

Director nomination and election process

Shelby Electric Cooperative's 87th Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, and will include the election of three 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 2026, directors will be elected from District 4, District 5, and At Large B for full three-year terms. Although directors are elected from specific 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 which is also 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 or school office.

- Must, if seeking reelection 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.

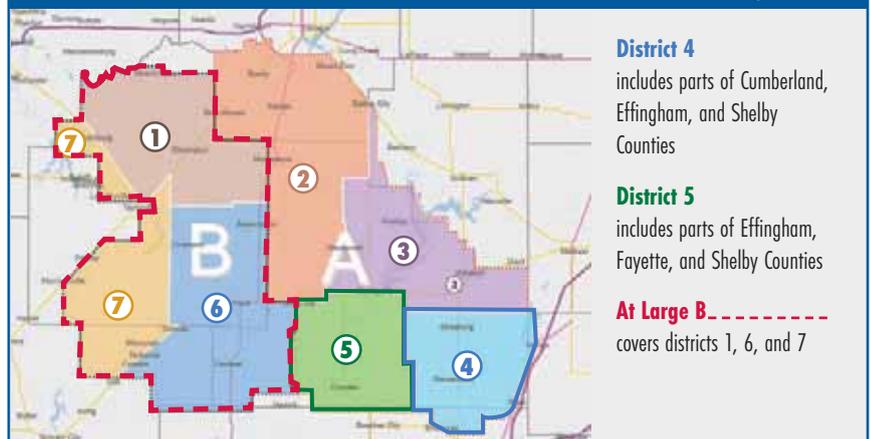
A cooperative director is expected to:

- 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 voting online. 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, or by U.S. mail at P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, IL 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 Friday, April 3, 2026, at 4 p.m.

Director Districts to be elected in 2026 are Districts 4 & 5 and At Large B



Keeping Right-of-Way Clear



Before line clearance

After line clearance

“70% of our power outages are caused by tree-related issues. It is our job to ensure that trees, branches, and limbs are a safe distance from our power lines to avoid fire hazards, power interruptions, and to allow for safe working conditions.” — Brian Chevalier, Construction Superintendent

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Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) provides reliable electricity more efficiently through right-of-way (ROW) clearing and tree trimming. ROW is the portion of land under and around power lines that SEC has the right to clear and maintain. “Through our ROW management efforts over the past several years, we have seen a significant drop in line loss and outages based on tree related issues. We appreciate our members support, and we will always be respectful when working on their property,” stated Chevalier. A clear ROW cuts down on annoying blinks and outages, along with making it easier for linemen to access and fix other issues that may occur. SEC seeks to provide you with safe, reliable electric service all year round, and our ROW maintenance program is just one more way the co-op can achieve this goal.

SEC maintains around 45,500 poles over 2,200 miles of energized line in all or parts of nine counties.

2026 Tree Trimming, Spraying, & Pole Change Out Information

Shelby Electric Cooperative’s operations department maintains an annual schedule for tree trimming, spraying, pole inspections, and pole change outs. With our infrastructure buildout for ShelbyFiber, ongoing co-op construction projects and regular work orders, our crews and contractors will be working throughout the whole service territory in 2026. When we are in a concentrated area, we will let our members know via social media and by other means. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the cooperative at 217-774-3986.

Scan QR code to watch a time-lapse video of a ROW crew at work.



Faith's

ROADTRIP



Lithia Resort — where memories are made, traditions are built, and guests become family

When Cindy Olsen Alepra was growing up, family vacations always consisted of traveling north to Canada to explore lakes and the great outdoors. This sparked a dream for her parents, Rick and Nancy Olsen, to one day open their own resort getaway where families could slow down, reconnect, and experience nature together.

In 1995, Rick and Nancy were living in Springfield, Illinois, where they owned and operated a convenience store called the Country Corner General Store. One day they were walking through the breezeway of the General Store and noticed a flyer pinned on the bulletin board. It was advertising an auction, just two days away in Shelbyville, Illinois for a campground and some buildings.

The next day, they made the trip to Shelbyville to see the resort and knew it was where their dreams would come true. Twenty-four hours later, they were the proud owners of Lithia Resort. As luck would have it, they were also able to purchase some surrounding acres with hopes of expanding their dream one day.

Right away, Rick poured his passion into construction projects and upgrades to transform the property. Over the years, cabins were added, expanded, and even relocated to the property, evolving Lithia Resort into the welcoming retreat it is today.

