



Taylor Electric Cooperative

Drive-Thru

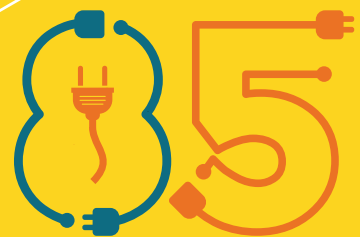
Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Gates open at 10:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.

Taylor EC Headquarters

226 CR 287, Merkel, TX 79536



YEARS

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Taylor Electric Cooperative Nominees for Director

ZONE 1

CECIL DAVIS
Incumbent



Cecil Davis has represented Zone 1 on the Taylor Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since November 2007, when the nominating committee tapped him to replace longtime director J.D. Sandusky. He also is serving as Taylor EC's representative on the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

Davis has been a Taylor EC member for 41 years. He has worked in the construction industry for 24 years, a field he joined after an 11-year tenure as superintendent of Wylie Independent School District. He also served as a principal and superintendent for Hawley ISD. Davis and his wife, Pam, are active members of Beltway Park Church. The couple has four grown daughters and 10 grandchildren, and two of their daughters' families are Taylor EC members as well. Recently, Davis became a great-grandfather of a baby boy named Cecil Joseph Widder, who was born December 9, 2023.

Davis serves on the Taylor County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. His family and construction company volunteer wherever needed. They have built wheelchair ramps, installed accessible tubs and showers, and poured concrete so that buildings can be accessed by people with disabilities. Davis believes that serving God and others is the key to happiness.

ZONE 2

DAVID MCFALL
Incumbent



In 2011, David McFall began his first term as Zone 1 director, during which time he successfully achieved Credentialed Cooperative Director certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and became a member of the Rural Friends of Electric Cooperatives and Action Committee for Rural Electrification, political action committees representing the interests of electric co-ops and their members at the state and federal levels.

McFall and his wife, Lisa, a former Merkel schoolteacher, reside in Tye, where they have been co-op members for 45 years. Now retired, McFall previously worked for ACCO Feeds and served as a right-of-way agent. For the past 18 years, he has volunteered as a Taylor County Agri-Life Executive Committee member, bringing together his love of agriculture with giving back to the community. McFall's community involvement also includes 11 years on the boards of the Merkel Independent School District, where he served as president and vice president, and Sun Water Supply Corp. He is a longtime member of Pioneer Baptist Church, serving as a deacon for 41 years as both chairman and vice chairman. McFall graduated from Abilene Cooper High School and earned a degree in business agriculture from Abilene Christian University.

The McFalls have been married for 48 years and have a son and a daughter, both Merkel High School graduates; two grandsons; and three granddaughters.

ZONE 3

GAY SIMMONS
Incumbent



Gay Simmons is a native of Nolan and a fourth-generation member of Taylor EC. She joined the Taylor EC Board of Directors in 2018. She graduated from McMurry University with a bachelor's degree in English and minors in history and education and is a member of Nolan United Methodist Church. Before starting a 26-year customer service career with AT&T, she taught school in Bartlett and worked for Braniff Airways.

While in Abilene, Simmons served as a director of the Abilene Telco Federal Credit Union. She has held several positions with Telecom Pioneers, including president of the Texas Pride Chapter, and continues to volunteer with the group. She volunteered with Make-A-Wish Foundation and oversaw granting wishes to several children.

She helps manage the family ranch and enjoys keeping up with her great-nephews and great-niece. She also enjoys her hobby farm, where she raises miniature horses and donkeys.

By bringing electricity to the area, Taylor EC and neighboring co-ops transformed lives for those privileged to live in this corner of rural America. There is a need to continue searching for ways to ensure our members have access to the same opportunities as those who live in more populated areas. Simmons would consider it an honor to continue to be a part of guiding Taylor EC as we work toward that goal.



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MEMBER REGISTRATION CARD

Taylor Electric Cooperative Drive-Thru Annual Membership Meeting

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TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

85th Annual Membership Meeting Program

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Taylor Electric Cooperative Headquarters
226 CR 287, Merkel 79536

Gates open at 10:30 a.m.

