

Notice of Election & Annual Meeting



SAM HOUSTON
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Message from CEO

Doug Turk, P.E.

Dear Members,

As a consumer-member, you are an important part of the decision-making and policy-setting at Sam Houston Electric Cooperative. That means you have the right to vote each year for your Board of Directors.

Directors who serve on the Co-op's board are members like you. They listen to the community and guide the policies and priorities of the Cooperative to ensure exceptional service for our members.

Please review the enclosed ballot carefully and cast your vote either online or by mail so that it is received by 10 a.m., Monday, June 12, 2023.

I also hope to see you at our Annual Meeting of Members on June 13, at the Polk County Commerce Center in Livingston.

I urge you to once again help guide your Cooperative. Take time to vote and complete your ballot today.

Sincerely,

Doug Turk, P.E.
Sam Houston EC
General Manager and CEO



Message from Board President Robert C. Boyd

Dear Members,

It's time for the annual Sam Houston Electric Cooperative election of directors.

Once again, we offer our membership the opportunity to vote for their Board either by mail-in ballot or online.

Your Board recommends the choices of the Elections Committee be re-elected.

To vote, please see the enclosed ballot sheet. Don't forget to complete your ballot, either online or by mail, so that it is received no later than 10 a.m., June 12, 2023. Submit your ballot by June 6 to be entered to win additional prizes in the Early Bird drawing.

Please attend our Annual Meeting of Members on June 13, at the Polk County Commerce Center in Livingston.

Thank you for taking an active role in the future of your Cooperative.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Boyd
Sam Houston EC
Board President

Official Notice

Exercise Your Right to Vote

A quorum of at least 10 percent of our membership represented by ballot is required to elect the Board of Directors. The Sam Houston EC Board guides the Cooperative—looking after your best interests as a consumer-member. And, as a consumer-member, you have the right and responsibility to vote!

Co-op members have the option to vote online in the Board of Directors election. Either voting option, paper ballot or electronic ballot, is safe, secure and will be tabulated by an independent voting firm chosen by the Elections Committee. Please see the enclosed ballot sheet for instructions to cast your vote.

Annual Meeting of Members

This is your official notice that the Annual Meeting of Members will be held on June 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Polk County Commerce Center in Livingston.

There is plenty of parking close to the Polk County Commerce Center, which is located at 1017 North 59 Loop in Livingston (Pedigo Park entrance).



Cast Your Ballot For a Chance to Win!

Ballots received by June 6 will be eligible to win one of the many great prizes in the early bird drawing.



- » **\$2,000 Bill Credit**
- » **\$1,000 Bill Credit**
- » **Electric Lawn & Garden Tool set, valued at \$2,000**

And many more great prizes!

Your Board of Directors

District 1: Angelina, Polk and Trinity Counties

Don Boyett
Milton Purvis

Mike Oldner
Casey Evans Davis

District 2: San Jacinto County

James Elmore Gary Jenke

District 3: Jasper and Tyler Counties

Robert C. Boyd

District 4: Hardin and Liberty Counties

Katherine Hardin Chuck Turner

District 5: Montgomery and Walker Counties

W.E. "Ernie" Miles Jim Seale



Meet the Candidates

To ensure equal representation of each of our 65,000 members, the Cooperative service area is divided into five districts. Every Director is accountable to the members.

After all, the Directors are Sam Houston EC members themselves, and each Director also lives in the district he or she is elected to represent.

A quorum of at least 10 percent of our membership represented by ballot is required to elect the Board of Directors. The Sam Houston EC Board is the guiding light of the Cooperative—looking after your best interests as a consumer-member. And, as a consumer-member, your vote is important!

The Sam Houston EC Elections Committee met on Feb. 21, 2023, and reviewed all candidates for election. Two incumbents running for re-election were placed on the ballot. The committee received no petitions for election from the membership.

Co-op members may vote online or by mail in the Board of Directors election. Both voting options are safe, secure and will be tabulated by an independent voting firm chosen by the Elections Committee.

Please see the enclosed ballot sheet for instructions to cast your vote.



James Elmore
District 2
San Jacinto County

James Elmore joined the Sam Houston Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in 2017. He has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, preparing him to fulfill his duty of representing Co-op members through education on key issues facing electric cooperatives. Mr. Elmore has also earned his Board Leadership Certification, which provides a greater education on industry and governance issues, such as risk management, power supply, technology and policy development. Mr. Elmore is a graduate of Coldspring High School and Prairie View A&M University. He retired after coaching and teaching in Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District for 30 years. For over 40 years, he has pastored to the community of Point Blank. Elmore has also been an active member of Sam Houston EC since 1975.

"I believe it is very important to serve as a Co-op board member because it gives me a chance to serve the members of the Cooperative," said Mr. Elmore. "I feel so honored to serve and I want the members to know that I care."



Katherine Hardin
District 4
Hardin & Liberty
Counties

Katherine Hardin has served on the Sam Houston Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since 1995 and has been a member of the Cooperative for more than 45 years. Mrs. Hardin has earned her Credentialed Cooperative Director Certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, which provides education on a wide variety of topics from engineering to finance and communications. She has also earned her Board Leadership Certificate, which provides a greater education on industry and governance issues, including risk management, power supply, technology and policy development. Mrs. Hardin currently serves as the Board Secretary and has

recently retired after 35 years as the secretary for Rural Shade Baptist Church. In her spare time, she works with local students attending Texas A&M University through the Aggie Moms (The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs).

"The Co-op spirit at Sam Houston EC is always a priority to do what's best for our members and how to better serve our members," said Mrs. Hardin. "It's such a privilege to serve with people of integrity that genuinely care about the members we serve in our communities."

Please Vote. It's Easy!

Sam Houston EC members may vote by mail-in ballot or online ballot. Complete your ballot to ensure it is received by 10 a.m., Monday, June 12. Ballots are tabulated by an independent firm chosen by the Elections Committee.

Option 1: Vote Online

Step 1: Visit directvote.net/SHEC

Step 2: Enter your Member Number and Election Passcode (see enclosed sheet).

Step 3: Click and cast your vote(s). You may vote for all, one or none of the candidates listed.

Option 2: Vote By Mail

Step 1: Find the enclosed ballot sheet.

Step 2: Mark your ballot by filling the box completely (example ☐). You may vote for all, one or none of the candidates listed.

Step 3: Detach ballot and mail in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

See the enclosed ballot sheet for complete voting instructions.

Ensure your ballot is received by the early bird deadline of June 6 to be entered to win additional prizes, such as:

- » \$2,000 Bill Credit
- » \$1,000 Bill Credit
- » Electric Lawn & Garden Tool set, valued at \$2,000
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