

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **48 candidates running for co-op board in November 17 election**

ST. MATTHEWS -- Forty-eight candidates will vie for nine seats on the board of trustees of Tri-County Electric Cooperative on Saturday, November 17, in an election at a special member meeting.

Members will register for the meeting and vote from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the co-op's headquarters, 6473 Old State Road, St. Matthews. The election results will be announced when the vote counting is completed by the Calhoun County elections officials managing the voting.

A registration card and sample ballot will be mailed to all Tri-County Electric members. Members must bring a valid photo I.D. and can only register and vote on behalf of themselves or their spouse. One vote is allowed per membership. Voting will be at-large, not by board district.

Candidate information and photos will soon be posted on the co-op's website, [www.tri-countyelectric.net](http://www.tri-countyelectric.net). The co-op will produce a special election booklet for members who do not have access to the internet. Booklets will be available at all co-op offices, including district offices at 9348 Old Number Six Hwy., Santee, and 11335 Garners Ferry Road, Eastover.

Tri-County Electric will hold a meet-and-greet for candidates and cooperative members at its headquarters at 6 p.m. Monday, October 29. Candidates, grouped by co-op board district, are listed in the addendum to this release.

The election came about due to member dissatisfaction after Tri-County's regular annual meeting of members May 17. Members complained they had been given incorrect information about proposed bylaws, which were narrowly defeated at the meeting. The bylaws, approved at a special member meeting August 18 and available at the co-op website, set high standards of ethical conduct and good governance. Members also criticized previous trustee compensation, now limited under the bylaws. Members voted August 18 to remove the board.

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