

President's Report



William R. Dodds
President/CEO

Board of Director positions up for election

Spoon River Electric's Annual Meeting is right around the corner! Board of Director positions for Districts 1, 2, and 3 are up for election this year.

One co-op member will be elected from each district to serve a three-year term. Seeking re-election are incumbent directors Lyle Nelson of Abingdon, District 1 and Jim Banks of Canton, District 3.

Current District 2 Director Greg Leigh will retire from the board after 12 years of dedicated service.

Interested in becoming a director? Your primary residence must be in District 1, 2, or 3. See a map at srecoop.org or call the office for more details.

If you or someone you know is interested in a director position, please submit a letter of interest and personal resume to the Nominating Committee: Spoon River Electric Cooperative, Attn: Nominating Committee, PO Box 340, Canton IL 61520. All letters of interest must be received on or before 4:30pm March 27, 2017.

Below is a brief synopsis of duties. Additional details can be found in our bylaws; please notify us if you need a copy.

A director must:

- Receive electric service from the co-op at their primary residence within the district, be a member in good standing, and not have conflicting business interests.
- Be able to spend adequate time on board work and attend most regular board meetings held the fourth Monday evening of each month for several hours at the co-op office.
- Attend our annual meeting each year and other special board meetings, committee meetings, director's conferences and educational seminars as necessary.
- Be accessible to members within the district and represent all members of the co-op.
- Acquire knowledge about the electric utility including finances, management, and public issues. (It takes time to learn the system and for that reason our directors have made long-term commitments to serving the co-op.)



Lyle Nelson of Abingdon,
District 1



Open Director,
District 2



Jim Banks of Canton,
District 3

Spoon River Electric Cooperative

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Spoon River Electric Cooperative – By the Numbers

Miles of line energized: 1,271
Number of members served: 4,808
Number of power poles
in territory: 29,255

A solid investment in your electric co-op

As a member of Spoon River Electric, you make an investment in the co-op every time you pay your bill. This collective investment in the co-op benefits you and the community immediately and over time. So what exactly is this monthly investment, and how do you benefit from it?

The facility charge is a monthly investment that helps your co-op cover the expenses of maintaining the over-all electric system. Combatting cyber security threats and maintaining poles, wires, substations and co-op equipment takes strategic planning and significant resources. The facility charge essentially ensures that all equipment operates properly and staff is trained and ready so the lights turn on when you need them.

Regardless of how much electricity

a particular family uses, the cost of delivering power to that house is the same. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we believe the operational costs should be spread fairly and equitably across all of our members, regardless of the level of electricity use. That is why every member pays the facility charge each month to cover basic operational costs. In essence, this gives each co-op member an equal share in Spoon

River Electric's operation.

Your monthly investment ensures you have access to safe, reliable and affordable power when you need it. We appreciate and value the investment that you make in the co-op each month, and we strive to use that investment wisely for the benefit of all members of our community.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Warmer weather is on the way! Use energy efficient window treatments or coverings, like blinds, shades and films, to reduce heat gain in your home. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

For more tips on smart tree planting in your community, contact your local electric cooperative or visit www.ArborDay.org.

Trees beautify our neighborhoods, and when planted in the right spot, can even help lower energy bills. But the wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard... especially to power lines.

LARGE TREES

Height/spread of more than 40 feet, such as:

- Maple
- Birch
- Oak
- Sweetgum
- Spruce
- Linden
- Pine

MEDIUM TREES

Height/spread of 25 to 40 feet, such as:

