

Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Meet the candidates



District #1

Elaine D. Gore

Incumbent

6200 Pauley Swamp Road
Conway, S.C. 29527

ELAINE GORE and her late husband, Dr. John G. Gore, have four children and eight grandchildren.

Gore is a lifetime member of the Fair Bluff Methodist Church. She has served as Executive Director for the Horry County Council on Aging, where she has been employed since 1988. During her service with the council, she has had the opportunity to assist in implementing many programs that have helped provide basic needs for senior citizens in Horry County.

The Council operates 11 senior centers and provides programs such as home-delivered meals and homemaker services. Their programs have been recognized throughout the state and have won numerous state awards.

Gore is an active part of the Horry County community. Her volunteer position with a non-profit board of Horry County assisted in the successful completion of a non-profit assisted living facility,

Anderson Oaks, on Highway 90. She is a past member of the Horry County Architectural Review Board and was an integral participant in the formation of the South Carolina Tobacco Growers Association. With her love of Horry County and history, Gore has successfully restored an 1868 farmhouse in the far western part of Horry County to be used for a future bed-and-breakfast.

Gore has served as a trustee for Horry Electric since 2001. She represented Horry Electric on the board of Central Electric Power Cooperative for 10 years. She has successfully completed numerous training courses through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and has earned the status of Credentialed Cooperative Director. She has also earned her Board Leadership certificate through NRECA and recently achieved status as an NRECA Certified Gold Director.



District #5

Ronald H. Floyd

Incumbent

2243 West Dogwood Road
Green Sea, S.C. 29545

RONALD FLOYD and his wife, JoAnn, have two children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He is a lifetime member of Green Sea Baptist Church, where he has served as Deacon and in many other capacities.

A graduate of Tabor City High School and North Carolina State University, Floyd is a licensed auctioneer in South Carolina. Floyd is the owner of Floyd's Auction Service. He retired as a rural letter carrier for the United States Postal Service. He was the recipient of the 2011-2012 Hero of the Year Award of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association.

Floyd has served on the boards of a variety of organizations over the years, including Twin City Farmers Co-op, Tabor City Lions Club, Tabor City chapter of Wildlife Action and the South Carolina Auctioneers Association, where he served as

president from 1995-1996. He was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Loris FFA Booster Club for 2011-2012. Floyd previously served on the Horry County Extension Advisory Council.

Floyd has served as a trustee for Horry Electric Cooperative since 2010. He has represented Horry Electric on the CEEUS and Line Equipment boards of directors. He has served on the SC Trustee Association Executive/Steering Committee and is a past president of the SC Trustee Association. Floyd currently serves on the board of The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina. He has successfully completed numerous training courses through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He has earned status of Credentialed Cooperative Director and NRECA Certified Gold Director, in addition to his NRECA Board Leadership Certificate.



District #7

Deborah "Debbie" Vereen Givens

Nominee

6159 Bear Bluff Road
Conway, S.C. 29526

where she taught Sunday school classes and sings in the choir. She was the education director, elected as Woman of the Year by the United Methodist Women and appointed as the lay leader of the Administrative Counsel by the church.

Debbie was appointed by Horry County Parks, Recreation and Tourism to serve on the board of directors on the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens Committee.

Debbie is affiliated with Bear Bluff Contractors, LLC, licensed in South Carolina as general contractors in site prep, etc.

DEBORAH (DEBBIE) GIVENS grew up in the Nixonville community and was a member of Tilly Swamp Baptist Church. She is married and has one daughter, plus two grand-pups.

Debbie has a bachelor's degree in social and behavioral sciences (psychology and sociology) and a master's degree in education, both from the University of South Carolina.

Debbie retired with AT&T as a major accounts executive in the marketing department. While employed, she won the coveted and prestigious President's Club Award for numerous years.

Debbie attends St. John's United Methodist Church,



District #7

Clay M. Ward

Nominee

3791 Ed Smith Ave.
Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588

Clay spent over 20 years with R.J. Reynolds in various sales roles, ultimately serving as Division Sales Manager, where he led a team of more than 25 employees. Throughout his tenure, he completed many management and human resource classes to further develop his leadership skills.

Clay has been with ArborOne Farm Credit for over 20 years, serving as Vice President and Loan Officer. He is a graduate of Farm Credit University and Bankers School of South Carolina, where he received extensive training in financial management.

Clay has been actively involved in his local community, coaching his daughters' soccer teams, volunteering with the American Cancer Society, and assisting neighbors during several flood recovery efforts after hurricanes in the surrounding community.

In his spare time, Clay enjoys spending time with his family, boating and tending to his yard.

CLAY WARD has called Myrtle Beach home for his entire life and now resides there with his wife, Joan. He is a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach. Clay and Joan are proud parents of two daughters, Lauren (married to Adam) and K.C. They recently celebrated the joy of becoming grandparents to their first granddaughter, Maya Eloise. Clay is a proud alumnus of Myrtle Beach High School and the University of South Carolina, where he graduated with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Management.