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Trustee Election Process



Attending monthly board meetings are part of the important role of each Rolling Hills Electric trustee.

It is already that time of year to begin the trustee election process. Please read through the qualifications and process for nomination of trustees for election outlined in the article below.

NOTE: This process was revised in the bylaws in 2020.

SECTION 5.2. QUALIFICATIONS TO BE NOMINATED, ELECTED AND REMAIN A TRUSTEE. Any natural person will be eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a Trustee of the Cooperative who:

- ▶ Is a Member of the Cooperative residing in the Trustee District which the Member is to, or does represent, and is receiving a Cooperative Service at the Member's primary residential abode, for at least 10 months out of every calendar year or;
 - ▶ Is authorized by a Member Entity to serve as a Trustee, if the Member Entity occupies and uses a Cooperative Service at a location within the Trustee District from which the
- Trustee is nominated or elected for at least 10 months out of every year. If authorized by a Member Entity to serve as a Trustee on behalf of the Member Entity, the authorized Trustee Member must also receive a Cooperative Service at that individual Member's primary residential abode within the Trustee District from which the Trustee is to, or does represent for at least 10 months out of every year;
- ▶ Has the capacity to enter into legally binding contracts;
 - ▶ Meets and retains all of the qualifications for membership in the Cooperative;
 - ▶ Is not an employee of the Cooperative or in any way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling energy, energy services or energy supplies or maintaining energy-producing or selling facilities. However, the Board may

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grant exceptions for “de minimis” competing enterprises;

- ▶ It is not closely related to an incumbent Trustee or an employee of the Cooperative. The term “closely related” means the relationship of spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son and daughter existing by reason of blood, marriage or adoption;
- ▶ Has not had a conviction or judicial determination involving a felony crime or a crime of moral turpitude;
- ▶ Is not employed by another Trustee, or employed by an Entity over which another Trustee exercises substantial control.

SECTION 5.5. DISTRICTS. The territory of the Cooperative shall be divided into three Member Trustee Districts, as hereafter described, for the purpose of electing and constituting the Cooperative’s Board of Trustees. The boundaries of Trustee Districts shall be depicted on an official territory and Trustee District map adopted and approved by

the Board of Trustees of the Cooperative. The official territory and Trustee District map shall be maintained, for Membership review and inspection, at the Registered Office of the Cooperative. For an equitable representation of the Members, the number of Members represented by a Trustee within each Trustee District must be within twenty (20%) percent of the number of Members represented by a Trustee within every other District. The Board may amend the boundaries of the Districts, from time to time, as required, or as deemed necessary or appropriate.

Current Board of Trustee Districts and Trustee Positions Are:

District One

- ▶ **POSITION ONE** – At Large from the Counties of Ellsworth, Russell, Lincoln, Barton, Saline and Ottawa Counties;

- ▶ **POSITION TWO** – At Large from the Counties of Ellsworth, Russell, Lincoln, Barton, Saline and Ottawa Counties;
- ▶ **POSITION THREE** – At Large from the Counties of Ellsworth, Russell, Lincoln, Barton, Saline and Ottawa Counties.

District Two

- ▶ **POSITION ONE** – At Large from Mitchell, Osborne, Smith, Jewell, Rooks and Phillips Counties;
- ▶ **POSITION TWO** – At Large from Mitchell, Osborne, Smith, Jewell, Rooks and Phillips Counties;
- ▶ **POSITION THREE** – At Large from Mitchell, Osborne, Smith, Jewell, Rooks and Phillips Counties;
- ▶ **POSITION FOUR** – At Large from Mitchell, Osborne, Smith, Jewell, Rooks and Phillips Counties.

District Three

- ▶ **POSITION ONE** – At Large for the Counties of Republic, Clay, Washington, and Cloud;
- ▶ **POSITION TWO** – At Large for the Counties of Republic, Clay, Washington, and Cloud;
- ▶ **POSITION THREE** – At Large for the Counties of Republic, Clay, Washington, and Cloud.

SECTION 5.6. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND TERM OF OFFICE. Trustees shall be elected from each District, only by the Members from such District, for a term of three calendar years as terms of office expire. The permanent election cycle, the number of Trustees, and the term of office, for each District, are as described below.

District One Shall Have Three Trustees to be Elected as Follows

- ▶ **POSITION ONE** – the District One, Position One, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- ▶ **POSITION TWO** – the District One, Position Two, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

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WORKING ON THE Line

Our line crews have been busy moving lines and poles north of Russell for road construction. Coordination among state departments and local utilities plays a major role in keeping electric service safe and reliable.



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▶ **POSITION THREE** – the District One, Position Three, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

District Two Shall Have Four Trustees

▶ **POSITION ONE** – the District Two, Position One, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

▶ **POSITION TWO** – the District Two, Position Two, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

▶ **POSITION THREE** – the District Two, Position Three, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

▶ **POSITION FOUR** – the District Two, Position Four, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

District Three Shall Have Three Trustees

▶ **POSITION ONE** – the District Three, Position One, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

▶ **POSITION TWO** – the District Three, Position Two, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

▶ **POSITION THREE** – the District Three, Position Three, Trustee position will be up for election at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

A Trustee's term commences with the adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which the Trustee was elected, or if appointed, then at the time of appointment. A Trustee's term, if the Trustee is not re-elected expires upon the adjournment of the applicable Annual Meeting at which the Trustee's position is elected. If no Trustee is elected at the Annual Meeting, then the Trustee's term ends upon the election and qualification of a successor Trustee. A Trustee may serve no more than four (4) successive three-year

terms, provided that he or she is duly nominated, or otherwise placed on the ballot as permitted by these Bylaws of the Cooperative and re-elected by the Members at the conclusion of each successive term. Completion of an unexpired term, by an appointed Trustee, does not constitute a 3-year term for purposes of determining whether a Trustee has served more than four (4) successive three-year terms.

