

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CEO

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON



While June is the official beginning of hurricane season, our area has already experienced extreme weather events, with our neighbors to the north sustaining extensive damage from tornadoes. Just as Singing River Electric sent line crews to help in the restoration process, if we experience damage to our system, neighboring cooperatives will do the same for us. This is where our sixth cooperative principle – Cooperation Among Cooperatives – benefits our communities the most. Being part of a national network of electric cooperatives provides us with access to line personnel who will assist in restoring your electric service should we have a weather disaster.

Meteorologists are predicting the 2025 hurricane season, beginning June 1st and lasting through November 30th, to have 17 named storms ranging from Andrea to Wendy. While most are looking forward to

kicking off the summer season, our team is busy preparing for the threats that go hand in hand with the warmer weather.

Singing River Electric conducted its annual review of the Emergency Preparedness Plan which contains detailed steps once a storm enters the gulf. Employees are pre-assigned tasks, such as securing supplies, fuel, food, and housing. We have activated and successfully implemented our ever-evolving plan countless times through the years.

Not to dampen your summer fun planning, but I encourage you to also have a plan in place for your family in case a storm threatens our area. In the coming weeks, you can prepare for hurricane season by making sure you have non-perishable food, water, and fuel, and have a storm evacuation route picked out ahead of time.

I encourage you to be proactive this hurricane season; it is never too early to begin preparations. In the event of severe weather, your electric cooperative is prepared to restore electric service to our members as quickly and safely as possible.



by Brian Hughey

General Manager and CEO

Energy Tips



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Energy savings for summer

The month of June not only brings longer days and warmer weather but also marks the official start of summer.

Take time to make sure your air conditioning unit is in tip-top shape. Scheduling a service call with your local technician will certainly result in energy savings. Changing your air filter regularly can ensure proper air flow throughout your HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) system.

When it comes to using less energy in June and the summer months, I recommend these actions:

- **Setting your thermostat** to 78° F or as high as comfortably possible.
- **Using fans** to circulate air in rooms you are occupying.
- **Sealing air leaks** around windows and doors.
- **Closing blinds and curtains** during the day to block unwanted sunlight and heat.
- **Monitoring your energy use** with the SmartHub app. Download the app by visiting singingriver.com/smarthub.

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Join us June 26, 2025 at Singing River Electric's 87th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Participate in Singing River Electric's 2025 board of directors election

Learn more about how your electric cooperative works and participate by voting in person in SRE's board of directors election.

Our 87th Annual Membership Meeting will be held on June 26 at SRE's Lucedale office located at 11187 Old 63 South. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6 p.m.

The meeting will include an annual update on business of the cooperative, a report outlining 2024 financials, the board election, and more. All three districts will have an election for Post 1 board seats. Any Singing River Electric member may vote in person at the annual meeting on June 26. According to the bylaws, SRE members should vote for one candidate in each of the three districts. Members can also vote online or return their proxy by mail. Voting fulfills the 2nd Cooperative Principle – Democratic Member Control.

Each member is entitled to one vote regardless of the number of accounts in the person's name. A proxy may be assigned to the board as a whole, or a member can vote up to 200 assigned proxies at the membership meeting. The presence of a member at the meeting or an online vote, or in the case of joint membership, the presence of a spouse shall revoke the proxy. All proxies must be received by SRE's Lucedale office at close of business on June 17.

Members returning their proxy or voting online will be entered into a drawing for up to \$500 cash. Those attending the annual meeting will be eligible for attendance prizes.



Three ways to vote:

1. Vote online by opening the SmartHub app or visiting www.singingriver.com and clicking on the "Vote Here" icon at the top of the page. By entering your membership ID and zip code, you can view candidate biographies and cast your vote by the **Tuesday, June 17, deadline**.

2. Vote by proxy by completing the mailed proxy and returning it using the enclosed self-addressed envelope by the **Tuesday, June 17, deadline**. The proxy allows the board of directors or another member to cast your vote. You may still attend the meeting; your presence will rescind the proxy allowing you to vote in person.

3. Vote in person at the Annual Membership Meeting on **Thursday, June 26**, at the Singing River Electric Lucedale office located at 11187 Old 63 South.

**Deadline to vote by SmartHub app/online or return your proxy is June 17.*



Bring your Wi-Fi OUTDOORS

Whether you're streaming by the pool, working from home in the shade, or entertaining on the patio, everyone in your home can stay connected with a proper outdoor Wi-Fi setup – and get the same amazing speed and reliability!

Even boost the Wi-Fi signal for your security cameras, doorbells, outdoor lights, and nearby workshops and secondary structures.

With our Speed Fanatic package (2 Gig), Singing River Electric technicians will help design and equip your outdoor space for Wi-Fi.



Make your home the place to be this summer - with internet speeds that can power a house full of teens without disconnections or lag.

Fast, reliable fiber internet from your trusted local provider.



The Game Is On!

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Singing River Electric 2025 Director Election

Candidates for one 3-year term by district:

District I, Post 1

- **Stanley R. Busby**
Representing Greene, Perry and Wayne counties in Miss., and Washington County in Ala.

