



**CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

# **2015 DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE**

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*for the official notice and locations of district meetings.*

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**Central Texas Electric Co-op**

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# OFFICIAL NOTICE

## of Central Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., District Meetings

In accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the cooperative's bylaws, district meetings will be held in each board district to take action upon the following matters:

1. To determine the district nominee for election to the board of directors (Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 only). Information about the candidates is included on Page 20 of this issue.
2. Any business which may come before the meeting that is relevant to the district.

### MEETING LOCATIONS

DATE	DISTRICT	TIME	PLACE
Monday, June 1	6	6:30 p.m.	Cherokee High School Cafeteria, Cherokee
Tuesday, June 2	3	6:30 p.m.	Mason Junior High School Cafetorium, Mason <i>Election</i>
Thursday, June 4	2	6:30 p.m.	Ingram Elementary School Cafetorium, Ingram (NEW LOCATION)
Monday, June 8	4	6:30 p.m.	Llano High School Auditorium, Llano <i>Election</i>
Tuesday, June 9	1	6:30 p.m.	Comfort High School Auditorium, Comfort <i>Election</i>
Thursday, June 11	5	6:30 p.m.	Fredericksburg High School Auditorium, Fredericksburg <i>Election</i>

### VOTING

To be eligible to vote, your membership must have been approved and accepted by the board of directors on or before May 7, 2015. Only one vote is allowed per membership. If both husband and wife attend, only one may vote. **You must be present at your District Meeting to vote. Proof of identification will be required.**

### DOOR PRIZES & BILL CREDITS

A **\$10 BILL CREDIT** will be allowed for each voting member in attendance. Drawings for door prizes will be held at the close of the meeting.

**DETACH THIS REGISTRATION CARD AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO YOUR DISTRICT MEETING.**

## IMPORTANT

Check the mailing label on the front cover of this magazine to identify your district.

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EXAMPLE

**BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU TO SAVE TIME IN THE REGISTRATION LINE.**

# 2015 CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the bylaws of Central Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., a Credentials and Election Committee was formed to review applications and petitions submitted by cooperative members seeking election to the cooperative board of directors. Each sitting director chose one committee member, and an equal number were chosen at random by computer.

This Credentials and Election Committee met at the cooperative's headquarters office in Fredericksburg, March 24, 2015. The members serving on the committee are:

## DISTRICT 1

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*Kendall County area*

**May Thim**

**Sue Whitworth**

## DISTRICT 2

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*Kerr/Real/Southern Kimble  
County area*

**Richard Sinderson**

**Richard M. Zimmerly III**

## DISTRICT 3

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*Mason/McCulloch/Menard/  
Northern Kimble County area*

**Lee Blackwell**

**Paul Branch**

**Denwood Butler**

**Brent Drennan**

## DISTRICT 4

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*Llano County area*

**Marvin Gray**

**Wallace Klussmann**

**Frank Serpas Jr.**

**Virginia Shilts**

**Evon Trantham**

**Steve Widner**

## DISTRICT 5

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*Gillespie/Blanco County area*

**Barbara Crenwelge**

**Lester W. Hawkins**

**Fred Hild**

**Bill Ransleben**

**Paul Tybor**

**Charlie Wilson**

## DISTRICT 6

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*San Saba County area*

**Martin Gray**

**Janice Hull**

In 2015, elections will be held in Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 to choose one member from each district as its district meeting nominee for director. Biographies of interested members who submitted their applications for director seats by the March 16, 2015, deadline and were approved by the Credentials and Election Committee are included on Page 20 of this issue.

# IMPORTANT DISTRICT MEETING DETAILS

**ALL MEETINGS START AT 6:30 P.M. • ALL REGISTRATIONS START AT 5:30 P.M.**

Members should bring the registration card, located on the front cover of this magazine, and proof of identification.

Director candidates will be chosen in Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Check the mailing label located on the front cover of this magazine to identify your district.

