

2026

Annual Meeting



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TAYLOR
— ELECTRIC —
COOPERATIVE

Drive-Thru
Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Gates open at 10:30 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.
Meals will be served from open to close.

Taylor EC Headquarters

226 CR 287, Merkel, TX 79536

Taylor Electric Cooperative Nominee for Director



AT-LARGE
Richard Petree
Incumbent

EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

Richard Petree is a lifelong resident of Taylor County, Texas, and a native of Abilene. He attended Butterfield Elementary School and graduated from Cooper High School. Choosing to remain in his hometown, he completed his undergraduate studies at McMurry University, earning a BBA in Economics and General Business, as well as a degree in Secondary Education with teaching specialties in Economics and History.

FAMILY

Richard is married to Cammie, who is retired from her role as head volleyball coach and instructor at McMurry University. Together, they have six children: Angela, a minister in Lubbock, TX; Shawn, a minister in Seattle, WA; Jason, a building contractor in North Carolina; Chance, a commercial sales manager; Megan, a teacher at Wylie ISD; and Austin, a financial analyst at First Financial Bank. The Petree family is blessed with thirteen grandchildren and another on the way. Living in rural Taylor County, Richard enjoys stewarding his family's land, growing crops, and running an outfitting business with his son.

MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

For 32 years, Richard served as a licensed bi-vocational Methodist minister, retiring from Nolan and Pioneer Memorial Methodist Churches. He has held leadership roles as Community Spiritual Director and board member for Big Country Emmaus, as well as Spiritual Director for Cross Country Emmaus and Sweetwater Emmaus—local divisions of a worldwide non-denominational church organization. His commitment to service extends to board memberships with Rotary International, Kiwanis Club of Abilene, United Way of Abilene, Sears Retirement Systems, Inc., and Butman Methodist Camp and Retreat Center. He also served as Executive Board member and fund secretary for the Texas Political Subdivisions Joint Insurance Fund.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Richard began his professional journey at West Texas Utilities in 1970, working in Industrial Development. In 1976, he was elected County Tax Assessor Collector, serving two terms. During his final term, he became the first Chief Appraiser of Taylor County. Except for a brief nine-month period as Chief Appraiser in Travis County in 1988, Richard remained in Taylor County until his retirement in 2013, marking 37 years of service. His contributions were recognized with the Earl Luna Award for Outstanding Chief Appraiser in 1988 and the Excellence in Education award in 2004 from the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND INSTRUCTION

A licensed facilitator for the Franklin-Covey organization, Richard teaches “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” and “Great Leaders, Great Teams, Great Results” to government professionals. He has been a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) since 1981, serving on its Executive Board and various committees, and was named IAAO Member of the Year in 2010. He is also active in the Texas Association of Assessing Officers and the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts, holding all office positions and teaching appraisal and ethics courses as a certified instructor for the State of Texas.

CONSULTING AND BUSINESS

Currently, Richard serves as a consultant to 40 appraisal districts, leading a staff of 17 in providing comprehensive appraisal services, including rural land valuation for both market and agricultural use. He has developed numerous valuation schedules for land, housing, farm buildings, and commercial properties, utilizing all three approaches to value. Richard is the senior partner at Western Valuation and Consulting, LLC. <http://www.westernvc.com/>.

BOARD SERVICE

Since September 2014, Richard has been an active member of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Board of Directors. He has earned the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director designation, the NRECA Board Leadership Certification, and, in 2021, the NRECA Director Gold credentials.

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MEMBER REGISTRATION CARD

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TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

87th Annual Membership Meeting Program

Thursday, April 16th, 2026

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 for the duration of the event
10:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.



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Services for Living
Connections for Life





OFFICIAL NOTICE

April 2026

Dear Member:

The 87th Annual Meeting of the Membership will take place at the Taylor Electric Co-op Headquarters on **Thursday, April 16, 2026.**

Members are invited to join us for a drive-thru 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 6:00 p.m.

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

At-Large: Richard Petree, 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.

All directors are required to attend trainings and receive certifications for information and updates on local, state and federal energy 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



