

Watts Working

Randolph EMC Partners with Montgomery Community College on Utility-Based Drone Program

Randolph EMC recently donated \$10,000 to Montgomery Community College in support of its NC Public Safety Drone Academy. These funds will be used to purchase software and develop an educational course for a utility-based drone program that will result in improved reliability and reduced costs for the cooperative.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), or drones, can be used to conduct efficient and safe electric infrastructure inspections, detect problems with electric equipment, access equipment in difficult terrain, and provide direct support for electric utility vegetation management.

MCC's NC Public Safety Drone Academy's extensive hands-on flight school will be the cornerstone of the program that Randolph EMC plans to establish with the college for future training.

While drones have the potential to reduce operating costs, utilities face a significant number of considerations to ensure they have safe and compliant operations that also achieve desired operational and cost benefits.

"Having the opportunity to partner with MCC in this capacity is extremely beneficial," said Dennis Mabe, vice president of engineering and operations for Randolph EMC. "The imaging software being



Pictured L-R: Andrew Gardner, Dale Lambert, Dennis Mabe, Riley Beaman, Dr. Chad Bledsoe, Lee Proctor, and Korrie Ervin.

purchased with our donated funds will benefit public safety officials while Randolph EMC evaluates the ways the co-op can utilize its capabilities, as well."

Randolph EMC line technicians will participate in the drone training to obtain their certification in flying a UAV. "Our hope is to establish a protocol that can be used to safely navigate around and inspect power lines—especially in difficult terrain—while identifying conditions that have the potential to cause an outage or damage equipment," Mabe added.

"As a local cooperative owned by the members we serve, Randolph EMC truly values the relationship we have with Montgomery Community College," said Dale Lambert, REMC's CEO. "We are excited about this collaboration and look forward to creating a program that could have the potential to be replicated across the nation."

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5 Ways to Go Green This Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22, and “going green” is a lot easier than you might think! Taking simple steps such as the following five tips below will not only help save the environment, but might help save you money, as well!



Sign up for electronic billing to ditch the paper and receive your bill via email.



Install a smart programmable thermostat that maximizes your savings based on your habits.



Pay your bill electronically using our online member service portal or mobile app.



Subscribe to REMC’s SunPath Community Solar® program to offset the energy you use each month with 100% renewable energy.



Invest in a Plug-In Electric Vehicle and sign up for our REVUP program for a \$500 rebate on a Level 2 charger and Plug N2 Savings rate.

Visit RandolphEMC.com or call your local office to learn more about these convenient services

survey

This spring, REMC will partner with TSE Services to conduct member satisfaction surveys.

Although these surveys have typically been conducted over the phone, going forward, Randolph EMC will add an online survey process. This means members may receive a link to a survey via email, which allows them time to complete the survey at their convenience.

The feedback gathered in these surveys helps REMC gauge its performance and improve products and services for you in the future. **We encourage you to share your email address with us so you can receive a survey.**

We appreciate your time and thank you for sharing your thoughts!

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Grants Available for Teachers & Nonprofits

Apply Now for a Chance to Receive Up to \$2,000 per Project!



K-12 educators are eligible to apply for grants up to \$2,000 for creative, innovative projects!

Applications will be accepted April 1 – September 19, 2018.

PHP Sharing Success Community Grants

REMC’s People Helping People is accepting applications for its Community Grants program through May 31, 2018. Nonprofits with projects that benefit REMC members are encouraged to apply.

Learn More at RandolphEMC.com!

A Little Change Goes a Long Way



Round Up Your Bill to the Nearest Dollar for An Easy Way to Help Members in Need

Through People Helping People (PHP), you can partner with Randolph EMC in our charitable work. The program is supported by members who “round up” their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. Extra change is contributed to members facing a hardship outside of their control.

For each participating member, that’s an average of just \$6 extra per year (or about 50 cents a month). It may not sound like much, but these pennies from many of our members add up quickly. Sign up to participate at RandolphEMC.com or send in the form below with your next payment.



Yes, I want to join People Helping People!

By filling out this form, I agree to round up my REMC electric bill to the nearest dollar each month for a minimum of 24 months.

Name (as it appears on your bill)

Account #

Signature

Swap Shop

For Sale

Perennial flowers and herbs \$2.50 per pot. 336-376-3960.