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EXAMPLE

**JUNE 9, TUESDAY • 6:30 P.M.**  
**DISTRICT 1**  
 Kendall County area  
 Comfort High School Cafeteria

**NEW LOCATION**

**JUNE 4, THURSDAY • 6:30 P.M.**  
**DISTRICT 2**  
 Kerr/Real/Southern  
 Kimble County area  
 Ingram Elementary School Cafetorium

**JUNE 2, TUESDAY • 6:30 P.M.**  
**DISTRICT 3**  
 Mason/McCulloch/Menard/  
 Northern Kimble County area  
 Mason Junior High School Cafetorium

**JUNE 8, MONDAY • 6:30 P.M.**  
**DISTRICT 4**  
 Llano County area  
 Llano High School Auditorium

**JUNE 11, THURSDAY • 6:30 P.M.**  
**DISTRICT 5**  
 Gillespie/Blanco County area  
 Fredericksburg  
 High School Auditorium

**JUNE 1, MONDAY • 6:30 P.M.**  
**DISTRICT 6**  
 San Saba County area  
 Cherokee High School Cafeteria

# The Value of Electric Cooperatives

*Why being a member of a co-op saves you money*



## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ROBERT A. LOTH III

THERE ARE THREE MAIN TYPES of electricity providers in the United States. Investor-owned utilities, also known as IOUs, primarily serve densely populated areas. Municipal-owned utilities, or MOUs, serve cities from the very large, such as Dallas, to the very small. And of course, there are electric cooperatives, such as Central Texas Electric Cooperative, that primarily serve less populated parts of the country.

In the utility business, population matters. Because the costs are similar to serve any given area, more customers means more people to share the cost, keeping rates lower. At least that is the theory.

The density of service recipients is distributed this way, according to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association: MOUs, which operate in cities and towns, have the greatest density at 48.3 customers per mile of line, generating an average of \$113,301 of revenue per mile of line annually. IOUs follow with 34 customers per mile of line, generating average revenues of \$75,498. Finally, electric co-ops average 7.4

members (not customers, but members) per mile of line, bringing in an average of \$14,938 in revenue per mile.

Central Texas Electric Cooperative serves 3.8 members per mile each year, generating \$8,750 of revenue per mile.

If I were to give this data to any business school in the country and ask, based on this information, what the rates should be for each of the utilities, the answer would likely be that electric co-ops should have a rate 7.5 times greater than MOUs and 5 times higher than IOUs.

However, that is not the case. Why not? It has to do with the respective business models. IOUs are owned by outside



**The cooperative business model helps keep electric rates reasonable for members, who often live in the less-populated areas of Texas.**

investors who may or may not be users of the electric utility they own. These companies' stocks are traded on Wall Street, and those investors demand a return on their investment. This drives up the price that their customers pay. Many municipal systems charge rates that generate a "profit" for their cities to help pay for other services.

We at CTEC take your cost of power very seriously and are constantly looking for ways to run your cooperative more efficiently. Because of these diligent efforts, I am proud to say that our co-op is not only very competitive, but in many cases, CTEC also is the low-cost provider when compared to any other area electric utility.

Because our members are our owners, we can provide safe, reliable and affordable power to you. That is just another way your co-op brings you value.



## ATTENTION, KERR COUNTY RESIDENTS

# District 2 Meeting at NEW Location

### BECAUSE OF PLANNED CONSTRUCTION

at Ingram Tom Moore High School this summer, CTEC has moved the District 2 meeting Thursday, June 4, to the cafeteria at Ingram Elementary School, 125 Brave Run in Ingram. (See the map on the back of this month's issue of Texas Co-op Power.)

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Kerr County members attending will find more convenient and ample parking at the new location.

Members attending will be allowed a \$10 bill credit, as in the past. And although no board election is on the agenda this year, co-op members can still get important updates on CTEC plans for the future.

A Q&A session with CEO Bob Loth will be on the agenda, and the meeting will conclude with a drawing for a few attendance prizes.

CTEC thanks Ingram ISD officials for alerting us to this construction issue and appreciates their cooperation in suggesting this new location.

# Attend the District Meeting and Get \$10 Off Your Electric Bill

**ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BENEFITS** gained from being a member of a locally owned co-op is the right of democratic control—one membership, one vote.

