

Director nomination and election process

Shelby Electric Cooperative's 84th Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Friday, June 9, 2023, and will include the election of three directors.

Directors are elected from the cooperative's membership, and any active Class A member may seek election to serve as a director. An "active Class A member" is a Class A member currently receiving electric energy services from the cooperative.

The cooperative's board of directors consists of nine directors. Seven are elected from each of the seven Director Districts, one of which is elected "at large" from the cooperative service area covered by Districts 1, 6, and 7, and one of which is elected "at large" from the cooperative service area covered by Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5. The directors' three-year terms of office are staggered. In 2023, directors will be elected from District 4, District 5, and "at large" from the service area covered by Districts 1, 6, and 7 for full three-year terms. Although directors are elected from particular Director Districts, **all active** Class A members may vote in every election.

The qualifications in the Cooperative's bylaws to serve as a director are:

- Must be an active Class A member who is a natural person (not a corporation, etc.) and not a person acting in a representative capacity for a Class A member (not a Class A member's guardian, etc.)
- Must be a bona fide resident in the Director District from which he or she is to be elected or a bona fide resident in the cooperative service area covering those Districts for which the "at large" directors are elected (see above)
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must not have completed six or more three-year terms as a director
- Must not be employed by or financially interested in:
 - Any business or enterprise engaged in the sale of any form of energy to the cooperative (other than any form of energy that the cooperative

is required by law to purchase) or to any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers

- Any business or enterprise engaged in the delivery of any form of energy to the cooperative or any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers
- Any other business or enterprise that is engaged in by the cooperative or its subsidiaries, members, or consumers
- Must not be the incumbent or a candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid, other than a township office or school office
- Must, if seeking re-election for a fourth full term, be certified by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) to have successfully completed its course of training for rural electric cooperative directors

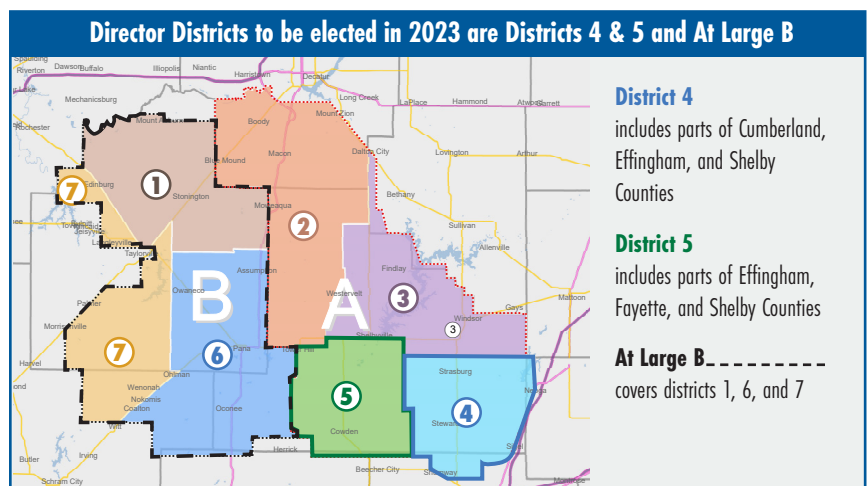
A cooperative director is expected to:

- Attend all monthly board meetings, which generally last from three to five hours
- Attend all special board meetings, committee meetings, and annual meetings of members
- Attend all board meetings of other organizations for which he or she is a director representing Shelby Electric Cooperative

- Complete the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director training before the end of three terms as a director in order to be eligible to run for a fourth term

The cooperative's bylaws provide that directors shall typically be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of members. The Board of Directors has discretion, however, to direct that an election be conducted exclusively through written ballots submitted by mail or through online voting. While the Board of Directors anticipates conducting the election by ballot at the annual meeting, a final determination has not yet been made. Additional information will be provided.

Nominating petitions and Statement of Qualifications are available through the cooperative's legal counsel, Rammelkamp Bradney, and may be requested by contacting Amy Jackson via telephone at 217-245-6177, email at ajackson@rblawyers.net, or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, Illinois 62651-0550. Nominating petitions must be signed by 15 or more active Class A members. The nominating petition and a Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that the potential nominee meets the qualifications must be filed by email or regular mail with the cooperative's legal counsel by March 31, 2023, at 4 p.m.



