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**PIONEER ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE**

NEWS

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In Case of an Outage

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, call 888-551-4140. After-hours calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to standby personnel.

Ensuring Electrical Reliability

There are many factors that contribute to an outage. To ensure our members are provided with a steady, reliable source of power, Pioneer Electric makes it our mission to keep those factors limited. The initiatives we take when building and maintaining our lines work hand in hand to protect wildlife and keep the power flowing.

You have probably experienced the occasional outage that seems to occur without explanation. Equipment malfunctions happen but nature can also create issues for our system. That doesn't always mean storms; sometimes animals and birds cause problems within our system that result in members losing power. When birds and other creatures choose to make their homes or congregate within our infrastructure it can lead to service reliability issues.

Pioneer Electric takes a proactive approach in handling these situations. We account for wildlife protection with every service we build or maintain. Our crews regularly inspect our lines and substations to make sure that animals are not creating problems that could



Bird guards help maintain reliability of our system by making it difficult for birds to congregate on power structures.

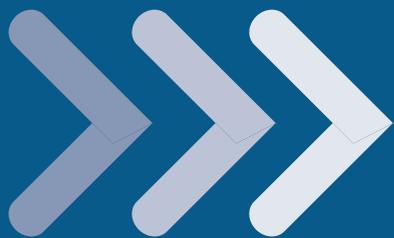
result in members losing power. When possible, our crews use insulated materials and maximize clearances to help keep wildlife safe and ensure the reliability of our system. Our linemen are also trained to identify situations that are potential hazards to wildlife and the continuity of service.

Electricity is an essential service; it powers our lives every day in a multitude of ways. Pioneer Electric strives to ensure that our members have access to this valuable utility every day.



Youth Tour Applications Opening Soon!

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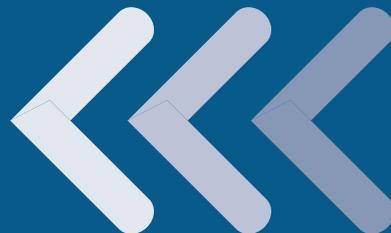
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77TH PIONEER ELECTRIC

**ANNUAL
MEETING**



REGISTRATION AT 4:30 P.M.
MEETING BEGINS 6 P.M.
GRANT COUNTY CIVIC CENTER



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Meet Your 2021 Board of Trustee Incumbents



Jeff W. Moyer, District 3



Alfred Alexander, District 4



John R. Jury, District 8

Cooperatives are democratic organizations, owned and controlled by the members they serve. Members have the opportunity to use their voice and actively participate in the selection of their board of trustee representatives, policy changes and decisions that impact their co-op.

The Pioneer Electric Board of Trustees each serve a three-year term before they must run for reelection. Trustees are elected by vote. Each member is entitled to one vote at the Pioneer Electric Annual Meeting of Members. This year, members may cast their ballot in advance of the meeting by submitting the mail ballot (included with the annual meeting notice) or at the annual meeting. Any member who casts a properly executed mail-in ballot will not be able to vote at the annual meeting.

To serve on the board of trustees, a person must meet the qualifications outlined within the cooperative's bylaws. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, being a member in good standing, at least 18 years of age and a resident for a minimum of one year of the district they wish to serve. Trustees must not be employed by the cooperative or by a competing business or enterprise. Additional qualifications can be found at pioneerelectric.coop.

Pioneer Electric's annual meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Grant County Civic Center in Ulysses.

Meet Your Board Nominees

JEFF W. MOYER (DISTRICT 3), a Ulysses native and graduate of Kansas State University, has served on the Pioneer Electric Board of Trustees since October 2019. During his time with the board, he has enjoyed gaining a new understanding of the complex and rapidly changing electric industry. As the industry continues to evolve, he looks forward to helping guide the co-op to grow through these changes. Moyer also plans to complete his Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate (CCD). He believes

there is always more to learn, and that knowledge will benefit the co-op, which will help its members and communities continue to be successful.

Moyer volunteers his time as a committee member for the Boy Scout Troop 186 and as a deacon for his church. He is a pilot and aircraft mechanic for Moyer Aviation, Inc. He and his wife, Artrisha, have three children — Jazstyn, 21; Jett, 19; and Jyntri, 18.

