

## Director nomination and election process

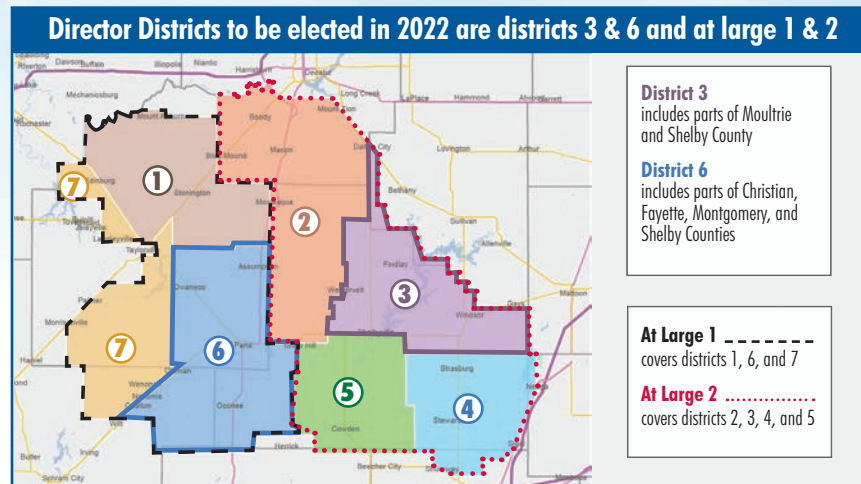
Shelby Electric Cooperative's 84th Annual Meeting of members will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022, and will include the election of four directors.

Directors are elected from the cooperative's membership, and any active Class A member may seek election to serve as a director. An "active Class A member" is a Class A member currently receiving electric energy services from the cooperative.

The cooperative's board of directors consists of nine directors; seven of which are elected from each of the seven Director Districts, one of which is elected "at large" from the cooperative service area covered by Districts 1, 6, and 7, and one of which is elected "at large" from the cooperative service area covered by Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5. The directors' three-year terms of office are staggered. In 2022, directors will be elected from District 3, District 6, and "at large" from the service area covered by Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 for full three-year terms. In addition, one director will be elected "at large" from the service area covered by Districts 1, 6, and 7 for a one-year term, which constitutes the remaining duration of the terms of those directors that would have been elected in 2020 if the Annual Meeting had not been canceled. Although directors are elected from particular Director Districts, all active Class A members may vote in every election.

### The qualifications in the Cooperative's bylaws to serve as a director are:

- Must be an active Class A member who is a natural person (not a corporation, etc.) and not a person acting in a representative capacity for a Class A member (not a Class A member's guardian, etc.)
- Must be a bona fide resident in the Director District from which he or she is to be elected or a bona fide resident in the cooperative service area covering those Districts for which the "at large" directors are elected (see above)
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must not have completed six or more three-year terms as a director
- Must not be employed by or financially interested in:



- Any business or enterprise engaged in the sale of any form of energy to the cooperative (other than any form of energy that the cooperative is required by law to purchase) or to any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers
- Any business or enterprise engaged in the delivery of any form of energy to the cooperative or any of the cooperative's subsidiaries, members, or consumers
- Any other business or enterprise that is engaged in by the cooperative or its subsidiaries, members, or consumers

- Must not be the incumbent or a candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid, other than a township office or school office
- Must, if seeking re-election for a fourth full term, be certified by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to have successfully completed its course of training for rural electric cooperative directors

### A cooperative director is expected to:

- Attend all monthly board meetings, which generally last from three to five hours
- Attend all special board meetings, committee meetings, and annual meetings of members

- Attend all board meetings of other organizations for which he or she is a director representing Shelby Electric Cooperative
- Complete the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director training during the first three-year term of office

The cooperative's bylaws provide that directors shall typically be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of members. The Board of Directors has discretion, however, to direct that an election be conducted exclusively through written ballots submitted by mail or through online internet voting. While the Board of Directors anticipates conducting the election by ballot at the annual meeting, a final determination has not yet been made. Additional information will be provided.