During our drive-thru meeting, members will receive:

- ▶ A chance to win a door prize
- ▶ A ballot to vote for the Board of Directors
- ▶ A trinket bag
- ▶ A copy of the annual report
- ▶ A to-go meal served from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.



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OFFICIAL NOTICE

April 2024

Dear Member:

The 85th Annual Meeting of the Membership will take place at the Taylor Electric Co-op Headquarters on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Members are invited to join us for a drive-through Annual Meeting at our Merkel Headquarters located at 226 CR 287, Merkel, TX 79536. Gates will open at 10:30 a.m. and will remain open until 6:30 p.m.

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The following members have been nominated for the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee, pursuant to the bylaws:

ZONE 1 : Cecil Davis, incumbent

ZONE 2 : David McFall, incumbent

ZONE 3 : Gay Simmons, incumbent

In accordance with Taylor Electric Cooperative's bylaws, only one director will be elected per zone per election.

David McFall

DAVID MCFALL, Secretary-Treasurer
Taylor Electric Cooperative Board of Directors

MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The operations at Taylor Electric are overseen by an elected Board of Directors. The seven directors meet monthly and work hand in hand with the CEO to provide efficient service and reliability to the membership.

Directors are required to attend trainings and obtain certifications for information and updates on local, state and federal industry topics. Training also ensures all directors are competent to understand and work within the national energy market.

Nominees are presented to a formal nomination committee for interview and consideration each February prior to the annual meeting.

The Taylor Electric service area is divided into three service zones by county for equal representation. Each zone is represented by two directors in addition to one at-large director. Directors serve three-year terms.



Cecil Davis



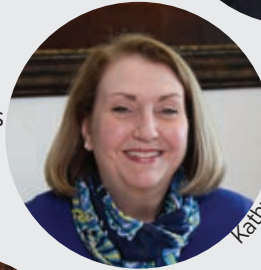
Leland Robinson



David McFall



Garland Carter



Kathryn Rainey



Gay Simmons



Richard Petree

ZONE 1

Cecil Davis, Chairman, 2007
Leland Robinson, Vice Chairman, 2004

ZONE 2

David McFall, Secretary-Treasurer, 2011
Garland Carter, 2016

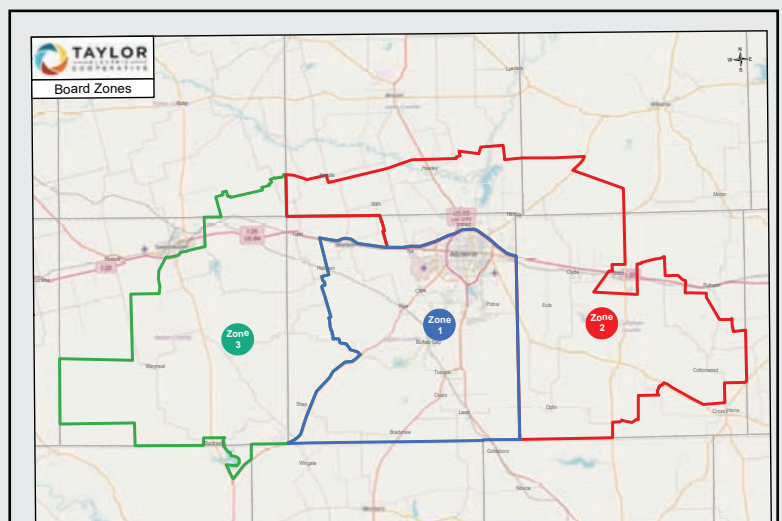
ZONE 3

Kathryn Rainey, 2015
Gay Simmons, 2018

AT-LARGE

Richard Petree, 2014

TAYLOR EC BOARD ZONES



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPRESENTS MEMBERS



Nominating committee members, from left, Tom Edd Johnson; Ashley Thompson; Jesse Mulanax; Craig Bessent, chairman; Glenn Barton; Colleen Richards; Dee Vinson; Terry Locklar.

