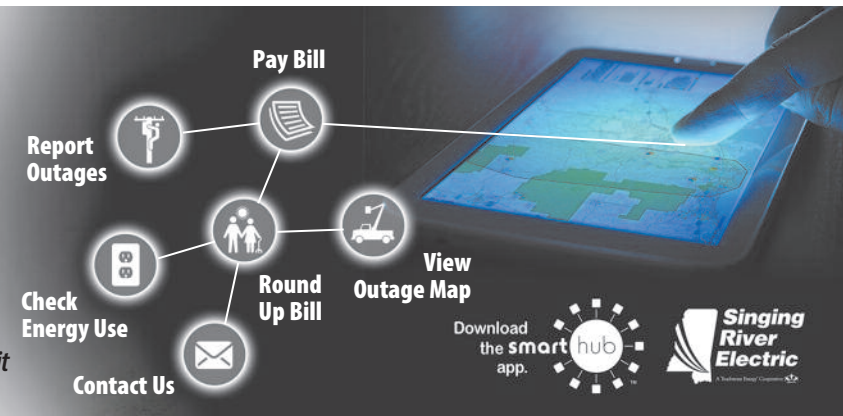




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CEO's Message



Mike Smith
General Manager and CEO
Singing River Electric

Safety

is a Call to Action

be ever-present and top-of-mind. Working safely takes education, forethought and responsibility. It can also carry severe consequences when not followed properly.

Safety is addressed daily, and employees are required to attend monthly training meetings to go over different aspects of safety on the job. Singing River Electric employees serve on safety committees to assess and plan safety education at all offices.

As we celebrate Electrical Safety Month this May, I encourage our members to consider electric safety at

home.

Visit our electrical safety website BeAwareEverywhere.com containing safety tips, videos and illustrations. Watch for our new "Be Aware. Everywhere." safety campaign in newspapers, online and on television.

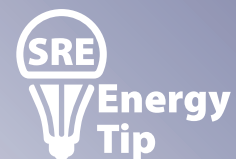
Remember, it is easy to forget the risks of electricity, especially when you can't see the dangers. Stay alert and stay clear of power lines. Call 811 before you dig. Be aware everywhere, and stay safe around electricity.



Energy Fair slated for June 29 in Lucedale



Jeff Gray
Member Services Representative
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Thank you to all Singing River Electric members who joined us first at our Gautier Energy Fair, and second at the Energy Fair held at the Knottown Community Center. We enjoyed meeting everyone and are always ready to talk energy efficiency.

Our next Singing River Electric Energy Fair is slated for Thursday, June 29, at our Lucedale office located at 11187 Old 63 South from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Singing River Electric members who attend the Energy Fair will receive one-on-one advice from our trained professionals about many efficiency subjects including lighting, home additions, infiltration, insulation, and more. Tips shared at the Gautier and Knottown Energy Fairs included:

- Flip the switch on ceiling fans to blow air down to make you feel cooler in summer.
- Replace your most used bulbs with LEDs to use 70 percent less electricity.
- Wrap water heaters in unconditioned spaces to save on your electric bill.
- Caulk and use foam sealant around penetrations to stop infiltration.

For more energy efficiency tips, visit singingriver.com and join the conversation on social media including Facebook/Instagram ([SingingRiverElectric](https://www.facebook.com/SingingRiverElectric)) and Twitter ([SRECooperative](https://twitter.com/SRECooperative)).

Annual Meeting set for June 29

New proxy design makes mail-in simple

Singing River Electric's annual membership meeting will be held Thursday, June 29, at the Singing River Electric office located at 11187 Old 63 South in Lucedale.

The Energy Fair will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through 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 elections. Singing River Electric has a nine-person board of directors elected from the membership in the three geographic districts. Each district is represented by three directors. Each year, one director from each district is up for election.

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 association. 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 31, 2017. This deadline was posted in the February and March issues of Singing River Electric's 2017 Today in Mississippi publication.

