

Celebrating 83 Years of Reliable Electric Service

Southeastern Electric Cooperative

2022 Annual Meeting Insert

2022 Annual Meeting for Southeastern Electric Cooperative Is Officially Scheduled!

Virtual and In-Person Meeting Options for 2022

- Option 1:** **Date:** Tuesday, August 2nd
 Place: Solar Field Pavilion next to the Co-op
 Time: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Drive Thru Registration
- Option 2:** **Date:** Tuesday, August 2nd
 Place: Durant High School
 Time: 3:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Traditional Registration

The CDC is asking that all entities having social gatherings abide by the guidelines for in-person events. ***Here's what to expect:***

Registration

Drive-Thru: Members will be able to register at our Solar Field Pavilion next to our Co-op Headquarters in Durant on the day of the meeting, Tuesday, August 2nd. This is Drive-Thru Registration ONLY at this location. Registration at the drive-thru pavilion will begin at 10:00 a.m. and go through 5:30 p.m. At this time, each member may receive their voting ballot, a registration gift and will be entered into the door prize drawing. On the day of the meeting, watch for colorful signage right off of East Highway 70/Business 70 where you will be directed to the registration site.

In Person: Members can also register the traditional way at the in-person meeting when they arrive that afternoon at Durant High School. Each member may receive their voting ballot, a registration gift and will be entered into the door prize drawing. The in person registration will open at 3:00 PM at Durant High School.

Business Meeting

Virtual: The business meeting that is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. will be video recorded and live streamed via SEC's Facebook account. It will also be published to SEC's website in the following days after the meeting for viewing at your convenience.

In Person: The business meeting is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Durant High School. In keeping with our Covid protocols, there will be no entertainment or refreshments this year; and no in person prize drawings. All prize winners will be contacted the next business day and an arrangement will be made for delivery of the prizes if needed.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The **2022 Annual Meeting** of Southeastern Electric Cooperative will be held virtually AND in-person at **Durant High School Auditorium, Tuesday, August 2nd. In Person registration to begin at 3:00 p.m.** Drive Thru Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at SEC's Pavilion. Trustees will be elected for Districts 4, 5 and 6 in accordance with Article IV, of the Cooperative's By-Laws.

Notice of Candidacy

Any member of a district desiring to be a candidate for election as a trustee from that district shall file with the Secretary of the Cooperative written notice, on a form provided by the Secretary, and in accordance with the SEC Bylaws Article IV, of their candidacy and intention to stand for election to the office of trustee from their district from the dates of July 5th thru July 8th, 2022 during normal office hours.

Only persons filing written notice of their candidacy and intention to stand for election shall be eligible for election at the annual meeting.***

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tracy Rogers.....	Dist. 1
Dennis Bowen.....	Dist. 2
Steve Kelso.....	Dist. 3
David Kelly.....	Dist. 4
Casey Robinson.....	Dist. 5
Anthony Dillard.....	Dist. 6
Vacant.....	Dist. 7
James M. Dancer.....	Dist. 8
Jeff Willingham.....	Dist. 9

MANAGER

James Fox - *General Manager*

STAFF

Randy Cloyd
Angela Blakley

Jim Coleman
Dustin Stepp

PERSONNEL

Penny Bourne
Leith Burkhalter
Megan Clark
Dennis Cullum
David Dill
Nate Fuller
Michael Green
Kelby Johnson
Sharla Justus

Tom Liwai
Trevor Matlock
Brett Miller
Lacey Owen
Earl Pratt
Robert Prentice
Jackson Rabon
Marcus Rice
Brady Richardson

Randal Riley
Sherrie Sarver
Mary Veenstra
Weston Ward
Kathleen Weller
Jason Whitaker
Brandon Wingfield
Kevin Wingfield

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for Southeastern Electric Cooperative

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SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. DISCONNECT POLICY

Members' payments for electric service are due and payable upon receipt of the bill. Information about the due date, delinquent date, late charge, and date service may be disconnected if payment is not received is included on all electric bills.

The due date listed on the bill is the date that the bill must be paid to avoid a late charge. The due date listed on a bill applies only to the current amount due. It does not apply to a past due balance. The past due balance is already late and is due immediately without further notice. The Cooperative sends one 48-hour cut-off notice prior to disconnection of services, which appears on every electric bill.