Over 100 Civil War Books and Memorabilia, most like new. Used Bee Keeping Equipment (Hives, Feeding Trays, Smoker, etc.) 910-464-2101.

French Garden tableware for 8 settings, \$25. Two large black wheelbarrows, \$25 each. Large radio, CD player, etc., new in box, \$100. Video camera, new in box, \$100. 336-409-5450.

White wicker vinyl glass-top table with 6 chairs and new cushions, EC. \$300. 336-318-2245.

Queen Sleeper Sofa, EC, made in NC. Camelback style, rolled arms, blue/multi tweed plaid, innerspring mattress that was rarely used, EC, \$150. 910-464-5661.

1991 Bonneville Pontiac. Kenmore 70 Series Clothes Dryer. Coldspot Chest Freezer, full-size. 336-498-2073.

1994 Buick Roadmaster 8 Passenger Station Wagon. Corvette-based 260hp LT1 5.7 L 350 cu in V8 w/224K miles, Firestone radials w/10K miles. 4x8 ft cargo space. Cruise, power seats & windows, roof rack, moon roof, all records. \$3985. 910-464- 5661.

1969 Ford 3000 Diesel tractor, 8-speed transmission, power steering, rebuilt pump and injectors, skid plate. \$3,800. 910-947-4743.

Jazzy Power Chair, new, \$1800. New exercise chair, \$50. 336-460- 5250.

1986 Chevy, 3/4 ton, 6.2 diesel, crew cab, gooseneck & bumper hitches, toolbox, bedliner, well maintained. 336-675-5011.

Antique pocket knives, Cowboy boots size 8 1/2D, Cowgirl boots size 8 1/2 M, never worn. Power adjustor for RV hookup. New handmade F,Q,K quilts. 336-625-4548.

1986 GT Convertible Mustang, red with white top, one owner. \$15,000 neg. Heirloom Quilts made in the early 1940s. \$100 neg. 336-629-2560.

3,000 Red Sex Sal Link pullets, chickens at laying age 16 weeks plus, vaccinated and debeaked, \$6.90 and up. Liberty area. 336-708-2998 or 336-317-4105.

Cleaned deer corn, 50 lb. bags, \$6 each. Cleaned Feed Wheat, 50 lb. bags, \$8 each. Cleaned cracked corn, 50 lb. bags, \$7 each. 336-622-2480 or 336-736-0390.

FOR RENT: Mobile Home on private lot in the High Falls area. \$500 per month plus \$500 deposit. 910-464-3459.

WANTED: Paying cash for war souvenirs. 336-879-2472.

WANTED: Will pay cash for junk cars and trucks. 336-581-3423

Members, email Swap Shop items to General@RandolphEMC.com

A Word About Randolph Electric

From CEO Dale Lambert

CELEBRATING OUR EMPLOYEE TEAM IN APRIL



Dear Members,

These last few months, as I'm pressed to meet this article's deadline, some type of weather event is taking place. You guessed it, today is no different.

It's Friday, March 2, and the March winds are blowing this morning—rather briskly, I might add. The forecast for this afternoon calls for sustained winds of 15 to 25 mph, frequent gusts of 35 to 45 mph, with possible gusts up to 50 to 60 mph. We expect widespread outages and your employee team and contractors are prepped and ready to respond.

Heavily saturated ground and high winds are not a great combination. We experienced scattered outages throughout the night, and at the moment, there are only a few small outages that our line personnel are working to restore. This includes one outage caused by a large tree falling on the line, which resulted in a broken pole.

As the trees sway outside my window, I wonder what causes "March winds?" Meteorologists tell us the sun heats up the earth's surface, forming pockets of warm air. These pockets of warm air start moving towards the stationary cold dense air left in place from the winter months. The difference in the air mass temperatures, between the warm air and cold air, creates different pressures. These pressure differences create winds. The greater the difference in the high and low pressures, the stronger the winds.

Growing up, the "old timers" would say, "If March comes in like a lion, it'll go out like a

lamb. If it comes in like a lamb, it'll go out like a lion." If this saying is true, when you receive this article in your April Carolina Country, there should be clear skies, beautiful sunshine, warm temperatures and little wind.

