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Annual Meeting countdown

Important information you need to know



THIS EDITION OF *South Carolina Living* magazine is your new **OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**. It includes a special outer wrap with details on how to prepare for the 2020 Annual Meeting of Members.

If you haven't already, you will soon receive your Official Notice/Registration Card in the mail. Please put it in a safe place and bring it with you to our early Drive-Thru Registration and Voting.

Only members who register, in person, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 and Wednesday, Sept. 30, are eligible to receive the Registration Gift, which is a \$20 electric bill credit.

Early Drive-Thru Registration and Voting will be held at our Conway office, located at 2774 Cultra Road. We feel this location is in the center of the county and it will be the most convenient for the majority of our members.

The business meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. We will provide a link at horryelectric.com for our members to view the meeting.

COVID-19 precautions

In order to keep our employees and members safe, you will remain in your car for registration and voting. In addition to social distancing, Horry Electric employees will wear face shields and gloves. We will be ready to safely assist you once you arrive.

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, please **DO NOT** attend the Drive-Thru Registration.

Helpful reminders

Official Notice/Registration Cards are addressed directly to the member on record for each individual membership. Be sure to bring that, plus a photo ID.

This will help ensure we keep the lines moving as quickly as possible.

Members will vote on proposed bylaw changes as Horry Electric and other cooperatives work toward compliance with a governance law passed by the Legislature in 2019. The proposed amendments are outlined on Pages 16B and 16C of this edition of the magazine.

Members can find our existing and proposed bylaws at horryelectric.com in the member portal, MyEnergy Online. Members can obtain a printed copy of the proposed bylaws at our main office on Cultra Road in Conway or by sending a request via email to bylaws@horryelectric.com. Be sure to put REQUEST in the subject line.

Each member who registers, in person, will not only receive the Registration Gift, but will also be automatically entered into the prize drawing. Winners will be notified following the virtual meeting.

We need you to attend

The Annual Meeting of Members is an opportunity to report our status, share our progress and announce any plans we might have. For members, it's an opportunity to participate in YOUR cooperative.

Horry Electric's bylaws require a quorum equal to 5% of the membership in order to conduct an official business meeting. With a preliminary estimate of 68,932 members, we'll need to have a minimum of 3,447 members register. If we fail to meet quorum, we will be unable to conduct a business meeting.

We hope to see you at the Drive-Thru Registration. Until then, stay well!

Daniel B. Shelley, III

DANIEL B. SHELLEY, III
Executive Vice President and CEO

Official notice of Annual Meeting

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the members of Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. We will hold two days of Drive-Thru Registration on Sept. 29 and 30 at our Conway office, located at 2774 Cultra Road. Action will be taken on the following matters:

- ▶ The report of officers, trustees and committees;
- ▶ The election of trustees;
- ▶ All other business which may come before the meeting of members, including any necessary bylaw changes.

Drive-Thru Registration begins at 7 a.m., and each cooperative member is urged to

attend. We also urge members to tune in to the virtual meeting.

Each member who registers will receive a \$20 credit on his or her electric bill. **ONLY MEMBERS WHO REGISTER, IN PERSON, ON SEPT. 29 OR 30 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M. AND 7 P.M. ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE REGISTRATION GIFT.**

Members who register will be automatically entered into the prize drawing. Prize winners will be announced following the virtual meeting.

Ashley Anderson

ASHLEY ANDERSON
Secretary-Treasurer

Annual Meeting program

Sept. 29 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Early Drive-Thru Registration and Voting

Sept. 30 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Early Drive-Thru Registration and Voting

Oct. 13 7 p.m.

Virtual Business Meeting



Grand prize

2016 E-Z Go TXT

Electric golf cart



Other Prizes:

| | |
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| \$400 | First |
| \$200 | Second |
| \$100..... | Third |

Prize winners will be notified following the virtual meeting.

Registration gift

\$20

Credit on Electric Bill

Only those who register, in person, on Sept. 29 or 30 at the Horry Electric Cooperative Conway office between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., are eligible to receive the annual meeting registration gift.