Taylor Electric Cooperative's nominating committee met February 20th to screen candidates for the 2024 director seats. The volunteers serve as the voice of the membership answering questions, gathering input, and listening to goals from the members within their region. Each zone is represented with members on the committee.

In the January issue of Texas Co-op Power, the cooperative invited members to apply for board of director candidacy by publishing an application that members could fill out and mail, fax, or deliver to the Taylor Electric Cooperative headquarters. The committee evaluated the applicant submissions to ensure that the candidates met the required conditions of the bylaws, including but not limited to cooperative membership, good standing with the cooperative, and a background check.

Taylor Electric is grateful for the time, dedication and careful consideration given by the members on the nominating committee.



Our Heroes Wear Hard Hats

LINE WORK IS NOT A glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training and ongoing education and, equally important, a sense of service and commitment to your community. How else can you explain the willingness of lineworkers to leave the comfort of their homes to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most other folks are sheltering safely with their families?

This dedication and service is truly what sets our lineworkers apart. That's why Taylor Electric Cooperative sets aside the second Monday in April—April 8 this year—to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

We join other electric cooperatives across our state and nation in celebrating Lineworker Appreciation Day to recognize those workers' critical roles in providing our members with the power they depend on.


Every day, lineworkers face immense risks. Carrying heavy gear, they regularly scale 40-foot poles near high-voltage power lines, often in the wake of Mother Nature's worst. It's no wonder their profession is among the most dangerous in the country.

Taylor EC's lineworkers maintain thousands of miles of power lines, keeping the lights on for our members. Our lineworkers are heroes in every sense of the word. As the first responders of our workforce, we count on them to get us through some of our darkest hours, day or night. They truly deserve this special day of recognition.

We appreciate our dedicated lineworkers and are proud of their commitment to our members. They deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way.

On April 8th, and any time you see a lineworker, we hope you'll take a moment to thank them for their service.

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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

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President/CEO

Ryan Bartlett

Board of Directors

Cecil Davis, Board Chairman, Zone 1

Leland Robinson, Board Vice Chairman, Zone 1

David McFall, Secretary-Treasurer, Zone 2

Garland Carter, Zone 2

Richard Petree, At-Large

Kathryn Rainey, Zone 3

Gay Simmons, Zone 3

24/7

Outage Hotline

For information and to report outages, please call us.

LOCAL

(325) 793-8500

HANDY WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

ONLINE

taylorelectric.com

TAYLOR ELECTRIC APP

Available on your Apple or Android device.

BY PHONE

(325) 793-8500. Payments credited immediately.

IN PERSON

Hours Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Merkel 226 CR 287, Merkel 79536

Abilene 7966 Highway 83, Abilene 79602

Payments credited immediately.

DROP BOX

Merkel office located near the entrance of the building.

Abilene office located near the entrance of the building..

Payments credited next business day.

PAY STATIONS

• Cash Saver, 155 Sayles Blvd., Abilene

• United Supermarket, 2160 Pine St., Abilene

• Check Express, 906 E. Broadway Ave., Sweetwater

Payments credited next business day.

NOTICE

Effective June 1, 2023, all credit/debit card transactions will be assessed a 2.45% convenience fee.

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Employees and Years of Service