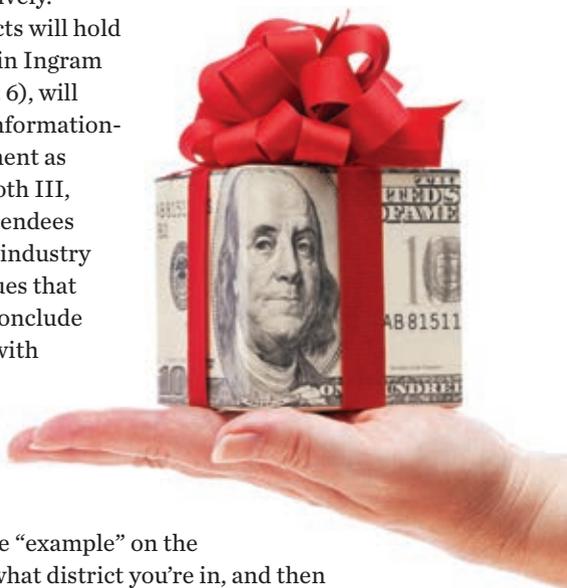
You can exercise your right to vote this June by attending the district meeting in your area and helping select a candidate to represent your area on the board of directors of Central Texas Electric Cooperative. Board candidates will be selected in Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5 this year. Those meetings will be held in Comfort, Mason, Llano and Fredericksburg, respectively.

Although only those four districts will hold elections, the other two meetings, in Ingram (District 2) and Cherokee (District 6), will provide their members the same information-sharing discussions with management as the election meetings. Robert A. Loth III, CEO, will be on hand to update attendees on the current state of the electric industry and discuss current and future issues that will involve your co-op. Loth will conclude each meeting with a Q&A session with the members present.

Keep this magazine until June! Refer to the mailing label on the back cover of this issue to find the district meeting that you should attend. Refer to the “example” on the dust cover, verify from your label what district you’re in, and then find where YOUR meeting will take place.

According to the CTEC bylaws, members must be present at their designated district meetings to participate and vote. Attendees will receive a \$10 credit (per membership) on their electric bill, as well as be eligible for a few door prizes at each meeting.

So check out the date and place of your district meeting and mark your calendar today. Dates, places and maps are on the back cover. You must be present to vote, and you should bring the registration card on the front cover of this issue, plus your identification, with you to the meeting. It will speed up your registration!



## Director Application Notice

**MEMBERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE DISTRICT MEETING NOMINATION** for director can still be placed on the annual meeting ballot by submitting an application and petition signed by at least 1 percent of co-op members eligible to vote (at present this would require about 250 signatures). The deadline for submitting the application and petition is June 25. The names of all nominees will be published in the annual meeting notice and included on proxy ballots mailed to all members. Nominations from the floor are no longer allowed.



### Central Texas Electric Cooperative

**Fredericksburg (headquarters)**

386 Friendship Lane  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

**Llano**

1410 E. State Hwy. 29, Llano

**Kingsland**

Nob Hill Subdivision  
706 Cottonwood St., Kingsland

**Mason**

983 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Mason

**Office Hours**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

**Website**

ctec.coop

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Robert A. Loth III

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Riley Kothmann, President, *Mason County*
- James Low, Vice President, *San Saba County*
- Jack Asbill, Secretary, *Mason County*
- Allen Goodwin, Treasurer, *Kendall County*
- Doyle Bode, *Gillespie County*
- Rex Brand, *Kerr County*
- Gerald Kaspar, *Llano County*
- Stanley Keese, *Llano County*
- Tim Lehmborg, *Gillespie County*
- Charles E. Pearson, *Gillespie County*
- W.C. “Dub” Stewart, *Llano County*

### Emergency Contact

To report electric service interruptions, please call the Central Texas Electric Cooperative office in your area at the numbers listed below:

**FREDERICKSBURG AREA**

**(830) 997-2126**

**1-800-900-CTEC (2832)**

including Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Blanco, Real and Kimble counties

**LLANO AND SAN SABA AREAS**

**(325) 247-4191**

**THE LAKES AREA**

**(325) 388-4542**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**(325) 247-4191**

after business hours

**MASON AREA**

**(325) 347-6314**

including McCulloch, Menard and Kimble counties

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# Applications Received for Director Meeting Nominations

**THE FOLLOWING CTEC MEMBERS** submitted their applications for a seat on the board of directors in their respective districts. Each of these individuals will be placed on the ballot as a district meeting nominee for director. Their eligibility has been confirmed by the credentials and election committee, which met at the CTEC headquarters March 24.