This year's candidates include: District 1 – William A. Hollinghead and James Robert Steele; District 2 – Roy C. Grafe; and District 3 – Kristal K. Sisson. The slate of nominees was approved by members of Singing River Electric serving on the credentials and election committee. According to association bylaws, the candidates' names were placed in nomination for election to a three-year term, beginning June 29 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.

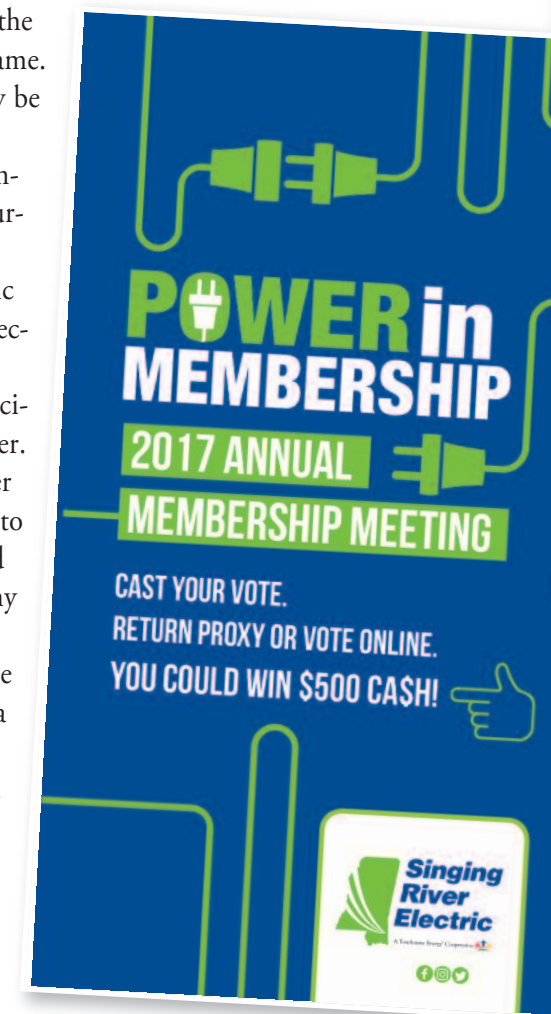
Annual meeting notices and proxies will be mailed on May 16 to all Singing River Electric members.

Members will also have the opportunity to vote in director elections online beginning May 16. The deadline for returning proxies and voting online ends on June 16 at close of business. Any member may vote in person at the June 29 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 Singing River Electric board of directors or to another association 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 a proxy. All proxies must be received by Singing River Electric's Lucedale office by close of business on June 16.

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 in cash. Those attending the annual meeting will receive an attendance prize and may be eligible for door prizes.

For more information, visit www.singingriver.com. Singing River Electric bylaws are available online.



PROXY

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IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE VOTE ONLINE OR USE ONE OF THE PROXY OPTIONS BELOW.

I HEREBY APPOINT the board of directors of Singing River Electric Power Association, as my agent and proxy, to represent me at the Annual Meeting of the membership to be held at the Association's George County office located at 11187 Old 63 South in Lucedale, MS, at 6 p.m. on June 29, 2017, with full authority to cast my vote upon all matters coming before the said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

SIGNED: _____
DATE: _____

I DO NOT APPOINT the board of directors as my agent and proxy but instead appoint:

MEMBER: _____
MEMBERSHIP ID NUMBER: _____
as my agent and proxy, to represent me at the Annual Meeting of the members aforesaid.

SIGNED: _____
DATE: _____



CAST YOUR VOTE BY PROXY MAILER

1. DETACH PROXY TO MAIL
2. NO ENVELOPE NEEDED
3. NO STAMP NEEDED
4. DROP IN THE MAIL

Upcoming Right-of-Way Clearing Projects

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

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

- **Escatawpa Substation**
Saracennia Road, Coda Road, and surrounding areas.
- **Forts Lake Substation**
Forts Lake Road, Highway 90, and surrounding areas.
- **Howell Tanner Chapel**
Tanner Williams' Road, Howell community, and surrounding areas.
- **Hintonville Substation**
Highway 15, Hintonville Road, Arlington Road, and surrounding areas.

