

## Nomination and Election Process for Directors

Shelby Electric Cooperative's 83rd Annual Meeting of members will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021, and will include the election of five 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 is divided into seven Director Districts, and one director is elected from each District. The directors' three-year terms of office are staggered. In 2021, directors will be elected from District 1, District 2, and District 7 for full three-year terms. In addition, due to the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Meeting of members because of COVID-19 restrictions, directors will be elected from District 4 and District 5 for two-year terms, which constitutes the remaining duration of the terms of the directors that would have been elected in 2020 if the Annual Meeting had not been canceled. 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
- 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 to have successfully completed a course of training for rural electric cooperative directors

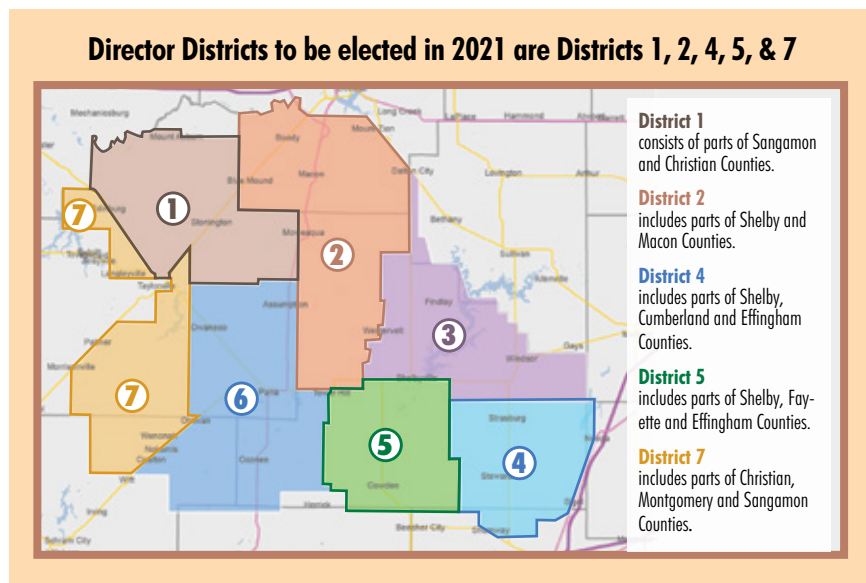
### A cooperative director is expected to:

- Attend all monthly board meetings, which generally last from three to five hours
- Attend all special board meetings, committee meetings, and annual meeting 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 during the first three-year term of office

The cooperative's bylaws provide that directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of members, but the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, determine that an election be conducted exclusively through written ballots submitted by mail or through online internet voting. The Board of Directors has determined that this election shall be conducted exclusively by written ballots submitted by mail.

Nominating petitions and Statement of Qualifications forms are available through the Cooperative's legal counsel, Rammelkamp Bradney, and may be requested by reaching out to Amy Jackson via telephone at 217-245-6177, e-mail at [ajackson@rblawyers.net](mailto:ajackson@rblawyers.net), or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, IL 62651-0550. Nominating petitions must be signed by 15 or more active Class A members. The petition and a Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that the potential nominee meets the qualifications must be filed with the secretary of the cooperative (or the secretary's designee) not less than 60 days prior to the annual meeting, i.e., April 5, 2021, at 4 p.m.





## Keeping the Cooperative's right-of-way clear

Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) provides electricity through approximately 2,200 miles of energized line in all or parts of nine counties. Trees and underbrush surround many of those lines. When the wind blows, it can cause trees to come into contact with these lines, thus making your

lights blink. During storms limbs can break and fall onto the lines, and cause 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 down the line. This is why the cooperative has a right-of-way (ROW) maintenance program.

"About 70 percent of our power interruptions occur due to trees interfering with power lines," noted Terry Oldham, SEC's Manager of Operations. A clear ROW cuts down on annoying blinks and outages, plus it makes it easier for linecrews to access and repair other problems that might occur on the cooperative's electrical grid. "The co-op aims to provide our members with safe, reliable electric service all year round, and our annual ROW maintenance program is one way we can achieve this," added Oldham.