SECTION 5.7. NOMINATIONS OF TRUSTEES. All nominations for the election of Trustees must be by petition. To be placed on the ballot for election as a Trustee, a Nominating Petition containing the signatures of at least twenty (20) non-suspended Members of the Cooperative, who live in the nominee's District, must be filed at the Registered Office of the Cooperative on or before the close of business on November 30. If the Registered Office is not open for business on November 30, then the Nominating Petition must be filed on or before the close of business on the last business day of November that the Registered Office is open. The Nominating Petition must state on each page thereof the name of the Member being nominated and the District and position for which the nominee is being nominated. Additionally, the Nominating Petition must contain the printed name of the signing Member, that Member's signature, and address, and be dated within 60 days prior to the November 30 deadline.

If timely filed the Secretary will forthwith determine the validity of the Nominating Petition, and if certified to be valid, and provided the nominee meets the qualifications to be nominated and elected as a Trustee, the Secretary will cause the name of the nominee to be placed on the ballot for the next Trustee election. Only the names of the properly nominated and qualified nominees for each District will be placed on the ballot. The candidates'

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Atwood Returns

JADEN ATWOOD returns to Rolling Hills Electric as a second-year apprentice lineman.

He graduated from Pratt Community College with a degree in electrical power technology. Prior to accepting this position, he served as a city lineman and completed his lineman internship here at Rolling Hills Electric last summer.

Atwood will be working out of the Beloit district. Help us give him a big warm welcome back if you seem him out and about!



Jaden Atwood

Career Exploration Day

The Beloit Career Exploration and Leadership Academy group visited the Rolling Hill Electric office for a short presentation from staff to learn what a cooperative is as well as the various jobs available at an electric cooperative.

This program is made up of fourth and fifth grade students and the purpose is for them to experience and learn about all the different jobs available right here at home, within our area. They were such a great group and had excellent questions for us!



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names will be placed on the respective ballots in alphabetical order.

If the Secretary determines that the timely filed Nominating Petition(s), having at least 20 signatures for a nominee, is defective, solely because there are not 20 Member signatures, then the nominee and/or the person delivering the Nominating Petition, if not the nominee, will be forthwith notified of the deficiency. The nominee or the person delivering the Nominating Petition, if not the nominee, will then have 15 business days, from the date of notification, to obtain the additional Nominating Petitions needed to meet the required number of Member signatures (20). If additional signatures are obtained on one or more Nominating Petitions, timely delivered to the Cooperative's Registered Office, the Secretary will again determine the validity of the Nominating Petitions submitted on behalf of a nominee. If the collective Nominating Petitions, are then certified to be valid, and if the nominee meets the qualifications, to be nominated and elected as a Trustee, the Secretary will cause the name of the nominee to be placed on the ballot for the next Trustee election.

If a question is raised as to the validity of a Nominating Petition or Petitions or the qualifications of a candidate to be nominated and elected as a Trustee, the

determination will be made by a majority vote of the Board, after a review of the facts and circumstances giving rise to the question. Purely technical reasons will not be used as a basis for disqualifying a nominee. The decision of the Board, if based on competent information shall be final.

Failure of strict compliance with the provisions of this Section shall not affect the validity of any election of a Trustee.

No nominations may be made at or from the floor of a Member Meeting.

SECTION 5.8. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES. The election of Trustees shall be by Mail Ballot with a Member Meeting. Only the names of those candidates nominated in accordance with these Bylaws will appear on the ballot. There may be write-in votes for a qualified Member not named on the Mail Ballot. The Secretary shall cause the Mail Ballot with a Member Meeting to be delivered in accordance with Bylaw Section 4.4 to those Members qualified to vote as of the Record Date. The Board may provide general information with regard to the Trustee election process as well as general candidate information to the Members with their notice of Member Meeting with Mail Ballot. Failure of strict compliance with the provisions of this section shall not affect the validity of any election of Trustees.

Rolling Hills Electric Payment Options

Rolling Hills Electric has four convenient payment options for our members. All members receive a standard monthly bill for their electrical use. Bills are due and payable upon receipt.



Auto Payment/Bank Draft: Members have the option to have payments automatically withdrawn from their bank accounts or credit/debit cards. Sign-up is available through our online bill pay system or through the office. Auto payments are drawn automatically each month on the due date of the bill.



SmartHub/Online Bill Pay: Online bill pay is also available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Visit www.rollinghills.coop. Members can also download the "Smart Hub" app from the Apple or Android marketplaces on any mobile device.



Mail: Rolling Hills Electric's monthly bill comes with a return envelope that you use to mail your check back to us at P.O. Box 339, Beloit, KS 67420. **Please allow 5-7 business days. Payments must be received in our office on or prior to due date. We DO NOT use the mailing post date for the payment date.*



Pay by Phone: Call Rolling Hills Electric at 785-534-1601 or 800-530-5572 during business hours (Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) to pay by phone.



Farming season means sharing the road with large farm equipment, which can be wide and slow. Public roads are often the only way to get from point A to point B.

When you find yourself following or meeting large farm equipment on the road, take a deep breath and do the following to keep everyone safe.

1

Be alert and cautious, and give farm equipment and other slow-moving vehicles space.

2

Do not pass in a "No Passing Zone," or where it is not safe to do so, such as intersections, bridges and railroad crossings, among others.

3

Make sure the tractor is not trying to make a left turn before you pass on the left.

4

Do not tailgate. Following too closely means you could be in the operator's blind spot.

5

Be careful when you do get the chance to pass. Oftentimes, farmers will move their equipment over when it is safe for them to do so.

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