Nominating petitions and Statement of Qualifications are available through the cooperative's legal counsel, Rammelkamp Bradney, and may be requested by contacting Amy Jackson via telephone at 217-245-6177, email at [ajackson@rblawyers.net](mailto:ajackson@rblawyers.net), or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, Illinois 62651-0550. Nominating petitions must be signed by 15 or more active Class A members. The nominating petition and a Statement of Qualifications demonstrating that the potential nominee meets the qualifications must be filed with the secretary of the cooperative (or the secretary's designee) by April 1, 2022, at 4 p.m.



## Maintaining the cooperative's right-of-way

Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) provides electricity over approximately 2,200 miles of energized line in all or parts of nine counties. Trees and underbrush surround many of those lines. When the wind blows, it can cause trees to come into contact with these lines causing your lights to blink. During storms limbs could break and fall onto lines causing fuses to blow or reclosers to open. Even worse, a storm may cause a tree or heavy limb to fall and take down a power line and pole, which can create other issues down the line. This is why we have a right-of-way (ROW) maintenance program.

Part of the ROW program is tree trimming, spraying, and pole test-

ing. (See our planned 2022 activities in graphic on the right.)

For **tree trimming**, the cooperative's forestry crew is trained to use safe cutting methods to minimize damage to the tree's health. Sometimes trimming is not enough so we have to cut down trees to avoid potential issues down the road. Other times trees are damaged and can become potential hazards.

For **ROW spraying**, we use a custom blend of selective herbicides applied with a foliar spray application method. The foliar spray method puts herbicides directly to the plant's leaves. "We found this is the most cost efficient way to control woody plants and evasive species, unwanted vegetation, and control their growth along right-of-way. It also promotes native plants and prairie grasses to germinate and grow," said Forestry Foreman Jerry Johnston.

For **pole inspections**, we utilize a contracting crew based out of Missouri. Poles are tested for integrity and inspected for rot, decay, and insect infestation, as well as hardware issues on the cross arms or other areas of the pole. All contractors have SEC signs on their vehicles and carry required paper work.

A clear ROW cuts down annoying blinks and outages, plus it makes it easier for line crews to access and repair other problems that might occur on the cooperative's electric grid. Your cooperative seeks to provide you with safe, reliable electric service all year round, and our right-of-way maintenance program is just one way for us to achieve this.

# 2022 Tree Trimming, Spraying, & Pole Change Out Schedule

## \*2022 Tree Trimming and Mowing

Shelby Electric Cooperative's tree trimming crew and contractors will be trimming trees and mowing in these areas:

**A, L, S, and V.**

## \*2022 Spraying

Shelby Electric Cooperative's spraying crew will be working in these areas:

**A, L, S, and V.**

## \*2022 Pole Change Outs

Shelby Electric Cooperative crews will be working in the following areas:

**P, D, R, V, and W.**

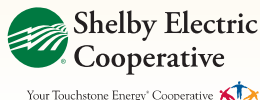
*\*These are our areas of concentration for 2022. However, ROW maintenance work will continue in other parts of our service territory as needed.*




## SHELBY News

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**7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