Clearing means safer and more reliable electric service to you.

2017 ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

RETURN PROXY OR VOTE ONLINE BY JUNE 16 DEADLINE
TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN UP TO \$500

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 — MEETING BEGINS: 6 P.M.
WHERE: LUCEDALE — 11187 OLD 63 SOUTH



POWER in MEMBERSHIP

2017 ANNUAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

100% MEMBER-OWNED

At Singing River Electric, you are a Member, not just a customer, and there is power in your membership, power in your vote, and power in your participation. We encourage you to attend the 2017 membership meeting because **YOUR VOTE IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.**

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

WHERE: LUCEDALE

— 11187 OLD 63 SOUTH

REGISTRATION OPENS: 4:30 P.M.

MEETING BEGINS: 6 P.M.

ENERGY FAIR: 9 A.M. — 6 P.M.



ONLINE VOTING

BEGINS TUESDAY, MAY 16, AT 8 A.M. &
CLOSES AT 5 P.M. FRIDAY, JUNE 16.

YOU ARE A MEMBER!

VOTE AND ENSURE
YOUR VOICE IS HEARD.

CAST YOUR VOTE
ONE OF THREE WAYS

- 1 IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.
- 2 RETURN YOUR PROXY MAILER.
- 3 VOTE ONLINE USING THE MEMBER NUMBER
LOCATED ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

YOU COULD WIN
\$500 CASH!

FIND OUT WHY YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS.

SINGINGRIVER.COM/MYMEMBERSHIP

POWER IN MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION. ACCESS OUR SMARTHUB APP.



CAST YOUR VOTE BY PROXY MAILER

Included in the mailed
annual meeting notice
will be your proxy form.

1. Complete the Proxy.
2. Sign and date.
3. DETACH PROXY TO MAIL.
4. NO ENVELOPE NEEDED.
5. NO STAMP NEEDED.
6. Drop in the mail.
7. MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 16.



VOTE ONLINE OR USE THE SMARTHUB APP

1. VISIT SINGINGRIVER.COM ON
YOUR COMPUTER, OR GO TO
OUR **SMARTHUB APP** ON YOUR
MOBILE DEVICE.
2. Click "VOTE HERE" button.
3. Enter Membership ID located on
your membership card & zip code.
4. Cast your vote.

IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE, AND IT'S AN OFFICIAL 2017 VOTE



Audubon Center offers fun and education for all ages

By Elissa Fulton

Nestled in the heart of downtown Moss Point, between charming residential homes and local businesses, the Pascagoula River Audubon Center stands as a nature conservatory for the community. A short walk up the pervious gravel driveway unearths the eco-friendly building that nearly blends into its environment.

The original Audubon Center was established in 2006 to focus on the Pascagoula River through educating the community about the nature that exists along this free-flowing river. When the center was founded, the business plan was focused on nature tourism, teaching the local

community support, which is key for its survival.

Since the center has been established, the staff and local volunteers have been tasked with protecting the river on two separate occasions from organizations wishing to dam the river. If that materialized, it is very likely that much of the wildlife specific to the region could become endangered.

Aside from nature preservation, the center offers many programs for members of the community. Guided tours, workshops and Toddler Tuesdays are just a few of the popular activities that occur daily on the site.