Craig Bessent



David McFall



Garland Carter



Kathryn Rainey



Gay Simmons



Richard Petree

ZONE 1

Cecil Davis, Chairman, 2007
Craig Bessent, 2024

ZONE 2

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

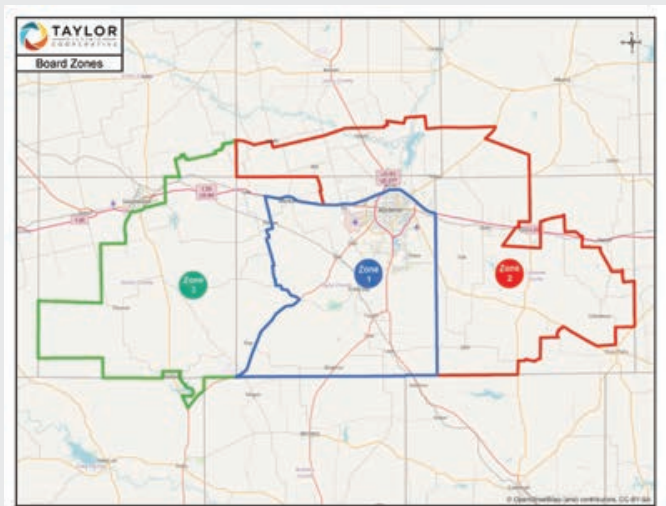
ZONE 3

Kathryn Rainey, Vice Chairman, 2015
Gay Simmons, 2018

AT-LARGE

Richard Petree, 2014

TAYLOR EC BOARD ZONES



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPRESENTS MEMBERS



Nominating committee members (from left): Glenn Barton; Chad Widder; Kristi Allyn; Terry Locklar, *chairman*; not pictured, Ashley Thompson

Taylor Electric Cooperative’s nominating committee met February 17th to screen candidates for the 2026 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.

The committee evaluates nominee submissions to ensure that each candidate meets the required conditions of the bylaws, including cooperative membership, good standing with the cooperative, and a criminal background check. In the January issue of Texas Co-op Power, members were invited to apply for board of director candidacy by completing and returning the published application. Taylor Electric is grateful for the time, dedication, and careful consideration given by the members on the nominating committee.



Mail-In Ballot Notice Reminder

All mail-in ballots must be received by 5:30 p.m. on April 2.



Lineworkers are Wired for Service

In the quiet hours before dawn breaks, while many of us are still nestled in our beds, lineworkers begin their day, often clad in flame-resistant clothing, safety glasses, rubber gloves and heavy boots.

They epitomize dedication to service in its purest form, and that's why America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 13, Taylor Electric Cooperative honors the hard-working people who keep the lights on, often despite challenging conditions.

To mark the occasion, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association unanimously adopted this resolution in 2014, and it still rings true today:

"Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents, and; Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen;

"Therefore, be it resolved that NRECA recognize the second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day ... to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's electric cooperatives." Amid towering utility poles and power lines, lineworkers exhibit a strength that goes far beyond the physical. Whether battling inclement weather, troubleshooting technical problems or navigating treacherous heights, lineworkers demonstrate resilience and a quiet determination to keep our lights on, our homes comfortable and our communities connected.

Taylor Electric Cooperative crews travel across our service territory, building, maintaining and repairing parts of our local system. Their extraordinary skills ensure we can live and work comfortably and emergency services remain accessible—a life-line that connects us all.

Taylor Electric Cooperative

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President/CEO

Ryan Bartlett

Board of Directors

Cecil Davis, Board Chairman, Zone 1
Kathryn Rainey, Board Vice Chairman, Zone 3
David McFall, Secretary-Treasurer, Zone 2
Craig Bessent, Zone 1
Garland Carter, Zone 2
Richard Petree, At-Large
Gay Simmons, Zone 3

24/7

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Taylor Electric App
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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 at the southeast portion of the parking lot.

