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Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative

**SEDGWICK COUNTY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

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FROM THE MANAGER

What You're Missing at the Annual Meeting



Scott Ayres

Did you know every cooperative is required to conduct an annual meeting of the membership? This year we will discuss Sedgwick County Electric Cooperatives financial standing, upcoming projects and hold board of trustees elections — and of course hand out great door prizes! Sedgwick County Electric Coopera-

tive's annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors — or catch up with old acquaintances. As our lives become busier with the “errands of life” and more of our interactions with others are online (via social media), we must renew the value of face-to-face connections. Very few organizations are uniquely positioned like Sedgwick County Electric Co-op to bring together the members of our local communities.

While rural Americans probably do

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2023 Sedgwick County Electric COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING

The 2023 annual meeting will be held on April 4, 2023, at the The Cotillion Ballroom, 11120 W. Kellogg, Wichita, Kansas.

Be on the lookout for our annual report to come in the mail toward the end of March. Inside you'll find more information about the business of your cooperative.

We hope that you will plan on attending the annual meeting, to gather with fellow electric co-op members and take part in the business of the cooperative.

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Board of Directors Election Notification

The following territories will be voted on during the annual membership meeting currently scheduled for April 4, 2023.

► TERRITORY 1

North of 109th St. North,
(Irish Creek Road).

► TERRITORY 2

South of 109th St. North, North of US 54,
East of 167th St. West.

► TERRITORY 3

► East of 167th St. West, South of US 54.

The following cooperative bylaws describe director territories, election and application processes.

SECTION 4.02. ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICE. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members of the Cooperative from nine (9) Director Territories and shall serve for a term of three (3) years, or until their successors shall have been elected. The Cooperative shall stagger Director Terms by dividing the total number of authorized Directors into groups of three (3) and Members must annually elect three (3) Directors.

The Cooperative members shall elect Directors by a plurality of the votes cast, and Cooperative members may not vote for write-in candidates, by proxy, and there shall be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot and from the members of the Cooperative. The individual presiding at the Annual Meeting shall announce the results of the election.

All persons desiring to run for an open seat on the Board of Directors shall submit an Application for Director to the Cooperative

at least 60 days before the Annual Meeting. The Cooperative shall then post a list of candidates running for Director on the Cooperative's website at least forty-five (45) days before the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative.

SECTION 4.03. QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A DIRECTOR CANDIDATE AND BE ELECTED AND REMAIN A DIRECTOR.

Any natural person shall be eligible to apply to be a director candidate, be elected and remain a Director of the Cooperative who:

- (a) Is a member and bona fide resident in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative for at least three years; and
 - (b) Has not been employed by the Cooperative within the past thirty-six (36) months; and
 - (c) Is not in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling energy, energy services or energy supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative, and
 - (d) Is not closely related to an incumbent Director or an employee of the Cooperative. The term "closely related" means the relationship of spouse, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandparent and grandchild existing by reason of blood, marriage or adoption; and
 - (e) Other reasonable qualifications, procedures or policies approved by the Board.
- Upon establishment of the fact that a Director is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Directors shall remove such Director from office. Nothing contained in this section

shall affect in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4.04 DIRECTOR

TERRITORIES – Based upon geographic or other equitable considerations determined by the Board through a Board Resolution, the Board shall divide the general area in which the Cooperative provides electrical energy into nine (9) territories that equitably represent the Members. ("Director Territory") A Directory Territory may not be substantially unequal with another Director Territory and should provide equitable representation on the Board throughout the Cooperative Service Territory. ("Cooperative Service Territory")

As necessary, the Board may revise the Director Territories to ensure that the Territories equitably represent the Members and that no Territory is substantially unequal with another Territory. Within 30 days following a Directory Territory revision, and at least 30 days before the next annual Member Meeting, the Cooperative must notify in writing or electronically, Members affected by the Director Territory revision. Director Territory revisions are effective on the date the Cooperative releases written or electronic notice of the Director Territory revision.

Bylaws can be found on our website at www.sedgwickcountyelectric.coop/membership-handbook-and-co-op-bylaws. Territory Map can be found at www.sedgwickcountyelectric.coop/contact-us.

Candidates requesting board of director application should contact Executive Assistant Jo Luehrs at 316-542-3131 or jluehrs@sedgwickcountyelectric.coop.

Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Welcomes Kade Wahlers

KADE WAHLERS accepted the equipment operator/groundman position on Nov. 15, 2022. Kade attended Pratt Community College in the electrical power technology program. He has been working with the cooperative as an intern since May 22, 2022. In his spare time, he enjoys hanging out with friends and family. Welcome Kade!



Kade Wahlers

SAVE THE DATES

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BUILDS
JULY 14-20, 2023
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

MEMORIES

COMMUNITY

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

Please submit the application below to Sedgwick County Electric Co-op, P.O. Box 220, Cheney, KS 67025 or scan and email to jluehrs@sedgwickcountyelectric.coop by **FEB. 3, 2023**. Please complete both sections on **PAGE 12C AND 12D OR COMPLETE THE APPLICATION ONLINE AT WWW.SEDGWICKCOUNTYELECTRIC.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS**.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

2022-2023 Grade: _____ School: _____

Gender: M or F Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student's Email: _____

I AGREE THAT ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND TRUE.

Applicant Signature: _____

I HEREBY GRANT PERMISSION TO THE ABOVE APPLICANT TO COMPETE IN THE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION.

Parents Name: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

List activities you have participated in at your school and any special honors you have received, such as class officer, plays, music, activities, etc.

Activities	Years	Remarks & Honors

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What You're Missing at the Annual Meeting *Continued from page 12A ▶*

a better job of staying connected to our neighbors (in part because we need too), it is not something we should take for granted. The simple act of smiling, saying hello and shaking someone's hand truly lifts both parties.

The annual meeting gives our members the chance to come together and take care of the important business of the co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. All cooperatives serve both an economic and social purpose. Our mission is committed to

providing safe, reliable, innovative energy solutions to you, our member-owners.

If you have not attended the annual meeting in the past or if it has been a few years, we encourage you to take the time to gather with your fellow co-op members.

Sedgwick County Electric Co-op is connected to you by more than just power lines. We are your neighbors and we look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting on April 4, 2023, at The Cotillion Ballroom, 11120 W. Kellogg, Wichita, KS 67209.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS *Continued from page 12C ▶*

List extracurricular activities you have participated in, such as FFA, 4-H, church, community, etc.

Activities	Years	Remarks & Honors

List any hobbies, talents, special interests, etc. _____

What are your future plans? _____

Anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself? _____

What is the greatest energy issue facing your generation and how can today's youth be a part of the solution?