## District 1—Kendall County Applicant: ALLEN GOODWIN



### Qualifications and why I am seeking this position:

I am seeking re-election to the board of directors of CTEC because I believe that I can utilize my business experience,

education and skills to continue to effectively serve the members of CTEC in providing reliable, high-quality electric service at reasonable costs. There are many challenges that face not only CTEC, but also our members. Our population and technology are growing, and we must recognize and address new and different issues that are critical to sustaining the high-quality service of the co-op.

I have the privilege of serving on the board of directors as your co-op treasurer and chairman of the finance committee. Previously I served as chairman of the strategy and policy committee. During my first term, I completed training for the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate and the Board Leadership Certificate.

My educational background includes a degree in math and science and a master's degree in finance and management. My experience also includes serving as an officer in the U.S. Navy, 10 years as

managing director of the largest division of a Fortune 100 company, and 20 years as a mergers and acquisition consultant.

In seeking to improve the quality of life in Kendall County, I have been and am very active in my community and county. I serve on the board of directors of the Kendall County Economic Development Corporation and on the advisory council of the Comfort Boys and Girls Club. I have served as vice president and president of the Comfort Chamber of Commerce, and am on the board of directors of the Comfort Area Foundation. My wife, Sunny, and I are active members of Comfort Baptist Church. I ask for your vote so that I may continue to serve you as a director.

## District 3—Mason, McCullough, Menard and northern Kimble counties

Applicant: RILEY KOTHMANN



### Qualifications and why I am seeking this position:

I am seeking election to my third term on the CTEC board. In my almost six years on the board, I have served as a

contributing member and in various committee and leadership roles. I'm currently president of the CTEC board. I have received the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate and the Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, a national organization of electric co-ops.

I still feel, as I did when I initially ran for the board, that my manufacturing and business experience would allow me to positively contribute to the oversight of the CTEC organization and help

direct CTEC to be better and better for its members. The recent severing of the Lower Colorado River Authority as our sole power supplier has created a new group of issues and opportunities for CTEC to deal with, and I know that my experience and training will allow me to contribute.

I served for six years in the U.S. Army and worked 25 years in the chemical industry. My education includes a chemistry degree from Rice University and a master's in business administration from Rutgers University.

## District 4—Llano County

Applicant: WILLIAM "BILL" DALY



### Qualifications and why I am seeking this position:

My wife and I moved to Sunrise Beach from New Orleans in 2003. In New Orleans, using my degree in landscape

architecture from Louisiana State University, I started a landscape company that grew into a successful business.

Upon selling the business and moving to Llano County, I served the community in numerous ways. I am a firefighter and medical first responder on the Sunrise Beach VFD, serving on the board of directors, currently as treasurer. I have been a member of the Sunrise Beach zoning board, board of adjustments and airport commission, serving as chairman of the airport commission for six years.

I volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation as a wish granter and the American Cancer Society by driving patients into Austin for treatment. I have been recognized by the Sunrise Beach VFD as Firefighter of the Year

and Medical First Responder of the Year, and by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and South Texas as Volunteer Wish Granter of the Year.

If elected to the CTEC Board of Directors, my background as a small-business owner and my experience on numerous boards will be beneficial in serving the members of the CTEC co-op.

**Applicant: TOMMY DUNCAN**



**Qualifications and why I am seeking this position:**

My name is Tommy Duncan and I am running for a position on the board of CTEC, District 4. I was born and

raised in Llano, and, after graduating from Texas State University, my wife and I moved to Kingsland, where we have lived for more than 40 years. We have raised two children in Llano County and have been members of Buchanan Baptist Church for the past 23 years.

After working 30 years in the banking industry and serving on the board of directors of two banks, I am retired. I also have served one term as Llano county commissioner and as a member of the Llano school board, chamber of commerce board and other civic organizations.

I feel my past business experience and working with the public could be beneficial to the board, and it would be an honor for me to serve my community and members of the co-op.

**District 5—Gillespie and Blanco counties**

**Applicant: DOYLENE BODE**



**Qualifications and why I am seeking this position:**

I am seeking re-election to the board of directors of CTEC to continue to provide the unique perspective as a

community woman, wife and mother

who is strongly committed to the success of CTEC and being the voice for the member-owners I have previously been elected to serve.

As I presented when I first campaigned three years ago, energy and electricity are major issues for our state, and keeping reliable, high-quality and affordable service for all is of the utmost importance. The economy and technology are ever-changing, and CTEC is directly affected by both.

