

COMMITTEES APPOINTED TO NOMINATE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, of the bylaws of Navarro County Electric Cooperative, Inc., the board of directors at their December 17 meeting appointed the following committees to nominate director candidates for Districts I, III and VII:

DISTRICT I

Annie Britt (Chair)

Route 3, Box 362
Mexia, TX 76667-4612

Zeno P. King

Route 1, Box 113A
Teague, TX 75860-0186

Shirley Wordes

P.O. Box 448
Teague, TX 75860-9461

District I includes all members living in an area bounded on the north by a line beginning at the Richland Creek crossing of the Fort Worth and Denver (Burlington) Railway. Then south following the Fort Worth and Denver Railway to Interstate 45 at Streetman. Then south following Interstate Highway 45 to FM 27 at Fairfield. Then west following FM 27 to FM 80 at Kirvin. Then South following FM 80 to U.S. Highway 84 west of Teague. The south boundary from Teague east to the Trinity River extends to areas south served by other cooperatives or utilities. Then the east boundary begins at the U.S. Highway 84 and Trinity River crossing and proceeds north following the Trinity River junction with Richland Creek. Then following Richland Creek west until it crosses the Fort Worth and Denver Railway.

DISTRICT III

Jim Merideth (Chair)

6555 FM 638
Dawson, TX 76639-3072

Bill Ryan

335 NW CR 3150
Dawson, TX 76639

Carolyn Goode

P.O. Box 356
Dawson, TX 76639-0356

District III includes all members living in an area bounded by a line beginning at the Richland Creek crossing on Interstate 45 south of Corsicana and then following Richland Creek east to the Fort Worth and Denver (Burlington) Railway. Then following the Fort Worth and Denver Railway south to Interstate Highway 45 at Streetman. Then south following Interstate Highway 45 to FM 27 at Fairfield. Then following FM 27 west to FM 80 to Kirvin. Then following FM 80 south to U.S. Highway 84 west of Teague. Then following U.S. Highway 84 west to Highway 171 at Mexia. Then west from Mexia following Highway 171 to Ash Creek south of Malone. Then east along Ash Creek south of Malone. Then east along Ash Creek to Navarro Mills Lake. Then following the south water line of Navarro Mills Lake to junction with Richland Creek. Then east following Richland Creek to a junction with Interstate Highway 45 south of Corsicana.

DISTRICT VII

Marvin Trojcek (Chair)

8911 FM 1181
Ennis, TX 75119

Charles Walker

401 Pecan Grove Road
Ennis, TX 75119

Don Pechal

425 Gin Road
Ennis, Texas 75119

District VII includes all members living in an area bounded on the south line beginning on Interstate Highway 45 at the Navarro-Ellis county line north of Rice. Then east following the Navarro-Ellis county line to the Trinity River. Then north following the Trinity River to the Dallas County line. Then west following the Dallas County line to Interstate Highway 35E. Then south following Interstate Highway 35E to the Highway 287 bypass at Waxahachie. Then following Highway 287 bypass to FM 813. Then

following FM 813 northeast to FM 983. Then following FM 983 to Interstate Highway 45 at Ferris. Then following Interstate Highway 45 to the Navarro-Ellis county line.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IV

Section 3. Election and Tenure of Office

(a) Nominating Committee. Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the annual membership meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members of the district where the term of the Director is expiring. Such nominating committee shall nominate one or more members from the district where the term of the Director is expiring, as a Director for that district for the ensuing year. The nominating committee shall meet at a place convenient to the committee to select nominees, such meeting to be held not less than ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the members, and report to the Cooperative the names of its nominees within three (3) days thereafter.

(b) Nominations by Petition. In addition to Nominating Committee nominations, Members may nominate, through petition, individuals from the district where the term of the Director is expiring, as a Director for that district to run for election for a Director position. Nominating Members make nominations by petition by returning to the Cooperative no later than March 15 (or the next business day, if March 15 falls on a weekend or holiday for which the Cooperative's business office is closed), a completed application package obtained from the Cooperative for each petition nomination:

1. listing, on each page of the petition, the name of the petition nominee;
2. indicating, on each page of the petition the Director position (District) for which the petition nominee will run; and
3. containing the printed names, addresses, and telephone numbers, and original dated signatures signed within sixty (60) days of the first signature, of at least fifty (50) members from the District for which the nominee is nominated; provided that any candidate(s) so nominated must meet the qualifications prescribed in Section 4 hereof.

(c) No Nomination From the Floor and Write-In Candidates. Members may not make nomina-

tions from the floor nor nominate or vote for write-in candidates.

(d) **Notice of Director Nominations.** At least ten (10) days before a Member Meeting at which Members are scheduled to elect Directors, the Cooperative shall notify Members of the:

1. Director positions scheduled for election by Members;
2. names and corresponding Director positions of all Nominating Committee Nominations; and
3. names and corresponding Director positions of all Member petition nominations, if any.

(e) **Approval of Director.** Each member present at the annual membership meeting may vote for one candidate from each District where the term of a Director is expiring. The candidate from each district who receives the highest number of votes shall be declared the Director for that District.

(f) **Notice of Bylaws.** At least sixty (60) days before a member's meeting where Directors will be elected, the Cooperative must provide Members with this Bylaw section.