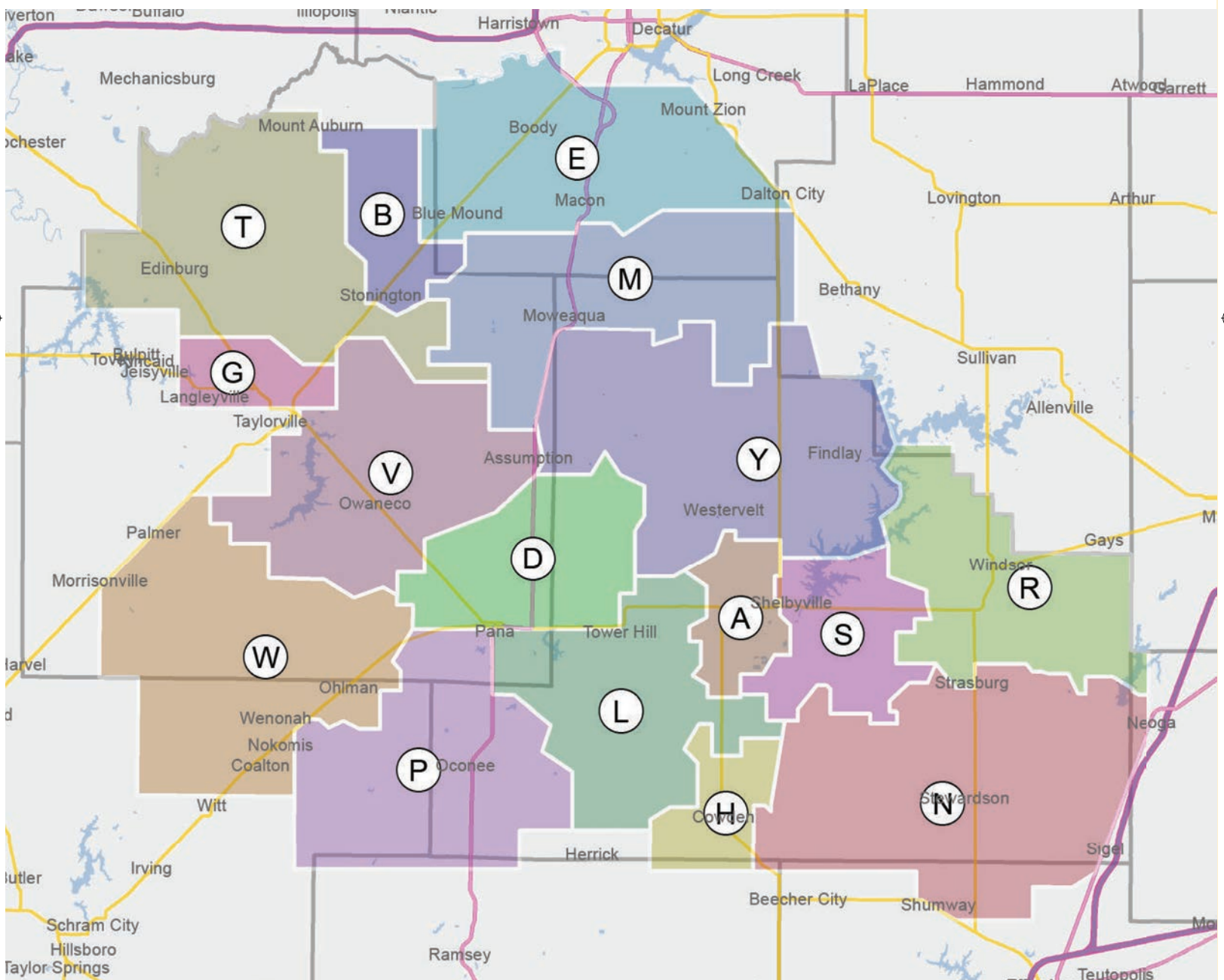


Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

SEC's Operations Department maintains an annual schedule for tree trimming, spraying, and pole inspections (see our planned 2022 activities in graphic below). Any contract crews working for SEC will have magnetic signs on their vehicles that indicate they are working for the cooperative. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the cooperative at 217-774-3986 or toll free at 1-800-677-2612.

Substation	Letter Associated
Airport	A
Blue Mound	B
Dunkel	D
Elwin	E
Grove City	G
Herrick	H
Lakewood	L
Moweaqua	M

Substation	Letter Associated
Neoga	N
Pana	P
Richland	R
Shelbyville	S
Taylorville	T
Velma	V
Wenonah	W
Yantisville	Y



**T**ime is running out to submit your Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) scholarship application. See guidelines and official rules at [shelbyelectric.coop](http://shelbyelectric.coop) under the “Community” tab. Download an application or pick one up from your high school guidance counselor’s office.

Three academic scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded. Eligible students must be sons or daughters of any current SEC member who is receiving electric service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted. Students must be high school seniors pursuing a college education in the United States.

**DEADLINE: March 4, 2022**

Applications may be delivered to the office, mailed, or emailed.  
 Shelby Electric Cooperative  
 Attn: SEC Scholarship  
 P.O. Box 560  
 Shelbyville, Illinois 62565  
[scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop](mailto:scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop)  
 217-774-3986

**SCHOLARSHIP  
 REMINDER**



**Energy Efficiency  
 Tip of the Month**

Spring is nearly here! Now is the perfect time to test your A/C and ensure it is ready for summer. Remember to check the evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually for optimal efficiency.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



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**Remember Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2:00 a.m.  
 You will need to set your clocks ahead one hour (Spring forward).**

Fire departments recommend changing the batteries in your smoke detector(s) at this time.