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 & YEARS OF SERVICE

SCOTT ADAIR	Senior Meter Technician	20	LINDA HUNT	Sr. Financial Planning & Analysis Manager	42
PHILIP ADAMS	Automotive Mechanic I	9	PAKE JORDAN	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	2
RODNEY ANDERSON	System Control Operations Manager	NEW	BLAKE KONECNY	Journeyman Lineman	6
JOSEPH ADDRESS	Fiber Crew Foreman	5	JD LINDSEY	Working Foreman	20
BOBBY BAKER	Fiber Operations Manager	11	CONNOR LOVELADY	Groundman	NEW
KOLBY BARNHILL	Journeyman Lineman	9	BOBBY MARTIN	Fiber Outside Plant Supervisor	11
RYAN BARTLETT	President/CEO	11	DIEGO MATA	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	1
MICHAEL BONNELL	Senior GIS Analyst	5	LAUREN MCKEEHAN	Member Service Representative (Level 3)	6
TRENT BRAZELTON	Member Service Representative - Fiber	11	OC MCKEEHAN	Fiber Inspection Serviceman	29
NANCY BRISCO	Chief Financial Officer	11	JASON MOORE	Facilities Supervisor	2
TANNER BRYAN	Staking Technician III	8	CARY MUNDEN	Staking Manager	29
RHONDA CAMPBELL	Sr. Member Service Representative	23	BRANDON NELSON	Staking Technician III	4
OJ CANO	Journeyman Lineman	7	BILLY NEW	Service Operations Manager	30
JASON CANTU	Working Foreman	13	JACK ODOM	Working Foreman	5
BECKY CARROLL	Senior Financial & Payroll Analyst	4	CARSON PARKER	Fiber Technician Lvl 2	1
COLBY CATON	Substation & Metering Manager	11	BRANDY PORTER	Member Services Manager	13
LEVI CLAYTON	Line Locate Technician	7	ANGEL RAGANS	Member Service Representative (Level 2)	4
DONNA COOKE	Accounts Payable	27	NICK ROBILLARD	Director of Information Technology	8
HANNAH CROWE	Operations Controller	12	DAVID ROBRIDS	Senior Systems Engineer	12
CHRISTIAN DEAL	Facility Maintenance Personnel	2	RODNEY RUSSELL	Advanced Utility Engineering Technician	20
JASON DEVANEY	Working Foreman	20	PETE RUTLEDGE	Line Inspection Serviceman	31
KLINT DOAN	Construction & Energy Services Representative - Lead	24	BRITTON SEYMORE	Journeyman Lineman	7
KYLE ELLINGTON	Apprentice Lineman (Level 4)	4	BRODY SHADLE	Journeyman Lineman	6
MACY FIELD	PR & Communications Manager	2	CHAD SIPE	Construction & Maintenance Operations Manager	29
JAYDEN FOSS	Apprentice Lineman (Level 4)	4	KYLE SLOAN	Working Foreman	20
JOSHUA FOSS	Working Foreman	26	COLT STAGGS	Engineering Coordinator	7
SARAH FREEMAN	Controller	17	CJ THOMAS	Safety Manager	17
JARRETT FULFER	Apprentice Lineman (Level 1)	NEW	DAVID THOMAS	Director of Electric Operations	31
JASON GAURA	Working Foreman	11	DONNIE TUTT	Facility Maintenance Personnel	20
KYLEE GAURA	Member Service Representative (Level 1)	NEW	BRETT UNDERWOOD	Engineering Technician I	9
ROBERT GIDDINGS	Master Electrician	20	CODY VANDERPOOL	Meter Technician II	4
DREW GILBREATH	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	3	RAY VILLANUEVA	Engineering Technician I	NEW
STEVEN GOODWILL, JR.	Sr. System Control Operator	18	ELIZABETH VILLARREAL	System Control Operator (Level 1)	2
JEANIE GRAHAM	Executive Assistant	12	MANUEL VILLARREAL	Staking Technician II	11
ALLISON GRIFFIN	Administrative Services Manager	13	BLAYZE WALKER	Staking Technician I	NEW
JAMES GRIMES	Transporation Manager	20	SAM WALKER	Groundman	NEW
YOLI GRIMES	AMI System Analyst	29	JEFFERSON WESSON	Accountant	13
WYATT HAMILTON	Apprentice Lineman (Level 4)	4	COLE WILKERSON	Apprentice Lineman (Level 1)	NEW
RUSTY HARPER	Fiber Technician Lvl 3	5	JOSEPH WILSON	Director of Fiber Operations	28
JUSTIN HARRIS	Fiber Technician - Sr.	13	REID WILSON	Apprentice Lineman (Level 3)	3
LISA HARRIS	Accounting Clerk	31	KERRY WINDLAND	System Control Operator (Level 1)	NEW
KYLE HASPEL	Construction & Energy Services Manager	10	JOEY ZINK	Apprentice Lineman (Level 2)	3
WADE HATCH	Director of Engineering	8			
LYNN HAYS	Energy Services Representative	20			
MISTI HAYS	Accounting Manager	22			
ELRIC HENDERSON	Sr. System Control Operator	13			
CANON HERRERA	System Control Operator (Level 1)	NEW			
KARLY HOHHERTZ	Member Service Representative (Level 1)	NEW			
RYAN HOLMES	Energy Services Representative	15			





2026 SERVICE ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

30 YEARS

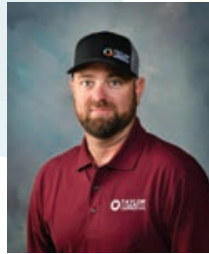


Billy New

20 YEARS



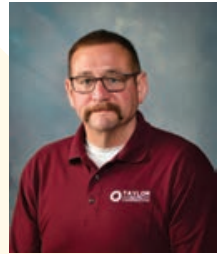
Scott Adair



Jason Devaney



Robert Giddings



James Grimes

15 YEARS



Ryan Holmes



Lynn Hays



JD Lindsey

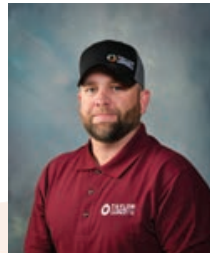


Rodney Russell

10 YEARS



Kyle Haspel



Kyle Sloan



Donnie Tutt

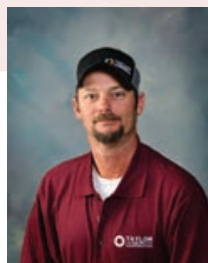
05 YEARS



Joseph Andress



Michael Bonnell



Rusty Harper



Jack Odom