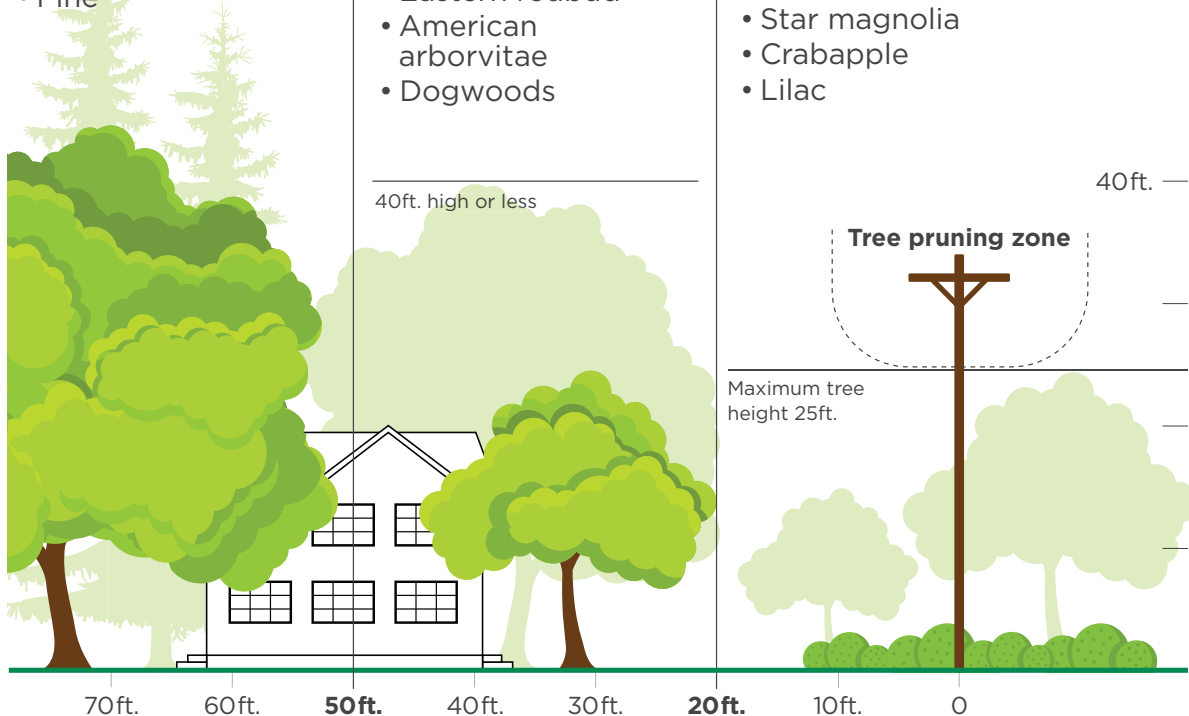
- Washington hawthorn
- Goldenraintree
- Eastern redbud
- American arborvitae
- Dogwoods

SMALL TREES

Avoid planting within 20 feet of power lines. When planting within 20 feet is unavoidable, use only shrubs and small trees.

Height/spread of no more than 25 feet such as:

- Star magnolia
- Crabapple
- Lilac



Be safe! Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.

Source: The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association



ATTENTION 2016-2017 SENIORS!

Spoon River Electric Cooperative is Awarding Three \$1,000 Scholarships to High School Seniors

High school students who are seniors during the 2016-2017 school year, and are the son or daughter of a Spoon River Electric member are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 Scholastic Scholarship, a \$1,000 Honorary Scholarship, and the \$1,000 Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded at this year's Annual Meeting on June 15, 2017.

Please fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return it to the Cooperative to participate. Applications must be turned in by **May 31, 2017** to be considered. Please see official rules and descriptions of scholarships below.

OFFICIAL RULES

- **Applying students and their parent/legal guardian must be present at the Annual Meeting June 15, 2017, to win.**
- Students must be a son or daughter of a Spoon River Electric Cooperative Member.
- Students must be a high school senior during the 2016-2017 school year and begin college undergraduate studies in the 2017-2018 school year. -Students must plan on attending a two-year or four-year accredited college or university, including vocational/technical schools.
- Scholarship winners must be full-time students (at least 12 hours) during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Scholarships are for one year and are non-renewable.
- Past Spoon River Electric Cooperative scholarship winners are not eligible to receive another one.

SCHOLASTIC AND SCOTT PARRISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Scholastic and Scott Parrish Memorial Scholarships will be awarded based on an application detailing GPA, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, and a biographical statement.
- Semi-finalists will be notified by mail with a time and place for a personal interview.
- Those not chosen as semi-finalists for the Scholastic and Parrish Scholarships will be automatically placed in the Honorary Scholarship drawing.

HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

- The Honorary Scholarship will be awarded by a drawing as students are recognized at the Annual Meeting.
- All applicants are eligible for the Honorary Scholarship drawing except the Scholastic and Parrish Scholarship winners.



Scholarship Participation Request

Name of Student _____

Address of Student _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone Number _____

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