Let's put it to the test. We'll call it the REMC owners' "Non-Scientific Atmospheric Climatology Research Project." At least it sounds official. So when you finish reading this article, step outside and perform your research. We'll post on Facebook to remind you about the research project and I look forward to hearing your analysis of the validity of this saying.

While writing this morning, I've been monitoring radio communications between our dispatch center and crews working in the field restoring power. So far, outages have been less than I expected but that can change quickly.

Just listening to the professionalism of our office and line personnel has reminded me of the dedication of your employee team. No matter the conditions, whether snow, sleet, ice, rain, wind, hurricane, extreme cold or blazing heat, your line personnel lace up their boots and get their work done in a safe and efficient manner. Your office personnel are focused on serving you with exceptional service every day they walk through the door.

You truly have an extremely dedicated group of employees that know the reason they come to work every day or night, to serve the owners of the cooperative. I get to witness it first-hand.

Sometimes I'm guilty of not showing my appreciation and thanking our employee team for all they do. It's easy to get caught up in the details of getting things done, completing projects and moving the organization forward, and we forget the asset that makes Randolph EMC stand out when it comes to service and dedication to our members. That asset is your employees.

Several years ago, the United States Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly designated a day in April as Lineman Appreciation Day. For North Carolina, it's the second Monday, which this year is April 9.

This is a day to celebrate and show our appreciation for all the hard work our line personnel do to safely keep the lights on. Your line personnel are always one of the first responders when major weather events hit our communities, but they quietly go about their jobs without much recognition.

Randolph EMC has also designated April as Employee Appreciation Month. We wanted to recognize all the Randolph employee team members for their dedication and hard work. It takes all departments and every team member rowing together to move the ship forward in the manner you expect from your cooperative.

So, I have two "asks" for you this month. I work for you, so to issue an assignment, like my former English teachers, Mrs. Caviness and Mrs. Wainwright, L-O-V-E-D to do, would not be in order. I will just say, "please."

First, when you finish reading this, visit our Facebook page to participate in the REMC owner's "Non-Scientific Atmospheric Climatology Research Project" and respond to the Randolph EMC Facebook page with your thoughts on the validity of the old timers saying about March.

Second, if you see one of your REMC line personnel or any utility or contractor lineworker, please thank them. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on. When you see or talk to your office personnel, thank them for all they do to provide you with exceptional service.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert
Chief Executive Officer



Randolph Electric Membership Corporation provides safe and reliable power with exceptional value to more than 31,500 member accounts in Randolph, Moore, Montgomery, Chatham and Alamance counties.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Electric Service

Asheboro (336) 625-5177
..... (800) 672-8212

Robbins: (910) 948-3401
..... (800) 868-7014

Report Outage (877) REMC-OFF
..... (877) 736-2633

Account Info
& Bill Payments: (877) 534-2319
Business Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, M-F

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District Nominating, Credentials & Election Committees Appointed

Pursuant to Section 3.03. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, the Nominating Committees for Districts 5, 8, and 9, from which Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting, have been appointed. The members that have been appointed to serve on those respective Nominating Committees will meet at the Asheboro headquarters office of Randolph EMC, located in Asheboro, N.C., at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, to nominate a candidate who will run for the Board of Directors from each district. All three District Nominating Committee meetings will be held on the same evening.

The Credentials and Election Committee, pursuant to Section 2.08 of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, will also meet on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the office of Randolph EMC in Asheboro, N.C. It is the duty of the Credentials and Election Committee to establish and approve the manner of conducting member registration and voting, to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members, count all ballots cast in any election, rule on the validity of any ballots cast, and to rule upon any other questions, protests or objections affecting the results of the election. The members listed below make up the 2018 committees.

2018 Nominating Committee Members

District 5: Cranford	District 8: Harris	District 9: Maness
Harold Cagle	Terry Lynn Cheek	Brady Dickson
Robert Callicutt	Anthony R. Childress	Dempsey Lee Owens
Andy Garner	Jason Cole	Sally Morris
Baxter Surratt	Ronnie Lynn Dowdy	C. Lowell Russell
F.O. Yates, Jr.	Jason Andrew Vest	William Stafford Jr.

