.

It also help promote economic expansion through loans accessed through the federal government and state agencies and partners. He wants to help grow the Coop's ability to do more in these areas with your vote Rev. Stony Locklear, you Coop will seek new ways to better serve its members and group our regional economy, with special attention to how we can better help out poor and elderly with Coop resources and partnerships in the public and private sectors in our service territory.

Vote Rev. Stony Locklear, October 8th, at the UNC-P Performing Arts, Lumbee River EMC annual election.

Gerald Goolsby Announces for LREMC Candidacy

Gerald Goolsby of Deep Brand Road, Lumberton, NC has announced that he will be a candidate for the district 3 seat on the Lumber River Electric Membership Corporation board of directors on October 8 at 6 p.m. at UNC Performing Arts Center.

He is the grandson of the late Rev. James Ellis Oxendine and attends West End Baptist Church. Mr. Goolsby has a long history of service to the community through his work with the United Way of Robeson County, Relay for Life and the Special Olympics as a volunteer, or fund-raising for these worth causes.

His professional career as a Department Manager with the Outerbanks Apparel Manufacturing Company lends him a great depth of experience in the business world on the importance of providing a quality product or service to customers.

This experience, he believes, will be of great value to the board in the leadership he will provide in policy development for management when he is elected. Mr.

Goolsby has had extensive training in workplace safety, and this experience will be invaluable to the board and Coop since it must be reaccredited each year based on the safety inspections, and reviews by an outside advertising agency. He has training is OSHA, Labor, ADA Accident Investigation, Diversity Training, and Customer Relations just to name a few.

He has had courses at Robeson County Community College in Industrial supervising, Residential wiring, and First Aide Responders Certification, all related to the many policies that govern the day to day operation of the multimillion dollar LREMC electric industry.

Gerald a business owner of a Cycle Enterprise called Hog Town Custom Cycles and is working also on his Business Management degree from UNC-P. He is seeking a seat on the board because he feels his broad experience will lead greater leadership in the boardroom, as LREMC will face many challenges in the future. These challenges include a large partner-

ship to begin services to Fort Bragg Military base next year, deregulation of utilities in the coming decade, expanded rules and risk for the Coop in economic development in our counties, and demand for great services through the use of technologies, adding convenience and on-line demand services and information. In all this Gerald wants to help ensure that the elderly and poor customers are not forgotten during rate increase decisions by the board. He is particular concerned about the elders and how the Coop can provide special consideration of them in all cost decisions affecting all the members of the LREMC.

I elected Gerald promised to keep the poor, elderly and the shut-ins in mind who live day-to-day on fixed incomes, or some form of public assistance. Your vote for Gerald Goolsby will be for someone who has concern and compassion for the consumers who struggle day to day, just to survive.

Vote Gerald Goolsby on October 8th at the LREMC Annual Election

The Carolina Commerce and Technology Center

COMtech will have a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Community Facilities Building at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 30, 2002 at the COMtech site on Highway 711 in Robeson County. The COMtech site is located 6 minutes west from the Lumberton exit 16 off I-95, and 3 minutes east of The Town of Pembroke on Highway 711. The principal address will be given by Congressman Mike McIntyre. The Robeson County Commissioners will join Congressman McIntyre in the groundbreaking ritual following the program. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend.

COMtech is developing on 612 acres, an education and training center in partnership with The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The Robeson Community College, The Public schools of Robeson County, The Commissioners Center will training on-site facilities for technology focused businesses and industries. Workforce Development and Jobs Creation are the focus of COMtech.

The Community Facilities Building is funded a Grant/loan from the US Department of Agriculture. It will serve as a business-counseling center, marketing presentation facility for Robeson County, and as headquarters for COMtech.

United Methodist Church to hear Mr. Bruce Jacobs

PEMBROKE--Mr. Bruce Jacobs will be the guest speaker for the Sandy Plains United Methodist Church "Youth Sunday" 11 a.m. worship service to be held Sunday, September 29, 2002. Sandy Plains UMC is located at 2468 Union Chapel Road, 21/2 Miles north of Pembroke. Rev. David Malcolm is the Pastor.

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