(g) **Tenure of Office.** At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected for the respective districts indicated, by and from the members to succeed those directors whose term of office have expired, to serve for a term of three (3) years or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

Section 4. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who:

(a) Is not a member, or has a controlling interest in another person or entity that has one or more accounts with the Cooperative, that is not in good standing, and maintains a bona fide principal place of residence receiving electric service from the Cooperative in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative

for a period of twelve (12) months prior to nomination (and continuously thereafter); or

(b) Is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy, or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative; or

(c) Is the incumbent of, or candidate for, an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid. School trustees shall not be considered as salaried, elective public officers; or

(d) Is a current employee or has been, within five (5) years, an employee of the Cooperative or who has ever been an employee of the Cooperative and had such employment terminated by the Cooperative, or is a spouse, brother, sister, mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather of a current employee of the Cooperative or a person who has been, within five (5) years, an employee of the Cooperative or a person who has ever been an employee of the Cooperative and had such employment terminated by the Cooperative; or

(e) Has ever been convicted of a felony; or

(f) While serving on the Board, is not present at three (3) consecutive meetings (other than due to bona fide illness).

Upon establishment of the fact that a director is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Directors shall remove such director from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

The directors whose terms are expiring are Kent Sheffield, District I; Leonard Mixon, District III; and Van Fowler, District VII.



Employee of the Month

Fellow co-workers voted Andy Miller employee of the month for October. He began his career at the co-op as a meter reader and is currently a lineman. Andy has been at NCEC for over nine years and said "being safe and familiar with your surroundings is a very important part of my job." When he is not at work, Andy spends time with his wife of 13 years, Elizabeth, and two children, Katie and Drew. For fun, Andy enjoys hunting and fishing.



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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO NCEC MEMBERS

Navarro County Electric Cooperative is offering a scholarship program for students who are attending or want to attend college or vocational school. The cooperative will give five scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 each for 2010. Applicants must be members of the cooperative or be dependants of parents who are members of the cooperative to qualify for this program.

Applications are available online at www.navarroec.com.

These applications must be received in our office no later than February 15, 2010.

For more details please contact Nina Barber, Scholarship Fund Department, at the cooperative office.

Navarro County Electric Cooperative Energy-Efficiency Rebate Program

(Applies to total electric residential locations only.)

CFL Program

Residential members who have an energy consultation or audit performed on their homes are eligible to receive up to \$50 worth of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for their most frequently used fixtures.

CFLs present a significant opportunity for energy savings and are generally 75 percent more efficient than incandescent bulbs. Per Energy Star, they last up to 10 times longer and produce about 75 percent less heat than incandescent bulbs. Qualifying CFLs include recessed can lights, ceiling fan bulbs and globes.

HVAC Tuneup Rebate

Residential members who have an energy consultation or audit performed on their single-family, total-electric homes are eligible to receive up to a \$100 rebate on an HVAC tuneup performed by a qualified service professional.

HVAC tuneups and maintenance help keep heat pumps and central air-conditioning units running at top efficiency, prevent equipment failures and extend the life of the equipment. A receipt must be provided from a qualified contractor stating that the required work was completed.

Energy Star Home Rebate

Members who build Energy Star-rated, total-electric homes (that closed after January 1, 2010) are eligible to receive a \$500 rebate by submitting the Energy Star certificate and builder signature verifying that the home meets Energy Star standards.

Savings are based on heating, cooling and hot water energy use and are typically achieved through a combination of the following: high-performance windows, controlled air filtration, upgraded heating and air-conditioning systems, tight duct systems, high-efficiency water heating equipment, Energy Star appliances and high-efficiency building envelope standards.

Heat Pump Rebate

Members who replace existing HVAC equipment (in single-family, electric-only homes) are eligible to receive a \$150 rebate for a 14 SEER High-Efficiency Heat Pump and a \$300 rebate for a 15 SEER High-Efficiency Pump (or higher).

The rebates for this program apply for replacement of existing HVAC equipment at any single-family home and new home construction. The member must obtain a receipt with the Air-Conditioning Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) designation of the qualifying installation from the installing contractor to present for verification purposes. This rebate is not applicable for homes that use natural gas heating.

Solar Energy Rebate

Navarro supports interconnected cogeneration with net metering, per the terms of our tariff. With our Energy Efficiency Rebate Program, we now offer a \$1,000 rebate on solar generation systems larger than 1,000 watts installed at total electric residential locations.

Operation Round Up Advisory Board Awards Grants

The mission of the Operation Round Up Program of Navarro County Electric Cooperative (NCEC) is the accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable purposes in Ellis, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and Navarro counties. This shall be accomplished by disbursement of funds to individuals and organizations for food, shelter, clothing, health needs and education.

At its December meeting, the NCEC Operation Round Up Advisory Board recommended to distribute funds to five organizations that submitted applications. The following recommendations were approved by the NCEC Board: The **Telico Volunteer Fire Department**, \$2,000; **Frost Community Center**, \$1,000; **Waxahachie Care**, \$4,000;

Red Cross, \$5,000; **Ellis County Child Advocacy**, \$5,000.

Additional grants recommended by the Advisory Board and approved by the NCEC Board (although not to be disbursed until January 2010) were: **Navarro County Food Pantry**, \$2,000; **Ellis County Food Pantry**, \$2,000; **Freestone County Food Pantry**, \$2,000.

Total grants for the December Advisory Board Meeting were \$23,000.

Total grants for all of 2009 were \$41,875.

Applications for grants can be downloaded at www.navarroec.com or requested by phone or in person. The deadline for applications for the next disbursement is February 26.

NCEC Employees Join Corsicana Holiday Parade

Employees and family members braved the cold as they rode on the float entered in the Festival of Lights Parade held December 5 in Corsicana. They tossed

candy to all who lined the street. It was a lot of fun but very cold. Employees hope to continue this tradition next year.



Angel Tree

This year, NCEC employees were given the opportunity to make the holidays a little brighter for some children. Together they provided toys and other gifts to help

make a Christmas wish come true for a number of area children in need. Santa delivered the gifts.



Holiday Food Drive a Success

NCEC celebrated a successful 2009 Thanksgiving Food Drive as employees banded together to collect over 200 pounds of food for the Navarro County Food Pantry. As always, we would like to thank everyone who donated.