ALFRED ALEXANDER (DISTRICT 4) is a long-standing member of the Pioneer Electric Board of Trustees. This year marks his 35th year of service to District 4 and Pioneer Electric's service territory. He currently serves as the board's vice president. Alexander is also a member of the PEAR (Pioneer Electric Round-Up) Board.

Alexander enjoys the opportunity to work together as a team and bring power to the communities of southwest Kansas at the lowest cost possible. The feeling of being a servant to the members and employees of Pioneer Electric is something that Alexander values greatly.

He is a resident of Haskell county, where he lives and farms in addition to his board duties.

JOHN R. JURY (DISTRICT 8) understands the importance of rural roots and has applied that understanding throughout his time on the Pioneer Electric Board of Trustees. Jury has represented District 8 since 2012; he currently serves as the board's secretary and treasurer.

Jury appreciates being a part of a well-managed and forward-thinking organization. As a member of the board of trustees, he is committed to being a voice for the members.

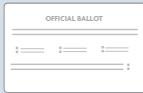
Jury resides in Sublette, Kansas, as a crop insurance agent. He has been involved in agriculture co-ops nearly his entire life and enjoys helping farmers and others in the agriculture community improve their lives.

Casting Your 2021 Annual Meeting Mail-In Ballot

Voting by mail can seem intimidating; we created this helpful guide to walk you through the process and help you cast your mailed ballot successfully. Members with questions may contact our office during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) by calling 620-356-1211.

Step 1

Cast Your Ballot



Pioneer Electric members are entitled to one vote on each matter submitted on the ballot.

Your 2021 ballot will be included with your annual meeting notice. Remove the ballot from your notice and mark your selections. Please make sure to mark your selections clearly.

Step 2

Seal Your Ballot



Once you have made your selections, insert your ballot into the provided privacy (smaller) envelope. Insert the privacy envelope into the provided return envelope.

Your return envelope **MUST** include your name, address and account number. A space is provided on the back of the envelope. Envelopes lacking an account number will not be counted.

Step 3

Return Your Ballot



Please return your ballot via the enclosed envelopes. Ballots must be sealed in the **PRIVACY ENVELOPE**. Your privacy envelope must be sealed in the **RETURN ENVELOPE** and received by our office no later than Sept. 4, 2021.

Members are not required to cast their vote by mail-in ballot. Members who wish to cast their vote in person may do so during the annual meeting.

Mail-in ballots must be completed and returned to Pioneer Electric's office **NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 2021**, in order to be counted.

Notice of Proposed Self-Generation Rider

After the Winter Weather Event in February 2021, the Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Pioneer") Board of Trustees has reviewed and authorized management to present the following self-generation rider.

The proposed rider will be available to members taking service under Pioneer's standard Large Power, Large Commercial and Industrial Service or Large Industrial Service tariffs. It will apply when a formal "Energy Emergency Alert" is issued by the Southwest Power Pool under the NERC Reliability Standards affecting Pioneer and its members and resulting in a request by Pioneer to a member for voluntary load reductions by way of the member self-generating to fulfill all or part of its own energy needs (a single Energy Emergency Alert or multiple Energy Emergency Alerts issued over a period of time during an energy event shall be known as the "EEA event"). The member

shall receive an energy credit equal to \$0.10 per kWh applied to the member's kWh usage reduced as a result of running self-generation during the EEA event. If approved, the rider will be effective on Aug. 25, 2021.

Please take notice that the board of trustees of Pioneer will meet on Aug. 25, 2021, at 9 a.m. at the cooperative headquarters, 1850 W Oklahoma, in Ulysses, to discuss and vote on the adoption of the proposed self-generation rider. This meeting is open to any member who wishes to attend. Members have the right under K.S.A. 66-104d (g) to request Kansas Corporation Commission review of any rate change.

If you have any questions please attend the meeting on Aug. 25, 2021, or contact our office at 620-356-1211 or 800-794-9302. You may obtain a complete summary of the proposed rider at Pioneer Electric's office or by visiting www.pioneerelectric.coop.