**ABSOLUTELY
NO EXCEPTIONS!**



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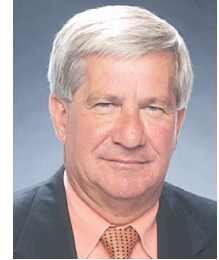
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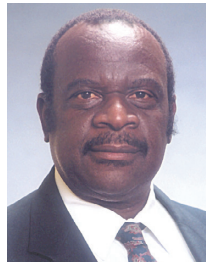
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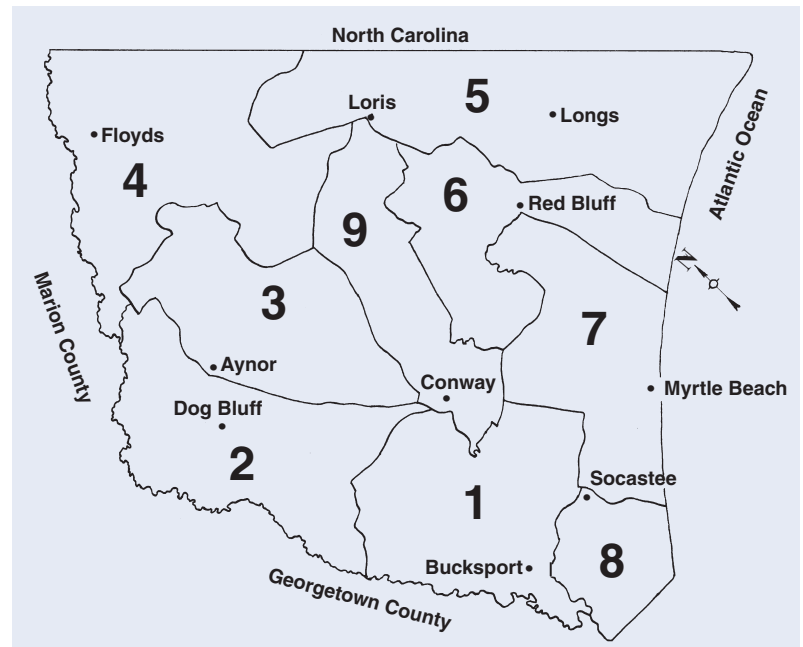
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Notice of proposed bylaw amendments

Based on recent amendments to the South Carolina *Electric Cooperative Act*, it is necessary and prudent to enact certain Bylaw amendments to ensure continued legal compliance while promoting transparency and accountability.

Article XV of the Cooperative's current Bylaws provides that:

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by the members at any regular or special member meeting, but only if the notice of such meeting shall have contained a copy of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal, or an accurate summary explanation thereof.

The proposed Articles and self-explanatory subsection headings are as follows:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

- § 1.01 - General Provisions
- § 1.02 - Defined Terms

ARTICLE II - COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP

- § 2.01 - Membership Eligibility
- § 2.02 - Application for Membership; Renewal of Prior Application
- § 2.03 - Service Security Deposit and Facilities Extension Fees; Contributions in Aid of Construction
- § 2.04 - Acceptance into Membership
- § 2.05 - Joint Membership
- § 2.06 - Conversion of Membership
- § 2.07 - Effect of Death, Legal Separation or Divorce upon a Joint Membership
- § 2.08 - Purchase of and Payment for Electric Service; Power Production by Member; Application of Payments to All Accounts
- § 2.09 - Reduction in Cooperative Services
- § 2.10 - Excess Payments to be Credited as Member-Furnished Capital
- § 2.11 - Wiring of Premises; Responsibility Therefor; Load Management Devices; Responsibility for Meter Tampering or Bypassing and for Damage to Cooperative Properties; Extent of Cooperative Responsibility; Indemnification
- § 2.12 - Member to Grant Easements to Cooperative and to Participate in, if Required, Cooperative Load Management Programs
- § 2.13 - Dispute Resolution

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

- § 3.01 - Suspension by Non-Compliance; Reinstatement
- § 3.02 - Termination by Expulsion; Renewed Membership
- § 3.03 - Termination by Withdrawal or Resignation
- § 3.04 - Termination by Death or Cessation of Existence; Continuation of Membership in Remaining or New Partners; Limitations on Transfer of Interests

- § 3.05 - Effect of Termination
- § 3.06 - Board Acknowledgment of Membership Termination; Acceptance of Members Retroactively
- § 3.07 - Membership List

ARTICLE IV - MEETING OF MEMBERS

- § 4.01 - Annual Member Meetings
- § 4.02 - Special Meetings
- § 4.03 - Notice of Member Meetings
- § 4.04 - Record Date
- § 4.05 - Member Meeting List
- § 4.06 - Member Action by Written Consent
- § 4.07 - Member Quorum
- § 4.08 - Voting
- § 4.09 - Accepting and Rejecting Notarized Member Voting Documents
- § 4.10 - Proxies
- § 4.11 - Order of Business
- § 4.12 - Credentials and Election Committee