"From the beginning, my mom enjoyed getting to know the guests that were staying at the resort," Cindy shared. "My dad enjoyed doing the construction projects and upgrades. I think his only time in the office was to grab coffee and share his gift of gab," Cindy laughed. "My parents really

focused on this being a FAMILY resort, and that set us up to be a great destination spot for those families wanting to experience all that Lake Shelbyville has to offer," she said.

In 2020, Cindy officially stepped into the manager role of Lithia

Resort, continuing the family legacy. Now a six-acre resort featuring 12 hotel rooms, 12 cabins, and two scenic ponds, Lithia Resort remains rooted in the same values that started it all.

"When my parents first purchased the property, I was in college. I would come up on the weekends to help paint and stain," she said. "I've always loved it here." Cindy and her husband Andy have four children between them, who grew up spending time at the resort. "I have a memory of my daughter Paige when she was 3 years old running around the resort in a pink Lithia Resort t-shirt helping us do different things," she laughed. "Lithia Resort has always been home."

In 2021, Cindy and Andy expanded their vision by purchasing Wolf Creek Lodge in Windsor, Illinois, adding additional rental units and select off-site vacation homes — giving guests even more ways to enjoy the Lake Shelbyville area.

"Similar to my mom, my favorite part of the job is guest relations," Cindy said. "We are able to interact with guests who are on vacation and simply happy to be here! Many are



Cindy Olsen Alepra and her husband Andy Alepra took over running Lithia Resort back in 2020. Pictured left to right: Penny the Dog, Aden Parmenter, Paige Parmenter, Cindy, Andy, and Joe Alepra. (Not pictured: Kenneth Alepra)

like an extension of our family because I talk to them year-round. I know what's going on in their lives, and they know what's going on in mine," she said. "Over the years, countless guests have ended up retiring to Shelbyville because they fell in love with the area when they vacationed here."

Lithia Resort has done a phenomenal job marketing their business, which has allowed them to expand into being a prime location for fishermen and hunters. "Lake Shelbyville Tourism also helps a ton when it comes to marketing," Cindy shares. "They do a lot of outreach and promoting of the area, which in return helps out our business."

Lithia Resort and Wolf Creek Lodge are open year-round to welcome families, reunion groups, fishermen, hunters, and outdoor enthusiasts looking for an unforgettable lake experience. Ready for your next adventure? Visit their website, lithiaresort.com, or call them at 217-774-2882 to book your next stay.



Grid information

On January 24, Winter Storm Fern hit a large portion of the United States (which included over 28 states) with ice, heavy snow, and dangerously cold temperatures. The frigid temperatures and the predicted mix of ice and snow across the storm's path put a strain on the electric grid. It was that record-breaking cold that created an Energy Emergency Alert 2 (EEA2) from the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO).

MISO is the electric grid operator for the central United States. Their region impacts 45 million people across 15 states and the Canadian province of Manitoba. They monitor and make sure there is enough electricity to meet the growing electrical demand. If there is not enough energy produced to meet the demand, this can cause a capacity emergency. For example, extreme heat or cold pushes demand way up, as was the case with Winter Storm Fern.

While an EEA2 is rare across the United States, we could see power shortages in certain scenarios. MISO is one of the organizations that monitors this, and it is not isolated to Shelby Electric Cooperative members but to all utilities in the Midwest. We plan to do a series of articles about grid reliability, and in the April issue, we will talk about the relevance of load shedding. To learn more about the electric grid, visit misoenergy.org or scan the QR code.



Energy Emergency Alert 2 (EEA2)

Emergency power and/or reduced demand necessary



misoenergy.org

Employee News

We recently welcomed Jaclyn Frederick to the cooperative family as she was hired to be the Broadband Office & Warehouse Administrator for ShelbyFiber. She comes to us with a variety of experience, most recently working for Caterpillar within their supply chain. Jaclyn also is a local realtor with Glenda Sphar Realty. Over the years she has gained experience working in the banking and health care industries, as well as in retail and daycare.

She earned a Certificate in Entrepreneurship & Business Management from Lakeland College after graduating from Shelbyville High School in 2000.

Originally from Mattoon, Jaclyn lives in Shelbyville with her husband Wes, three daughters Chloe, Zoe, and Josee, plus one grandson, Trey.

When she's not busy spending time with family, Jaclyn continues to work in real estate as much as she



can. She loves thrifting, antiquing, decorating her home, and coffee! Welcome aboard, Jaclyn.