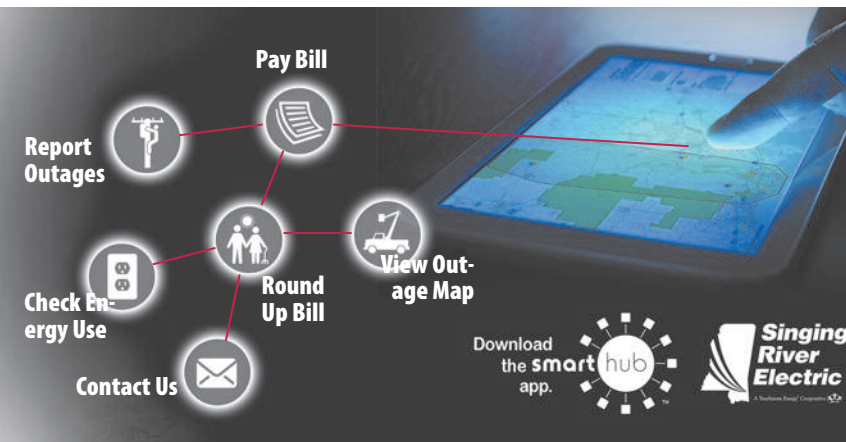


# Singing River Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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## CEO's Message

# Member Participation Matters



Brian Hughey  
General Manager & CEO  
Singing River Electric

local leadership and is a benefit of your co-op

Within the next two weeks, you will receive a notice of Singing River Electric's Annual Membership Meeting. Online voting will begin within this time frame as well. I encourage you to return your proxy or vote online in our annual board of directors election. Voting establishes our cooperative's

membership. Electric co-ops are led by members just like you who understand our local communities.

Simply complete, tear off and return the mailed proxy, use the SmartHub app or visit [singingriver.com](http://singingriver.com) to vote online. Members who return their proxy or vote online are eligible to win one of six \$250 prizes or one grand prize of \$500.

Members will vote for one director candidate in each of the three geographic districts. These Singing River Electric members live

Your participation is crucial to the success of our cooperative.

in your community, have been nominated by the membership and have been certified as qualified candidates by the Credentials and Election Committee that is also made up of Singing River Electric members. Candidate biographies are available on the co-op's election website. Visit [singingriver.com](http://singingriver.com) and click on the "Vote Here" button at the top of the page.

Come to your Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 27, at Singing River Electric's Lucedale office at 6 p.m. If you are not able to attend, participate by returning your proxy or voting online. Your voice matters as a member of Singing River Electric. We appreciate your efforts as we continue to provide safe, reliable and affordable electric service for our members.

# ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JUNE 27

Watch for proxy/notice in the mail.

*Singing River Electric (SRE)'s annual membership meeting will be held Thursday, June 27, at the SRE office located at 11187 Old 63 South in Lucedale.*

*The Energy Fair will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with annual meeting registration beginning at 4:30 p.m. The business portion of the annual meeting will begin at 6 p.m.*

In addition to the pre-meeting Energy Fair, the business session will include the cooperative's financial, management and board reports, as well as the annual board of directors election. SRE has a 10-person board of directors elected from the membership in the three geographic districts. Each year, one director post from each district is up for election. Every three years, District Three has two director posts open. Directors are elected for a three-year period.

Nominations for election to the board of directors are made by petition. Interested members must acquire signatures of 25 Singing River Electric members on a form provided by the cooperative. (continued on page 10a)



# 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Notice

Thursday, June 27  
11187 Old 63 South, Lucedale

Registration opens at 4:30 p.m.  
Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

**THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: IN PERSON, BY PROXY AND ONLINE**

Six members who vote online or return their proxies by the June 19th deadline will be selected to receive a \$250 CASH prize.

One member who votes online or returns the proxy by the deadline will receive a special grand prize of \$500 CASH!