2018 Credentials & Election Committee

E. Bernard Beck	Charles L. Kemp	Richard D. Seawell
Philip R. Brown	Wayne D. Lahmeyer	Jeffrey Clay Sugg
Craig Bray	Bradley Lanier	Quinton G. Thompson
Mary Priscilla Clay	Eric Lee McInnis	Jeff Webb
Sam L. Coble	Beatrice C. Morehead	Barry Millard Wright
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District 6
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District 7
Vice President

Randolph EMC Directorate Districts

The election for Directorate Districts 5, 8 & 9 will be held at the Annual Meeting on June 15, 2018.



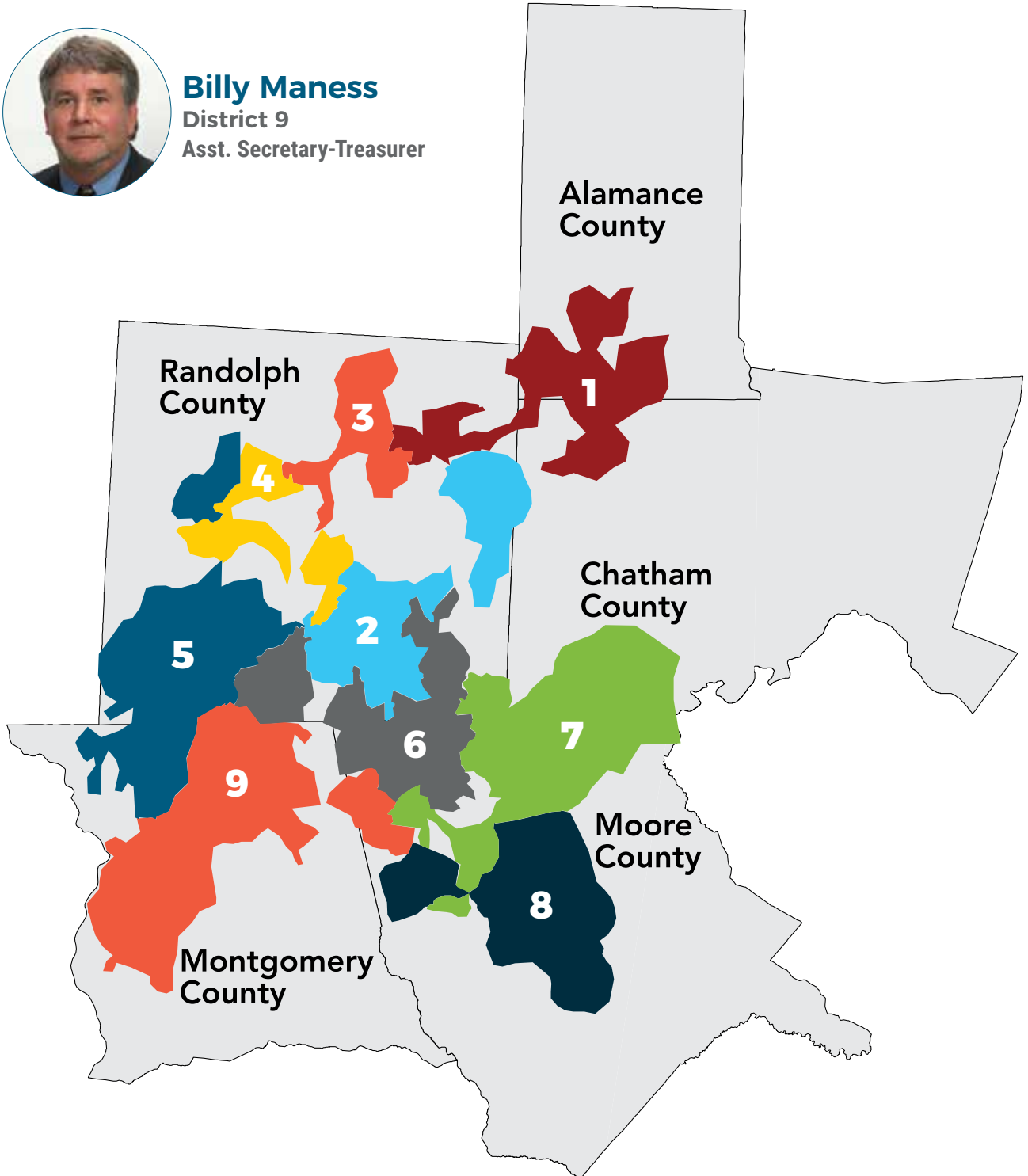
Delbert Cranford
District 5



Steve Harris
District 8



Billy Maness
District 9
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer



BYLAWS Relevant to the Qualifications, Nominations and Elections of Members to the Board of Directors

SECTION 3.02. QUALIFICATIONS.