WHY WE TRIM TREES

The majority of power outages are caused by tree-related issues. It is our job to ensure trees, branches, and limbs are a safe distance from power lines to avoid fire hazards and power interruptions.



Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) maintains approximately 45,000 poles over 2,200 miles of energized line in all or parts of nine counties.

The cooperative provides reliable electricity more efficiently through right-of-way (ROW) clearing and tree trimming. ROW refers to the portion of land under and around power lines and equipment that SEC has the right and responsibility to clear and maintain.

“A lot of things can cause power interruptions — weather, animals,

and equipment failure to name a few. However, approximately 70 percent of SEC’s power interruptions occur due to trees interfering with power lines,” according to SEC Construction Superintendent Brian Chevalier.

“When the wind blows, it can cause trees to come into contact with the lines, causing your lights to blink. During storms, limbs can break and fall onto lines causing fuses to blow or reclosers to open. Even worse, a storm may cause a tree or heavy limb to fall and take down a power line and pole, which can create other issues. This is why utilities have ROW maintenance programs,” commented Chevalier.

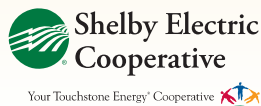
Part of the ROW program is tree trimming, spraying, and pole testing. The cooperative will be replacing and doing repairs and maintenance to approximately 1,000 poles in 2023 (to include poles related to the ongoing fiber project).

A clear ROW cuts down on annoying blinks and outages; it also makes it easier for linemen to access and fix other problems that may occur. Your cooperative seeks to provide you with safe, reliable electric service all year round. Our ROW maintenance program is just one more tool for us to achieve this.

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2023 Tree Trimming, Spraying, & Pole Change Out Schedule

*2023 Tree Trimming and Mowing

Shelby Electric Cooperative’s tree trimming crew and contractors will be trimming trees and mowing in these areas: **E, and M.**

*2023 Spraying

Shelby Electric Cooperative’s spraying crew will be working in these areas: **D, H, W, and Y.**

*2023 Pole Change Outs

Shelby Electric Cooperative crews will be working in the following areas: **E, R, and M.**

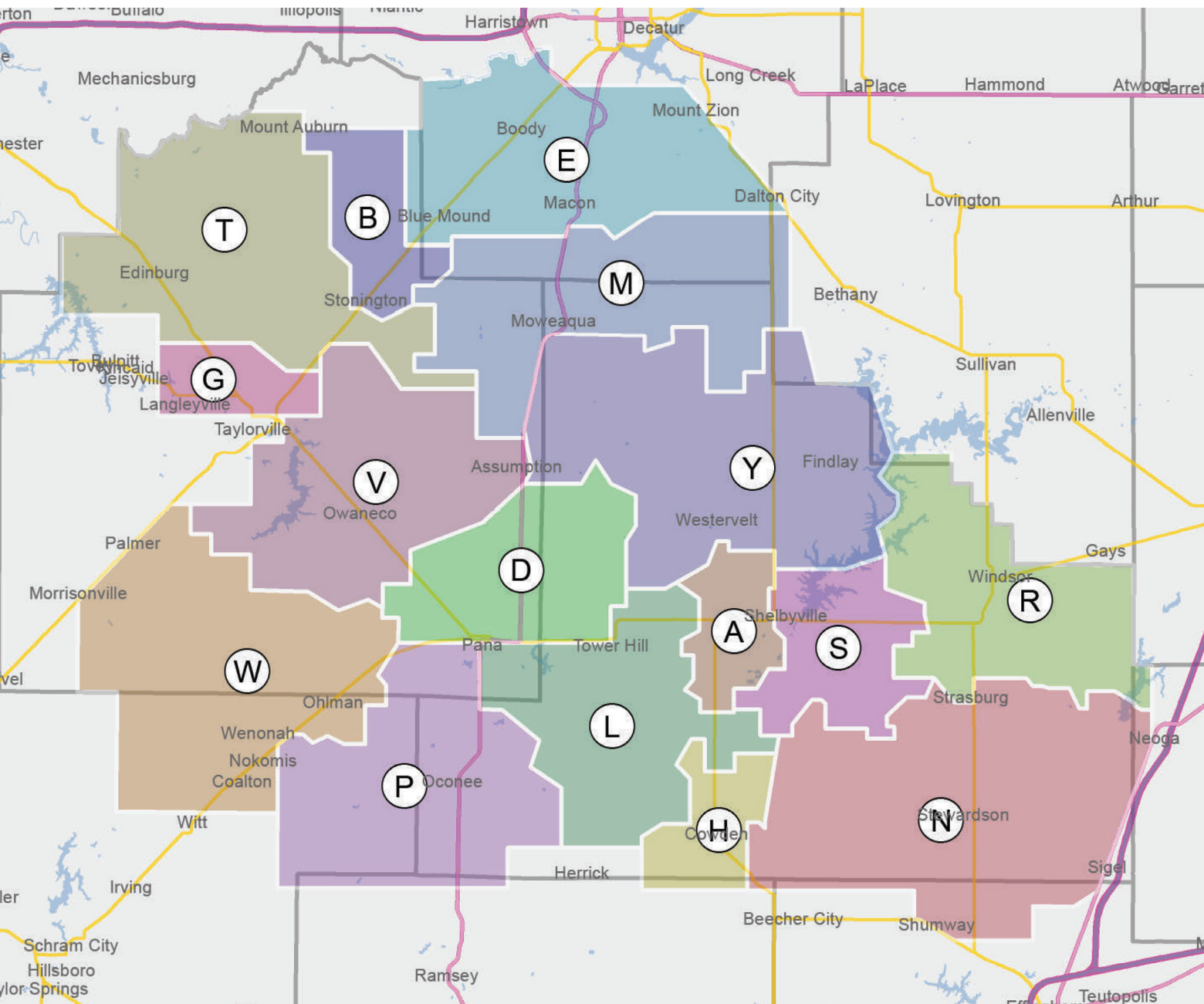
**These are our areas of concentration for 2023. However, ROW maintenance work will continue in other parts of our service territory as needed.*