A. Disconnect with Prior Written Notice:

The Cooperative may disconnect electric service for the following reasons:

1. Nonpayment of a delinquent account.
2. Misrepresentation of identity for the purpose of obtaining electric service.
3. Unauthorized interference, diversion or use of the Cooperative's service situated or delivered on or about the individual's premises.
4. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a deferred payment agreement made in accordance with these rules.
5. Refusal to grant a duly authorized representative of the Cooperative access to equipment upon the premises at reasonable times for the purpose of inspection, maintenance or replacement when the Cooperative has given the member reasonable notice of the need for such access and the time of visitation.
6. Violation of other rules of the Cooperative, which adversely affects the safety of the member or other individuals, or the integrity of the Cooperatives delivery system.

B. Disconnect without Prior Notice: The Cooperative may terminate electric service without prior notice when:

1. A condition exists that is immediately dangerous or hazardous to life, physical safety, or property.
2. Upon order of a Court, or any other authorized public authority.
3. If such service is obtain fraudulently or without authorization of the Cooperative.
4. Payment for a disconnected service is made with a check returned for any reason, including insufficient funds.

C. Delinquent Accounts: Certain protections apply only to residential electric services.

1. Applies to all Accounts:

- a. Delinquent accounts will only be disconnected between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.
- b. All delinquent accounts may be disconnected remotely.
- c. All applicable charges, including late fees, may be collected before any delinquent account will be reconnected. The Cooperative reserves the right to require an additional security deposit.

2. Residential Accounts:

- a. Delinquent residential accounts will not be disconnected if doing so would create a "life threatening situation" as set forth in the Cooperative's Life Threatening Situations Policy.
- b. Delinquent residential accounts will not be disconnected when the heat index is above 98 degrees or the wind-chill is 35 degrees or below.
- c. Delinquent residential accounts will not be disconnected on a day the banks are scheduled to be closed.

D. Reconnection:

1. When a Member is communicating with after-hours dispatch personnel for the purpose of being reconnected the Member may pay all applicable charges, including a late fee, by credit card, check or cash. Payment may be made at any US Payments pay site kiosk, or by Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone service at (888) 260-6597.
2. The Member may use the Confirmation Number from their payment source to give the afterhours dispatch personnel to make arrangements for service to be reconnected.
3. If a Member pays to reconnect with payment that is returned for any reason, including for insufficient funds, the Cooperative may terminate services immediately.

E. Payment Arrangements:

1. When a residential Member cannot pay a bill in full, the Cooperative may continue to service the Member if the Member and the Cooperative agree on a reasonable portion of the outstanding bill to be paid immediately, and the manner in which the balance is to be paid.
2. In deciding the reasonableness of a particular agreement, the Cooperative shall take into account the Member's ability to pay, the size of the unpaid balance, the Member's payment history, and the amount of time and reasons why the debt is outstanding.

Co-op Values Benefit the Communities We Serve

Southeastern Electric's core job is keeping the lights on, but our passion is serving our members. Because we're a co-op, our purpose is to enrich the lives of our members and serve the long-term interests of our community. This service focus is at the heart of who we are.

Values-focused approach

We were built and are led by the members we serve. Whether tested by severe weather events or a pandemic, our co-op puts people first not just during tough times but all the time. Over the years, our charitable efforts, staff volunteer service hours and other locally-focused projects have supported local schools and young people, supported local food banks, assisted families in need to keep the lights on and much more.

We have also invested in new substations and equipment to improve operational efficiency; and made technology upgrades for grid resilience and security. SEC focuses heavily each year on vegetation management to ensure reliability and safety.

Sustainable Future

We have many energy efficiency programs and rebates that you can access to save money on energy bills such as our Preventative Maintenance Rebate or our Heat Pump Rebates. Technology such as the SEC2Go app offers more options to track energy use and help manage the costs that are under your control.

The energy industry is rapidly changing. In our region, the increased availability of renewables at the point of generation allows us to take advantage of more options for our energy mix. Building a sustainable future is a priority. But more importantly, while use of renewables is increasing, we will need to incorporate other forms of energy in the mix to ensure service reliability. After all, solar and wind are referred to as "intermittent" power because the sun does not always shine, and the wind does not always blow.

As a local business, we are proud of our role in helping bring good things to our community. While the larger environment in which we operate is constantly changing, one thing remains constant. Working together with you, the members we serve, we'll continue to be a catalyst for good.