Along with ROW clearing work orders to fulfill, the cooperative will be replacing approximately 400 poles and doing maintenance or repairs to roughly 800 poles over the course of 2021.

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# 2021 Tree Trimming, Spraying, & Pole Change Out Schedule

### \*2021 Tree Trimming and Mowing

Shelby Electric Cooperative's tree trimming crew and contractors will be trimming trees and mowing in these areas: **E, M, T, V,** and **W.**

### \*2021 Spraying

Shelby Electric Cooperative's spraying crew will be working in these areas: **M, T, V,** and **W.**

### \*2021 Pole Change Outs

Shelby Electric Cooperative crews will be working in the following areas: **M, T, V,** and **W.**

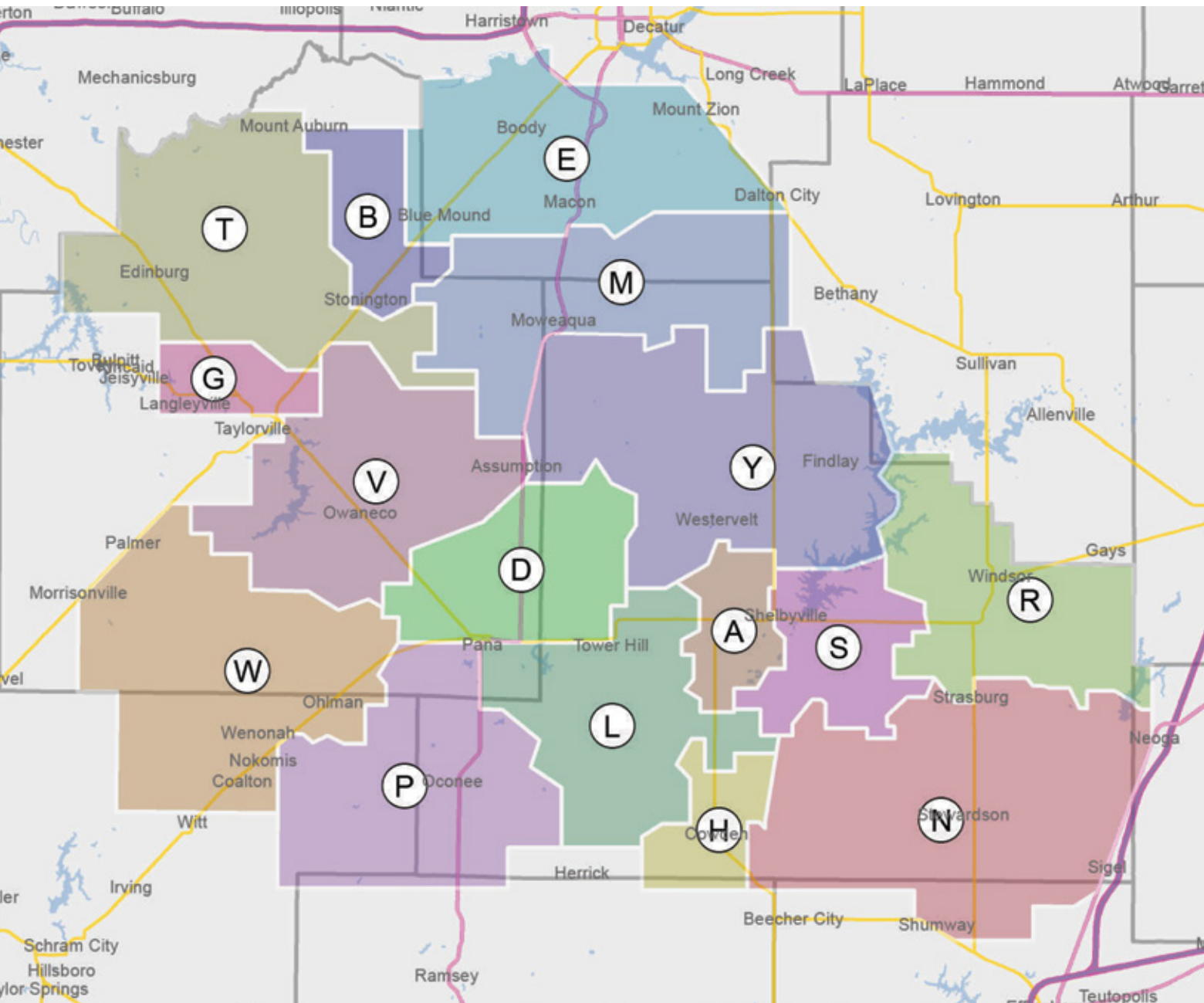
*\*These are our areas of concentration for 2021. However, ROW maintenance work will continue in other parts of our service territory as needed.*