SEC's Operations Department maintains an annual schedule for tree trimming, spraying, and pole inspections (see our planned 2023 activities in graphic below). Any contractors working for SEC will have magnetic signs on their vehicles that indicate they are working for the cooperative. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the cooperative at 217-774-3986 or toll free at 1-800-677-2612.

Substation	Letter Associated
Airport	A
Blue Mound	B
Dunkel	D
Elwin	E
Grove City	G
Herrick	H
Lakewood	L
Moweaqua	M

Substation	Letter Associated
Neoga	N
Pana	P
Richland	R
Shelbyville	S
Taylorville	T
Velma	V
Wenonah	W
Yantisville	Y



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Getting Real with Marla and Outdoor Work Safety

Whether March roars in like a lion or gently prances in like a lamb, we look forward to the month that heralds the first official day of spring. March also quickly adds an extra hour of daylight to our evenings with Daylight Saving Time beginning on Sunday, March 12th. With the lengthening daylight and the promise of warmer days ahead, outdoor work and projects spring to the top of our to-do lists.

It is critically important to know what is above and below work areas. Always take a look around to see what changes may have occurred during the winter. Did winter wind and storms cause any wires to come loose from the house or other buildings? Are tree branches sagging onto wires? Have any objects fallen onto wires or electrical equipment? Remind anyone working with you to “Look up and live!”

Before digging into any dirt work, you are required by state law to notify the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE) at least two business days prior to digging regardless of the project size or depth. Even if you are digging in the same area as a previous project, notify JULIE first. It is as easy as calling 811. You can also make a request online by visiting Illinois1call.com.



The Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act does not require a call to JULIE for routine farm tillage operations. However, many farm-related projects, such as tile plowing, building waterways, and setting posts, do require notification. If you are in doubt, make the call.

After a call to JULIE is made, they will notify each utility company to locate and mark their underground lines with paint or flags within two business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays). If you plan to start your project on a weekend, contact JULIE before 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

It is also important to note that utility companies, such as Shelby Electric

Cooperative (SEC), only mark the underground lines they own, not privately installed or owned lines. It is possible to have both public and private utilities in your dig site area. SEC Lineman Adam Schrock explains, “When we perform our locates through a JULIE request, our locates will be for our lines only. Any lines the homeowner has buried are the responsibility of the homeowner.” A list of private contract locators is available on the Illinois1call website.

Examples of private lines include:

- ☞ Propane or natural gas lines
- ☞ Private water systems
- ☞ Septic systems
- ☞ Drain lines from downspouts
- ☞ Electric lines installed after the meter
- ☞ Invisible pet fences
- ☞ Communication lines

We want everyone to welcome spring safely by being observant of potential dangers above and below ground. Every project. Every time.

*~Marla Foor,
Communication Specialist*

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