Scott Adair	Senior Meter Technician	18	Misti Hays	Accounting Manager	20
Philip Adams	Automotive Mechanic 1	7	Eric Henderson	Senior System Control Operator	11
Joseph Address	Fiber Technician (Level 2)	3	Ryan Holmes	Community Relations and Key Accounts Manager	13
Bobby Baker	Senior Fiber Coordinator/Install Supervisor	9	Linda Hunt	Senior Financial Planning and Analysis Manager	40
Kolby Barnhill	Journeyman Lineman	7	J.D. Lindsey	Working Foreman	18
Ryan Bartlett	President/CEO	9	Bobby Martin	Fiber Designer	9
Denise Bernhardt	Member Services and Communications Manager	3	O.C. McKeehan	Working Foreman	27
Michael Bonnell	Senior GIS Analyst	3	Lauren McKeehan	Member Service Representative Level 2	4
Trent Brazelton	Member Service Representative Level 2	9	Elizabeth McVey	Public Relations and Communications Manager	11
Nancy Brisco	Chief Financial Officer	9	Cary Munden	Staking Manager	27
Tanner Bryan	Staking Technician III	6	Angelica Murillo	System Control Operator (Level 2)	4
Isaiah Burns	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	2	Brandon Nelson	Staking Technician I	2
Rhonda Campbell	Senior Member Service Representative	21	Billy New	Service Operations Manager	28
Oscar Cano	Journeyman Lineman	5	Tyler Newberry	Working Foreman	9
Jason Cantu	Working Foreman	11	Jack Odom	Journeyman Lineman	3
Becky Carroll	Senior Financial and Payroll Analyst	2	Brandy Porter	Member Service Supervisor	11
Colby Caton	Substation and Metering Manager	9	Angel Ragans	Member Service Representative (Level 1)	2
Levi Clayton	Line Locate Technician	5	Nicholas Robillard	Director of Information Technology	6
Donna Cooke	Accounts Payable	25	David Robirds	Senior System Administrator	10
Hannah Crowe	Operations Controller	10	Rodney Russell	Master Electrician/Journeyman Lineman	18
Randy Davis	Fiber Crew Foreman	33	Pete Rutledge	Working Foreman	29
Jason Devaney	Working Foreman	18	James Sayle	Manager of Safety, Compliance and Facilities	9
Travis Dickey	System Administrator 2	1	Britton Seymore	Apprentice Lineman (Level 4)	5
Klint Doan	Construction and Energy Services Representative	22	Brody Shadle	Apprentice Lineman (Level 4)	4
Nicholas Dodder	Facility Maintenance Personnel	1	Chad Sipe	Construction and Maintenance Operations Manager	27
Ryder Dotson	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	2	Kyle Sloan	Working Foreman	18
Kyle Ellington	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	2	Jacob Solis	Engineering Technician	5
Jayden Foss	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	2	Colt Staggs	Fiber Crew Foreman	5
Joshua Foss	Working Foreman	24	Robert Stephens	Working Foreman	24
Sarah Freeman	Controller	15	C.J. Thomas	Senior System Control Operator	15
Jason Gaura	Journeyman Lineman	9	David Thomas	Director of Electric Operations	29
Robert Giddings	Master Electrician	18	James Turner	Meter Technician I	18
Andrew Gilbreath	Right-of-Way Groundman	1	Tanner Turner	System Administrator 1	1
Steven Goodwill Jr.	Senior System Control Operator	16	Donnie Tutt	Facility Maintenance Personnel	18
Jeanie Graham	Executive Assistant	10	Brett Underwood	Journeyman Lineman	7
Allison Griffin	Human Resources Manager	11	Cody Vanderpool	Meter Technician I	1
James Grimes	Transportation Manager	18	Manuel Villarreal	Staking Technician I	9
Yolisma Grimes	AMI System Analyst	27	Jefferson Wesson	Accountant	11
Colton Grisham	Facilities Supervisor	4	Blake Whitener	Apprentice Lineman (Level 4)	4
Wyatt Hamilton	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	1	Joseph Wilson	Director of Fiber Operations	26
Rusty Harper	Fiber Technician (Level 2)	3	Reid Wilson	Apprentice Lineman (Level 1)	1
Justin Harris	Senior Fiber Technician	11	Ryan Wilson	System Control Operator (Level 2)	5
Lisa Harris	Accounting Clerk	29	Joey Zink	Right-of-Way Groundman	1
Kyle Haspel	Construction and Energy Services Manager	8			
Wade Hatch	Director of Engineering	6			
Lynn Hays	System Control Operations Manager	18			

Service Recognition

5 Years

Oscar Cano
Levi Clayton
Britton Seymore
Jacob Solis
Colt Staggs
Ryan Wilson

10 Years

Hannah Crowe
Jeanie Graham
David Robirds

20 Years

Misti Hays

40 Years

Linda Hunt

Mail-In Ballot Notice Reminder

All mail-in ballots must be received by 5:30 p.m. April 4.

