

2018 Trustee Election Process

The Bylaws of the Cooperative provide that the following positions will be elected in the 2018 Trustee Election:

District 1 – Cheyenne, Rawlins, Sherman and Thomas counties.

Donald Solko – Herndon, KS, currently holds this position.

District 2 – Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties.

Kenneth Carter – Jennings, KS, currently holds this position.

District 3 – Sheridan, Graham and Rooks counties.

Robert Paxson – Penokee, KS, currently holds this position.

District 4 – Smith, Jewell, Osborne and Mitchell counties.

Otto Levin – Kensington, KS, currently holds this position.

District 5 – Republic, Washington, Cloud and Clay counties.

William Peterson – Clifton, KS, currently holds this position.

A nominating committee has been appointed to meet and nominate candidates for these positions. If you are interested in being nominated for one of the election positions, contact a member of the committee to discuss your nomination. The committee will meet on **December 19, 2017** at 1 PM in the Prairie Land Electric office at 14935 US Highway 36 in Norton, KS.

The members of that committee are:

Steve Schissler - Herndon, KS (785) 322-5225

Dave Ward - Clayton, KS (785) 678-7325

Rodney Belleau - Hill City, KS (785) 421-8149

Dennis Hansen - Smith Center, KS (785) 282-3211

Jerry Stenberg - Clyde, KS (785) 243-0129

Nominations may also be made by petition. Interested candidates should contact the Norton office to request the appropriate form.

The petition must be signed by not less than twenty-five (25) members of the district for whom the Trustee is to be elected. Petitions need to be delivered to the Norton office by 5 PM on **January 10, 2018**. All nominations shall be posted in the Norton office.

The election shall be conducted on an "at large" basis; therefore every member of Prairie Land Electric is eligible to vote for all positions in the election. Upon completion of the nominating process, voting materials will be mailed to Prairie Land members by **January 25, 2018**. The Bylaws, as amended, require the use of mail ballots for Trustee elections. Ballots and a postage paid return envelope will be furnished for the member to use.

Ballots must be returned to the Norton office by 5 PM on Monday, February 12, 2018.

An Election and Credentials committee will count the ballots by February 20th and the election results will then be announced.

If you have questions regarding this year's election, please call the Prairie Land office in Norton at 785-877-3323 or 800-577-3323.

Follow These Tips to Avoid a Holiday Decorating Disaster

Few traditions are as unique to the holidays as festooning our homes and yards with twinkling lights and festive decorations. While these displays add to the magic of the season, they also increase our risks for holiday fires and injuries. Follow these steps to ensure that your traditions result in a safe, bright and happy time for your family.

Carefully inspect each electrical decoration and extension cord before use, and discard any damaged items. Cracked sockets, bare or frayed wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or fire. Avoid overloading outlets, which can overheat and also cause a fire.

Prairie Land Electric recommends never connecting more than three strands of incandescent lights together. Do not pinch cords in windows or doors, or under heavy furniture.

When decorating outside, make sure outdoor outlets are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

Check that all items and extension cords are marked for outdoor use. Use a wooden or fiberglass ladder instead of metal. Keep yourself and all of your equipment at least 10 feet from power lines.

Take special care with Christmas trees. If purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. Heated rooms dry out live trees—even fresh ones—rapidly. Place the tree at least three feet away from all heat sources, including fireplaces and space heaters. Be sure to keep the stand filled with water. For artificial trees, look for the label "fire resistant."

Decorate your tree, live or artificial, with non-combustible or flame-resistant materials. Never use burning candles on or near your tree.

Whether your house is the most festive on the block or you prefer a more low-key style, make safety an important part of your holiday preparations.