With 25 years of experience in the local banking industry and as a small-business owner and local rancher, I believe I have the necessary business experience to be an asset to our member-owners and can help keep our co-op in good financial health.

I have been a resident of District 5 most of my life and have deep roots within the community. I am a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, Harper Wildlife Management Association (2015 treasurer/secretary), Harper Community Park, Gillespie County Agricultural Commodity Association, Hill Country Youth Ranch, Texas Hill Country Dorper Association (past secretary) and St. James Lutheran Church, where I also serve as the business manager.

Over the past three years, I have been honored to serve on our CTEC Board of Directors and have demonstrated my commitment to serve. I am privileged to serve as chairman of the community and member relations committee and have previously served on the benefits and compensation committee. In qualifications, I have achieved the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate and the Board Leadership Certificate from the NRECA.

If re-elected, I would be honored to continue my service to both CTEC and the member-owners to carry on the mission of the co-op and do my part to keep CTEC as a viable asset to all the communities we serve. I would appreciate your vote to re-elect me as the District 5 representative in June. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in voting in the election.



CENTRAL TEXAS EC  
WISHES YOU A HAPPY  
**MEMORIAL  
DAY**

**MONDAY, MAY 25**

OUR OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE  
OF THE HOLIDAY



**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY**

FROM CENTRAL TEXAS EC  
SUNDAY, MAY 10

# Henegar Wins Trip to Washington, DC



**Editor's note:** This essay earned William Henegar, a student at Cherokee High School, a trip to Washington, D.C., in Central Texas Electric Cooperative's Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest. His essay is the second in a series of winning compositions that will be printed in *Texas Co-op Power*. The views expressed in this essay are not necessarily those of Central Texas Electric Cooperative.

The essay was written on this theme: "Many people take getting electricity for granted; they flip the switch, and it's there. But the process of delivering reliable electricity involves a team of experts in management, engineering and operations, accounting, customer service, information technology, equipment operation, human resources, vehicle maintenance, public relations and more."

The essay was required to answer the question: "What type of career can you see someone having at an electric co-op, and what advantage would working for a local co-op provide?"

## Careers in an Electric Co-op

BY WILLIAM HENEGAR

**AS STATED IN THE PROMPT FOR THIS ESSAY**, people take electricity for granted. Only now that I think about that fact do I begin to appreciate what is really happening. I have not previously thought about working at an electric co-op, but I do see some advantages as I ponder the possibilities. For the longest time, I have aspired to be an engineer, and now I am seeing a whole new spectrum of ideas.

Engineers in a co-op could do any number of things, from designing new, efficient ways to produce energy, planning paths for the poles and even finding more efficient travel for the electricity itself.

Energy in America is, for the most part, abundant. I do not know if calling it 'efficient' is necessarily correct. There is constant talk of finding new energy sources. I believe that it would be a great job to research improved ways to produce electricity. Here in the Hill Country of Texas, there are cleaner ways being used, such as the Buchanan Dam's water-powered way of producing electricity. I believe that it would be beneficial and rewarding to have an engineer or even an entire team devoted to finding more efficient energy production where there are less waste materials.

Also, I could see engineers benefitting from working in a co-op by making the ways the electricity is actually transported better—working with the resistance of the wires versus how much electricity they can pull at once and finding the best conductors to use for the job.

Engineers could work out in the field by using different types of poles and anchoring systems to make setting up new lines easier. Also designing the pattern, or "grid," as I was calling it, would be interesting.

If some engineers were set to work to make the co-op more efficient, I believe that it would make the lives of all involved much easier. Think of how much electric transport could be made and how much cheaper electricity would be. Producing more for less than it already does could reduce the amount of materials needed to be bought by the producer, therefore reducing cost for distributing and buying.

Also, the workforce could be revolutionized. For example, replaceable parts. If better systems were installed that could be easily replaced with interchangeable parts, then the co-op could simply provide the parts necessary, and the installation would be painless. Boxes could even be made to be safer so that if they were not very experienced, they would be relatively safe; but, of course, at-home fixes would be optional and the normal services would still be available.

I believe that working at an electric co-op as an engineer would be very beneficial to not only the consumer but to the producer and the distributor, and it would be gratifying. The co-op is made up of the real people who use the electricity, and they deserve the best options for their money.



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