ARTICLE V - TRUSTEES

- § 5.01 - Number and General Powers
- § 5.02 - Qualifications
- § 5.03 - Election
- § 5.04 - Tenure
- § 5.05 - Nominations
- § 5.06 - Trustee Districts
- § 5.07 - Voting for Trustees
- § 5.08 - Removal of Trustees
- § 5.09 - Vacancies
- § 5.10 - Trustee Compensation
- § 5.11 - Trustee Conduct
- § 5.12 - Policies, Rules, Regulations, Rate Schedules and Contracts
- § 5.13 - Accounting System and Reports
- § 5.14 - "Close Relative" Defined
- § 5.15 - Indemnification of Trustees, Officers and Employees
- § 5.16 - Insurance
- § 5.17 - Conflict of Interest Transaction

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS OF TRUSTEES

- § 6.01 - Regular Meetings
- § 6.02 - Special Meetings
- § 6.03 - Notice of Trustees' Meetings
- § 6.04 - Waiver of Board Meeting Notice
- § 6.05 - Trustee Quorum
- § 6.06 - Board Action by Written Consent
- § 6.07 - Executive Sessions

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS; MISCELLANEOUS

- § 701 - Number and Title
- § 702 - Election and Term of Office
- § 703 - Removal
- § 704 - Vacancies
- § 705 - President and Chairman of the Board

- § 7.06 - Vice President
- § 7.07 - Secretary and Assistant Secretary
- § 7.08 - Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
- § 7.09 - Delegation of Secretary's and Treasurer's Responsibilities
- § 7.10 - Chief Executive Officer
- § 7.11 - Committees
- § 7.12 - Executive Committee
- § 7.13 - Bonds
- § 7.14 - Compensation
- § 7.15 - Reports

ARTICLE VIII - COOPERATIVE OPERATION

- § 8.01 - Nonprofit and Cooperative Operation
- § 8.02 - Allocating and Crediting Capital
- § 8.03 - Notification and Assignment of Capital Credits
- § 8.04 - Retiring Capital Credits
- § 8.05 - Patron Agreement
- § 8.06 - Non-Member Patrons and Non-Member Non-Patrons
- § 8.07 - Reasonable Reserves

ARTICLE IX - DISPOSITION OF COOPERATIVE ASSETS

- § 9.01 - Transfer of Cooperative Assets
- § 9.02 - Merger or Consolidation
- § 9.03 - Distribution of Cooperative Assets Upon Dissolution

ARTICLE X - MISCELLANEOUS

- § 10.01 - Bylaw Amendments
- § 10.02 - Rules of Order
- § 10.03 - Fiscal Year
- § 10.04 - Notice
- § 10.05 - Governing Law
- § 10.06 - Titles and Headings
- § 10.07 - Partial Invalidity
- § 10.08 - Cumulative Remedies
- § 10.09 - Entire Agreement
- § 10.10 - Successors and Assigns
- § 10.11 - Waiver
- § 10.12 - Lack of Notice

How to receive your exact copy of the Bylaw proposal:

- ▶ View and/or download from the Cooperative's website at **horryelectric.com** in the Member Portal section;
- ▶ Obtain a printed copy at the Cooperative's **headquarters** office;
- ▶ Send an email to **bylaws@horryelectric.com** with the subject "Request;"
- ▶ Call the Cooperative's executive assistant at **(843) 369-6323** to request a copy.

The entire contents of the proposed Bylaws are incorporated herein by reference, as if fully re-stated.



Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc. Bylaw and District Voting Referendum

Adoption of Bylaw Changes:

In 2019, the South Carolina General Assembly passed governance reform legislation for the state's electric cooperatives. Based on these amendments to the South Carolina Electric Cooperative Act, it is necessary to enact certain Bylaw amendments to ensure continued legal compliance while promoting transparency and accountability. The recommended Bylaw changes are designed to comply with that legislation.

Your Cooperative's Board recommends that you vote "YES" for the adoption of these Bylaw changes.

Do you approve the Board's recommendation to adopt the proposed Bylaw changes?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Adoption of Member Voting Districts:

The General Assembly passed a law requiring electric cooperative members to consider single-member voting districts. Your Cooperative is currently divided into nine geographic districts, with one Trustee residing in each district but with every Trustee still representing all members. This structure ensures that our entire service territory is represented equally and that every member can vote in every election contest, regardless of where the member lives. However, if the Cooperative adopts single-member voting districts, you would be allowed to vote only for Board candidates who live in the district where you live, and that election would only occur every third year.