District II, Post 1

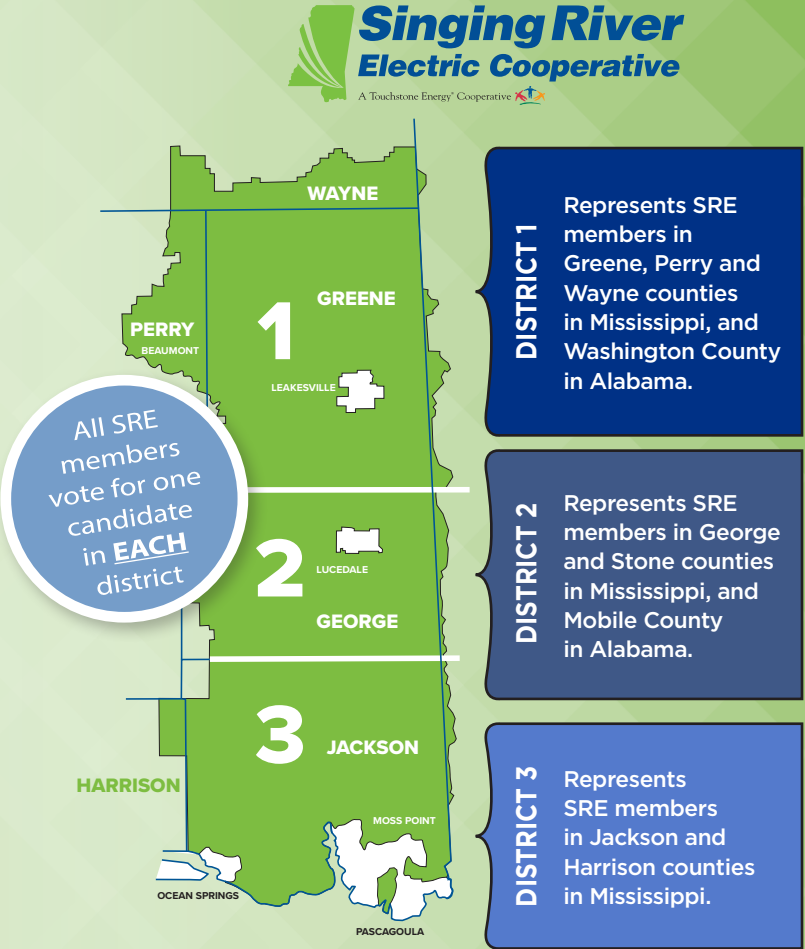
- **Ronald Wilson**
Representing George and Stone counties in Miss., and Mobile County in Ala.

District III, Post 1

- **Olin Howard Davis**
- **Ryan Earley**
Representing Jackson and Harrison counties in Miss.

Deadline for nominations to be placed on the ballot was Feb. 28, 2025. This deadline and a notice for nominations was included in the Jan. and Feb. 2025 *Today in Mississippi* magazine issues.

You can win up to \$500 by voting online or returning your completed proxy by mail by June 17.



JUNE 2025



FIBER CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Get blazing-fast fiber internet from local people you trust.

Step 3: Fiber Construction
Running fiber lines on poles and burying lines underground

- Bayou Cassotte
- Kreole
- Monaco Lake
- Singing River Mall
- Gautier
- Fountainbleu
- Hamill Farm
- Ocean Springs
- Gulf Park Estates

Step 4: Splicing
Connecting fiber lines to the network

- Sunplex

Step 5: Service Drop & Drop Splicing & Step 6: Installation
Bringing mainline fiber to the exterior of your home and connecting your home to blazing-fast fiber internet

- Fort Bayou
- Martin Bluff
- Hickory Hills
- St. Martin
- Tucker Road
- Forts Lake
- Helena
- Helena Industrial
- Escatawpa South
- All Singing River Electric areas in George, Greene, Perry, Stone, Wayne, Harrison, Mobile, and Washington counties and north Jackson County

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WORKING FOR OUR MEMBERS

Singing River Electric linemen work daily on projects to benefit our members. Whether running service to a new home or business or upgrading existing lines and equipment, our linemen are skilled at getting the job done safely and efficiently.



Left: Linemen from our Sand Hill and Lucedale offices were recently in Perry County's Arlington community performing a voltage conversion - the final step of transferring this power load from the McLain substation to the Hintonville substation. By planning and executing projects like this, Singing River Electric provides greater reliability for members and supports future growth.

Right: Gautier linemen ran underground service for a new apartment complex on Jackson County's Mallett Road. Along the coast, housing developments with underground power requirements are booming, and using an underground pulling machine allows our linemen to significantly reduce construction time.



5 WAYS to Reduce Energy Use During Extreme Heat

During periods of extreme heat, the demand for electricity can skyrocket, placing additional strain on our system. By working together to lower our electricity use, we can reduce pressure on the grid.

Here are five effective ways to lower energy use at home.

1. **Raise your thermostat setting a few degrees higher** than usual. Every degree can reduce energy consumption and cooling costs.
2. **Cook with smaller appliances** to save energy and reduce heat gain in the kitchen.
3. **Keep blinds, curtains, and shades closed** during the hottest part of the day to block direct sunlight.
4. **Use fans** to circulate air, which can make you feel cooler without needing to lower the thermostat.
5. **Shift activities that require a lot of energy use**, like washing clothes and running your dishwasher, to mornings or evenings when demand is lower.