Dr. Mark LaSalle, a fisheries biologist and ecologist, has been with the center since its inception. His staff includes Chaille Munn, outreach and facilities managers; Erin Parker,



Pascagoula River Audubon Center

5107 Arthur Street, Moss Point

Hours of Operation:

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday
Closed Sunday and Monday

Admission:

Adult \$8, Children \$5
*Center memberships available

Educational Opportunities Include:

On site school visits and outreach
Scout group activities
Yoga classes
Summer camps for grades 2-12
Junior Naturalist Program
Master Naturalist Program
Teacher Naturalist Program
Weekend lecture series
Citizen science projects
Senior citizens groups • Pre-k programs

Boat tours are available from the Center
through McCoy's River & Marsh Tours

Wednesday - Saturday
Adult \$30, Children 2-12 \$22

*Reservations are required
Senior citizen and active
U.S. military discounts available

Visit www.pascagoulaiver.audubon.org
for a list of upcoming local events.



Erin Parker, education programs manager, interacts with children as part of the Center's weekly Toddler Tuesday event. The event teaches these young people about science and nature with fun outdoor activities.

"Our favorite thing to do on Tuesday's is Toddler Tuesday. Our awesome educator, Erin, takes these kids outdoors, and it's all about getting dirty and learning about nature. Once they are done, they can play in the nature playground."

- Dr. Mark LaSalle, center director

education programs manager; and Mary Cowan, finance coordinator.

The team has a great passion for the center and its success and works hard to make it a place for the community to enjoy.

The property has a rich and interesting history. It was once a trolley line used for transporting materials from Moss Point to the coastline of Pascagoula. Today, it is a 10-acre tranquil setting with nature trails, decks and botanical gardens supporting its natural environment.

There are so many activities for all ages to enjoy at the Pascagoula River Audubon Center. From organized tours, children's activities, community events, boat tours and even a kayak launch, this center surely has everything necessary to enjoy a day in nature.

For more information or to schedule an event or tour, call 228-475-0825 or visit www.pascagoulaiver.audubon.org.

residents about the river and how to conserve it, and a commitment to children and education.

In Oct. 2015, through generous donations and community support, the immaculate facility was unveiled to the public and replaced the much smaller, original location. The building houses objects and wildlife from the river and the surrounding lands, as well as an interactive map to tell the story of the region's cultural history. The center is a part of the National Audubon Society. Of the approximately 40 Audubon centers across the United States, it is the latest, and likely the last, to be erected for an unforeseen time. The funding is strictly through private donations and

Energy Fairs

Provide Practical Info to SRE Members

Members who attended the Gautier and Knottown Energy Fairs left inspired to make energy-efficient changes in their homes to save money on their electricity bills. Stations at the Energy Fairs included insulation, air filters, weather stripping, caulking, seasonal ceiling fan use, and lighting.



Member Services Representatives Jeff Gray and Josh Havard along with Manager of Member Services and Facilities Nick DeAngelo speak to members at various Energy Fair stations.



Member Services Representative Jeff Gray demonstrates how weather stripping is installed to a member at the Knottown event.



Manager of Member Services and Facilities Nick DeAngelo explains the different types of insulation to a member at the Gautier Energy Fair.



At the Energy Fair in Knottown, Member Services Representative Josh Havard explains the benefits of using LED bulbs.



Member Services Representative Jeff Gray shows a member what to look for when buying caulk and sealant.

Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your **dryer vent** to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages. #energyefficiency

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Save the Date

Lucedale Energy Fair
Thursday, June 29, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
SRE's Lucedale office at
11187 Old 63 South



The danger isn't always so obvious.

Be aware. Everywhere. Fortunately, power is everywhere in our everyday lives. Unfortunately, the risks may be out of sight or out of mind. Stay alert and stay clear of power lines. **Call 811 before you dig.** And learn more about electrical safety at BeAwareEverywhere.com.



plug into safety



Never use electrical equipment near water and other liquids.



Never use electrical cords that are frayed or damaged.



Do not overload electrical outlets.



Never use light bulbs that exceed the recommended wattage for any lighting unit or fixture.



Treat all downed power lines as energized and contact your electric cooperative to **report downed power lines.**



While pruning trees or working near overhead power lines, **do not touch** anything that comes into contact with the power line.

Think safety FIRST!



May Is National Electrical Safety Month