SEC's Operations Department maintains an annual schedule for tree trimming, spraying, and pole inspections (see our planned 2021 activities in graphic below). Any contract crews 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



REAL LIFE  REAL POWER

# Getting Real with Marla and Frost

Although the calendar says the first day of spring is March 20, we still have plenty of opportunities to wake up to frosty mornings and even snow-covered rooftops. For this article, we will cross our fingers that we are finished with snow and only dealing with frost. According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, the average last frost for our area is April 18. This means you still have time to check on your attic insulation performance.

What does frost have to do with insulation? The patterns in the frost on the roof are a clue just waiting to be noticed. An even coating of frost could mean all is well in your attic and the insulation is doing its job. Bare places in the frost could mean insulation is inadequate or missing. Warm air from the house may be leaking into the attic from a variety of sources such as unsealed electrical, plumbing, or ductwork accesses; exhaust fans vented into the attic instead of the home's exterior; and uninsulated recessed lighting. The heated, leaking air warms the roof from underneath, which then melts the frost in the areas lacking insulation.

Sometimes frost accumulates inside the attic. When warm, moist air from the house leaks into the attic

and condenses on the roof sheathing, the condensation freezes and forms frost. The frost itself is not a problem, but the dripping water when the frost melts can cause a lot of problems. Moisture in the attic can lead to damaged roof sheathing, wet insulation, mold, and water stains on the ceilings below. The cure is to seal those leaks between the living space and attic, keeping the air you are paying to heat where it belongs – in the living space.

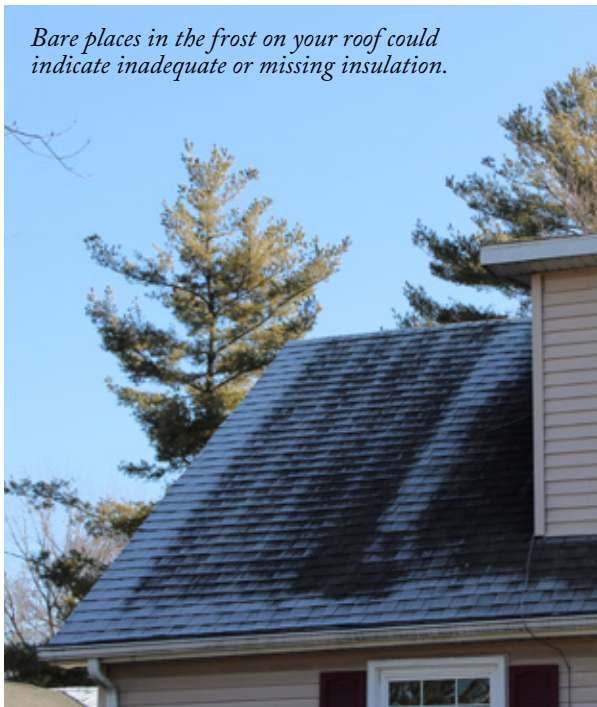
While we await the absence of below freezing temperatures, here are two pieces of folklore about frost to test:

- ❄️ Fogs in February mean frosts in May.
- ❄️ Hoarfrost on May 1 indicates a good harvest.

Hoarfrost is that beautiful, photogenic frost that coats the world in white fluff. Or more scientifically, "The key for hoarfrost to form is there must be an influx of moisture into the region while the air remains sufficiently cold," according to AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Dan Kottlowski. However it is formed, if there is hoarfrost, you can bet I will be out with a camera in hand.

~Marla Foor,  
Communication Specialist

*Bare places in the frost on your roof could indicate inadequate or missing insulation.*



*Hoarfrost*