The persons named as directors in the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative shall compose the board of Directors until the first Annual Meeting or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any position of trust, in the Cooperative, who:

(a) does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (b) does not have the mental and physical capacity to exercise the corporate standard for business judgment in discharging his/her duties in a manner to be in the best interests of the Cooperative under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (c) has not been a member of the Cooperative in the Directorate District for which such person seeks election and has received electric service there as his/her primary residential abode in such person's own name for at least one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days next preceding the date of the election; or (d) has, during the ten (10) years preceding the date of nomination, been a regular employee of the Cooperative or of a competing enterprise; or (e) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise; or (f) is engaged in the business of selling electric energy.

A director or director's company may be allowed to sell materials, supplies, equipment, or vehicles to the Cooperative only if at least three bids are submitted to the Cooperative for any such sale, and only if the director or his/her business has submitted the lowest bid. Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for director lacks eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the chairman presiding at the meeting at which such nominee would otherwise be voted upon to disqualify such nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any person being considered for, or already holding a directorship or other position of trust in the Cooperative, lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause such person to be removed therefrom, as the case may be.

Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both may be elected a director; provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of

trust in the Cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth.

SECTION 3.03. NOMINATIONS.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a District Nominating Committee for each Directorate District in which directors are to be elected. Such District Nominating Committees shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members who shall be selected from the Directorate District from which a director is to be nominated. No officer or member of the Board of Directors or close relative thereof shall be appointed a member of such Committee/Committees. The Committees shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors, but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committees is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the Notice of the Meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the District Nominating Committees and the nominations made by petition if any. The members may at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

SECTION 3.04. ELECTION & TENURE.

At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members and, from among those members who are natural persons; PROVIDED that, when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected and if there is no objection, secret written balloting may be dispensed with in respect of that particular election and voting may be conducted in any other proper manner. Directors shall, unless the members determine otherwise in advance of the initial balloting, be elected by a plurality vote of the members. Drawing by a lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie votes.

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that, beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members of 1996, directors from Directorate Districts 2, 4, and 7 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; at the Annual meeting of the members of 1997, directors from Directorate Districts 5, 8, and 9 shall be elected for three (3)

year terms; and at the Annual Meeting of the members of 1998, directors from Directorate Districts 1, 3, and 6 shall be elected for three (3) year terms. Beginning with the next succeeding Annual Meeting of the members, and at each such meeting thereafter, the same number of directors that corresponds to the number whose terms are expiring shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) consecutive years; PROVIDED, that a year as used in this section shall mean the period beginning with one Annual Meeting of the members and ending at the next; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that, notwithstanding the terms for which they are elected, directors shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

SECTION 3.05. DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS.

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that the Board shall be comprised of nine (9) Directorate Districts. A director of a Directorate District must be a resident of, and make his/her primary residential abode, on a premises served by an electrical circuit provided by the Cooperative. All of the Cooperative's electrical circuits, as identified by circuit numbers on the Cooperative's maps and records, shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. For the purpose of assuring equitable representation, additional circuit numbers may be added to or deleted from a Directorate District. It shall be the duty of the board of Directors to make such additions to, and deletions from, the various Directorate Districts no later than April 1st of each year. Such additions and deletions, along with the existing Directorate District circuit numbers, will be provided to the members. Each of the nine (9) Directorate Districts is:

District Number	Circuit Numbers
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 68
2	6, 7, 24, 25, 27, 30, 71, 73
3	9, 13, 14, 16, 67, 69, 70
4	10, 11, 15, 26, 75, 76, 77
5	18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 78
6	28, 55, 72, 87, 88
7	33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 56, 80, 81, 83, 84
8	39, 40, 50, 51, 52, 53, 82, 85, 86
9	42, 43, 44, 61, 62, 63, 64, 89, 90

(Electrical circuits may be added or deleted on April 1st of each year for the purpose of ensuring equitable representation.)