Your Cooperative's Board recommends that you vote "YES" for keeping the current district format because it believes the Cooperative is best served by allowing every member to vote every year in every election contest.

Do you approve the Board's recommendation to retain the current method of voting for Trustees which allows every member to vote every year in every election contest?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Meet the candidates

THE MEMBERS of the Nominating Committee, duly assembled, after giving full consideration to the district location, did nominate the following members of the cooperative as trustee candidates for a three-year term.

District #3

Johnny M. Shelley (incumbent)

7150 Highway 917
Nichols, SC 29581

JOHNNY SHELLEY and his wife, Sonnie, have two children, Cam and Kristi. Kristi is married to Brian Forbus, and they have a son, Cole, and a daughter, Georgia. Cam and his wife, Jill, have a daughter, Jaelyn, and a son, Jackson. The Shelleys are lifetime members of Horry County's Pleasant View Community, where they are also members of the Pleasant View Baptist Church.

A farmer, Shelley has also had the experience as a science teacher and a physical education teacher. He also worked for several years in the financial sector. Shelley is a graduate of Floyds High School and Campbell University. He plays an active role in Horry County and his community. He has had the experience of serving on The Alliance for Health, Economic and Agricultural Development (a Washington, D.C.-based committee), served as a governor's appointee for the revitalization Phase II board, and served on the Horry County council for 13 years. He currently serves on the committee for the Annual Ag Expo, serves as a board member for Anderson Oaks Assisted Living, serves on the Horry County Council on Aging Board of Directors and serves as a committee member for the Veterans Day Celebration in Downtown Conway. Shelley enjoys spending time with his grandchildren on the family farm. He currently serves as President of Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc. Shelley was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2002.

District #8

Eugene Harriott Jr. (incumbent)

11006 Freewoods Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

EUGENE HARRIOTT JR. has three children and one grandchild. He lives in the Burgess community and is a member of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Harriott is a registered barber. He served in the United States Army for three years as an aircraft hydraulic repairman and is a Vietnam veteran.

Harriott currently serves as Vice President on the Board of Trustees. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1993.

District #9

Freddy Thompkins (incumbent)

3955 Long Avenue Extension
Conway, SC 29526

FREDDY THOMPkins and his wife, Minnieree Allen Thompkins, have lived in the Maple community for more than 20 years. They are members of First Baptist Church of Conway. They have two children, Allen Thompkins and Crystal Calhoun, and two grandchildren, Colby Calhoun and Callie Cate Calhoun.

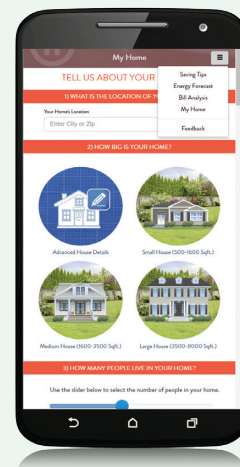
An active member of the community, Thompkins is a member of the Masons and the Shriners. He retired from Horry Telephone Cooperative and is currently self-employed. He is a Vietnam veteran in the First Air Cavalry Division, where he served 13 months as a helicopter door gunner and as a crew chief. At that time, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with a V for Valor, a Combat Entry Badge and Flight Wings. While stationed at Fort Rucker in Dothan, Ala., he was nominated for Soldier of the Year Award with his company.

In his spare time, Thompkins enjoys watching sports, fishing, boating and spending time with his family.

How to save with Home Energy Advisor

Be sure to check out the Home Energy Advisor tools available on Horry Electric Cooperative's website. These interactive tools help you zero in on where you can save the most—and fast!

You can find the Home Energy Advisor under the "My Energy" tab. Click "Home Energy Suite" and you'll find these options and more:



► The Home Energy Advisor—

This quick calculator provides an estimated breakdown of your energy use and costs by heating, cooling, lighting, and more.

► **Bill Analysis**—Here the Home Energy Advisor goes one step further and incorporates your actual HEC bills in its calculations. Just log into your account, click on the "My Use" tab and then click on "Analyze My Bill" to access your personal bill analysis.

Effective Oct. 1

THE FACILITIES CHARGE for single-phase service will increase from the current rate of \$23 to \$24 per month. The charge for three-phase service will increase from \$33 to \$34.

The facilities charge is a monthly fixed amount charged to each meter at each service location, regardless of the amount of electricity used. It is for the expenses related to providing service to the meter, which includes utility plant investment; operation and maintenance costs; administration and general costs; depreciation; administrative costs such as billing and property taxes.