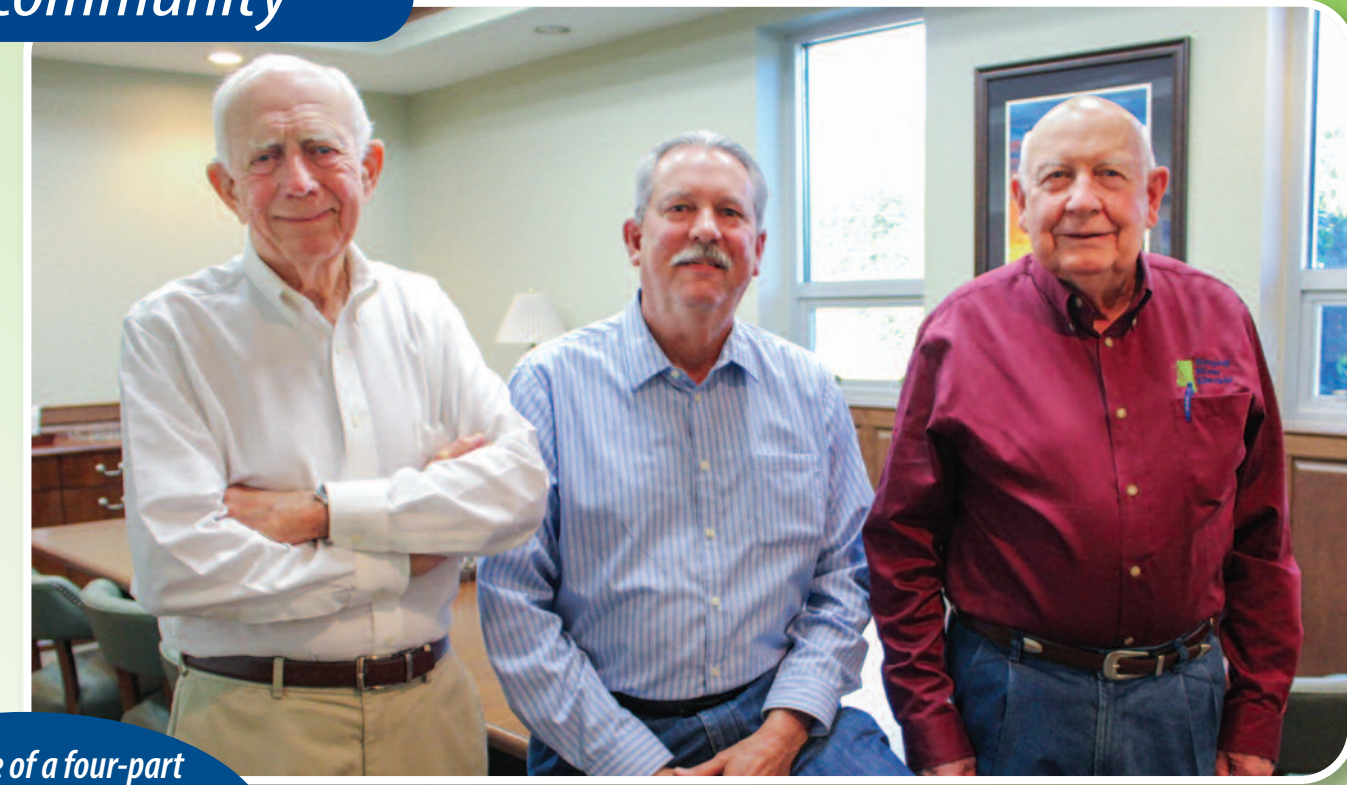
# MEET YOUR BOARD

Members of your community

*Singing River Electric is led by member-consumers like you who understand and listen to the community. Our board of directors are elected by the membership to serve a three-year term.*

Our board members are required to take Credentialed Co-op Director courses. This five-part director education program prepares our members who serve as directors to represent the membership and fulfill their duties.

Part three of a four-part series. See page 10c to meet board members with careers in farming, business and large industry.



Singing River Electric board members (left to right): Roy Grafe, Howard Davis and Travis Baxter.

## Credentialed Co-op Directors

# ANNUAL MEETING

Applicants must complete and return a director candidate packet to the Lucedale office and be certified by the Credentials and Election Committee before being placed on the ballot. The deadline for nomination by petition to be placed on the annual meeting notice was March 29, 2019. This deadline was posted in the January and February issues of the 2019 *Today in Mississippi* member publication.

This year's candidates include: District One, Post One – Ralph Hicks and Ladd Pulliam; District Two, Post One – Ron Wilson; and District Three, Post One – Howard Davis. The slate of nominees was approved by members of SRE serving on the Credentials and Election Committee. According to cooperative bylaws, the candidates' names were placed in nomination for election to a three-year term beginning June 27 at the cooperative's annual meeting.

To conduct business at the annual meeting, a quorum of at least 10 percent of the membership is necessary. The quorum is derived by adding the number of members present at the meeting, the valid online votes and the number of valid proxies received.

**Annual meeting notices and proxies will be mailed on May 15 to all members. SRE members also have the opportunity to vote in director elections online beginning May 15. The deadline for returning proxies and voting online ends on June 19 at close of business.**

Any member may vote in person at the June 27 meeting, online or by proxy. Each member is entitled to one vote regardless of the number of accounts in the member's name. A proxy may be assigned to either a member of the current board of directors or to another SRE member.

