



Horry Electric Cooperative

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Meet the candidates



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.

District #3

Johnny M. Shelley

Incumbent

1750 Highway 917
Nichols, S.C. 29581

Now a farmer, Shelley has previous 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 experience serving on The Alliance for Health, Economic and Agricultural Development Committee (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 as a board member for Anderson Oaks Assisted Living and the Horry County Council on Aging Board of Directors. 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.

Shelley has completed numerous training courses through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and earned the status of Credentialed Cooperative Director. He has also earned his Board Leadership certificate through NRECA, in addition to his Director Gold Credential..



FREDDY THOMPKINS and his wife, Minnieeree Allen Thompkins, have lived in the Maple community for nearly 40 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.

District #9

Freddy Thompkins

Incumbent

3955 Long Avenue
Extension
Conway, S.C. 29526

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.

Thompkins was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2011. Since then, he's earned the status of Credentialed Cooperative Director and obtained his Board Leadership Certificate through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He's also received his Director Gold Credential.

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



EUGENE HARRIOTT JR. has three children, two grandchildren and one great grandchild. He lives in the Burgess community and is a member of New Bethel Baptist Church. Harriott is a registered barber.

Harriott served in the United States Army for three years as an aircraft hydraulic repairman and is a Vietnam veteran. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his meritorious service, as well as the Air Medal for heroism.

District #8

Eugene Harriott, Jr.

Incumbent

11006 Freewoods Road
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
29588

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

A Credentialed Cooperative Director, Harriott has completed numerous training courses through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He has also earned his Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Credential through NRECA.



RETIRED COLONEL JOHN NEWCOMER

moved to Conway in 2021 after a 30-year career in the Army and 11 years as a contractor for the Department of Defense. He has one son, Vincent, who resides in Florida. Colonel Newcomer attends services at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Conway.

District #9

Retired Army Colonel John Newcomer

Nominee

618 Plantation Circle
Conway, S.C. 29526

He is an active member of the community, formerly serving on the Rosehill Memorial Gardens Committee for the City of Conway. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, as well as a member of the Little River, South Carolina Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks lodge. Additionally, Colonel Newcomer serves as President of the Lock Haven University

Alumni Association Board of Directors in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

Colonel Newcomer graduated from Lock Haven University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He has a master's degree in public administration from Georgia State University (Atlanta, Georgia) and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania. He is planning to start law school this fall to pursue a Juris Doctor (JD).

Colonel Newcomer is a rated helicopter and airplane pilot with more than 5,000 flight hours over his 40-year career with the United States military. He received the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star medal and the Defense Meritorious Service medal, among other awards. He held various leadership and command positions, culminating as the Director of Army Reserve Aviation at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In his spare time, Colonel Newcomer enjoys golfing, exercising, reading, traveling, getting to know people and exploring the natural beauty of Horry County and South Carolina.