A member can vote up to 200 assigned proxies at any membership meeting. The presence of a member at the meeting, or in the case of a joint membership, the presence of a spouse, shall revoke the proxy. All proxies must be received by SRE's Lucedale office by close of business on June 19.

Members returning their proxy, voting online, as well as those who attend the meeting, may qualify to win valuable prizes. Those returning their proxy or voting online may qualify to win up to \$500 cash. Those attending the annual meeting will receive an attendance prize and are eligible for a door prize drawing.



Visit [www.singingriver.com](http://www.singingriver.com) for more information. SRE bylaws are available online.



**May is Electrical Safety Month.  
Safety Starts with You.**

**#ElectricalSafetyMonth**

**UPCOMING RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING PROJECTS**

Singing River Electric clears trees, limbs and underbrush from the area around and below the power lines, called right-of-way. **Right-of-way** clearing helps decrease the number of outages and reduces the risk of someone coming in contact with the power lines.

**Here are the substations and surrounding areas that are either currently being cleared or will be cleared soon:**

**Sand Hill Substation** - Highway 42, Highway 63, Lovewell Road and surrounding areas.

**Kittrell Substation** - Highway 42, Smithtown Chicora Road, Woolard Bend Road and surrounding areas.

**Vancleave Substation** - Highway 57, Old River Road, Jim Ramsey Road and surrounding areas.

**Helena Substation** - Highway 613, Saracennia Road, Wildwood Road and surrounding areas.



**Nick DeAngelo**  
Manager of Energy Services  
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**CLOTHES DRYING TIPS**

One simple way to save money on your electric bill this summer is to avoid running the clothes dryer during the day.

By operating the dryer during the hottest parts of the day, it creates additional load on your HVAC system. As your dryer begins to operate, it pulls air that has been conditioned or cooled in your home into the clothes dryer, where it re-heats the air and forces it into the dryer barrel to dry the clothes. During this process, it exhausts that air outside the home. The act of forcing the air outside causes additional unconditioned or hot air to be pulled into the house. This adds to your home's heating load and causes your HVAC system to work harder to make you comfortable.

In our region of the country, most air conditioning systems are designed to operate at around 90-degree outdoor temperatures. Any time temperatures exceed the system's designed outdoor temperature, your HVAC system will experience extended run times. By removing conditioned air and adding hot, humid air to your home, you are causing your home's HVAC to run even longer. By drying clothes when the air outside is cooler, early morning and late evening, you save money. This is a low cost, no cost way to save energy and money in the hot months ahead.

For more on this and other tips, please visit our website at [singingriver.com](http://singingriver.com).

**HELENA ENERGY FAIR**

Thank you to all who attended our Energy Fair at the Helena Community Center on Saracennia Road in Jackson County on Wednesday, April 10. Members received free LED bulbs, custom advice and expert knowledge.

There were six stations with energy tips, DIY projects, lighting advice, as well as Cooperative Energy's electric vehicle. Here are a few photos from the day.

Don't forget to join us at our next two fairs. They will be:

**May 15**

**District 4 Community Center**

**10 a.m - 2 p.m.**

**8232 Old 63 North, Greene County**

**June 27**

**SRE Lucedale Office**

**3 - 6 p.m.**

**11187 Old 63 South, Lucedale**



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Singing River Electric's membership elects the board members to represent them. These directors come locally from varying professions, including ship building, farming and owning small businesses.



*Singing River Electric board members (left to right): Ron Wilson, Ralph Hicks and Robert Steele.*

*Part four of a four-part series. For more information on SRE's board of directors, please visit [singingriver.com/my-coop](http://singingriver.com/my-coop).*

**Professionals**





## How your local electric cooperatives are helping communities shine.

When communities need a hand, the people of your local electric cooperative are quick to raise their hands to help. Working with kids. Mentoring youth. Pitching in on community projects. And supporting organizations that change lives and save lives.

See how local electric cooperatives are making a difference in communities like yours. Visit [MyElectricCooperative.com/community](http://MyElectricCooperative.com/community).



# WE BELONG TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Singing River Electric was built by the communities we serve, created for each community's special needs.

HERE ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES WE HAD RECENTLY TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES:

- Our Daily Bread - Soup Kitchen in Pascagoula
- Jackson County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- George County Heart Walk
- March of Dimes
- R.E.D. - Supporting our military and veterans.



OUR DAILY BREAD - SOUP KITCHEN IN PASCAGOULA



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[www.singingriver.com](http://www.singingriver.com)

Check out SRE's new website

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