

CANDIDATES

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Results of the election will be announced on ClayElectric.com Tuesday, March 12 and at the members' Annual Meeting at Keystone Heights High School on Saturday, March 23.

Meet the candidates

Trustee Susan Reeves, a Hawthorne resident, represents District 3 and was first elected to Clay Electric's Board of Trustees 42 years ago. She's held all positions on Clay's Board of Trustees, and she's currently the president of the Board of Trustees at Seminole Electric, Clay's wholesale power supplier.



Reeves

Trustee Dewitt Hersey, a Starke resident, represents District 5. He is also the Board's secretary. A member



Hersey

of Clay Electric since 1960, he was first elected to the Board in 2012 and has previously held the positions of president, vice president and treasurer.

Trustee John Henry Whitehead represents District 7. A Union County resident, Whitehead was appointed to fill the remaining term of his late father, who shares the same name, in 2007. He retired as a colonel in the Florida Department of Corrections, where he served 35 years.



Whitehead

Absentee ballots are available

To request an absentee ballot, you will need to provide your account number associated with your membership. Request one by visiting <https://Ballot.ClayElectric.com> (no www) or calling 1-800-224-4917.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is Friday, March 1 at 3 p.m. All ballots must be received by 4 p.m. Monday, March 11 via mail or online.

The Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. _____

Power Line

February 2024

Voting open in Board of Trustees election

Voting is open for members to make a choice for the board trustees representing districts 3, 5 and 7.

Members who vote will be entered into a drawing to win one of 43 bill credits. You'll find additional details by turning to the back panel.

Last month, members got together at three district trustee meetings to select candidates for the Board of Trustees in their districts.

The three respective incumbents of districts 3, 5 and 7 — Susan Reeves, Dewitt Hersey and John Henry Whitehead — were all chosen without opposition.

Each year, positions on the co-op's nine-member Board of Trustees are up for election. Members within the districts select one or two members to be candidates, and then the entire membership votes. Members must vote either by online voting or by absentee ballot. There is no in-person voting.

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Prize drawing for members who vote

All eligible members who vote, either online or by mail in ballot, in the election for the co-op's Board of Trustees will be entered in a prize drawing contest to win one of 43 bill credits: One \$4,800 bill credit (grand prize), one \$2,500 bill credit, one \$2,000 bill credit, one \$1,800 bill credit one \$700 bill credit, one \$400 bill credit and 37 bill credits of \$50. Winners will be announced in March.

Login to your **MyClayElectric** account, click on "Vote Now" and follow the instructions.

\$2K scholarships available for 25 high school seniors

Clay Electric is once again providing 25 scholarships to high school seniors who will be graduating at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

The Clay Electric Youth Scholarship program is available to any public, private or home-schooled high school senior whose primary residence is served by Clay Electric. Interested scholars must complete an application available on ClayElectric.com

A portion of the application must be signed and completed by a guidance counselor prior to spring break to ensure the application is mailed by the **April 1, 2024 deadline**.

Find additional details at ClayElectric.com/scholarships.

New benefits with your Co-op Connections Card

We're adding new offers to your free Co-op Connections Card — a national discount program.

Updates on the card and the app include:

- CC's Flower Villa (Lake City) - Free local delivery (Lake City)
- Great Outdoor Restaurant (High Springs) - 10% off lunch or dinner of \$50 or more.
- Old Florida Café (Micanopy) - 15% off total purchase.
- Pink Flamingo Diner (High Springs) - 10% off lunch or dinner of \$50 or more.
- Pinnacle Autosound (Lake City) - 10% off any auto or marine audio system.

To order a card, email connectionscard@clayelectric.com and provide us with a name and address. You can also download a membership in the App Store or Google Play.

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PRIVACY POLICY

Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc.

In the course of doing business with you, we collect information about you that is necessary to provide you with our services. At Clay Electric, we recognize the importance of protecting this information and strive to maintain our customer's privacy.

THE INFORMATION WE COLLECT

At Clay Electric, we routinely collect and maintain nonpublic personal information about you, to provide you with the services you request and to service your account. This information includes:

- Information we receive from you on applications, through ClayElectric.com and other means, including name, address, telephone number, social security number, e-mail address and property information,
- Information regarding your transactions with us, such as electric usage, service history, payment history, billing information and financial account information,
- Information regarding your capital and patronage account and contact information for former members resulting from membership and governance activities,
- Information we receive from credit reporting agencies and other groups regarding credit history and other reports,
- Information obtained through samples or surveys of Clay Electric member-consumers to identify needs or improve services. This information may be compiled in aggregate form for Clay Electric Cooperative management activities.
- Additional information that is collected and maintained when and to the extent appropriate to provide services.

We are committed to maintaining accurate, complete and appropriate information about member-consumers as necessary for the purpose for which the information is to be used. Clay Electric generally permits its member-consumers to access and seek correction of records about themselves that are maintained and used by Clay Electric to provide service, for billing, and to manage capital accounts. Any requests for, or disputes relating to, access, correction, or other matters should be reported to Clay Electric, and we will do our best to resolve any questions or problems that may arise regarding the use of member-consumer information.

PROTECTING YOUR INFORMATION

We are committed to protecting your nonpublic personal information. Clay Electric collects information solely through lawful and fair means and for appropriate purposes. At Clay Electric, we maintain high standards to ensure the security and confidentiality of our records and our customer's information and we are committed to maintaining appropriate and accurate

information about members for purposes that are suitable to its operations and management. We have designed our business practices so that the personal information of our customers is lawfully and properly gathered, stored and processed, so that customer information is only available to those individuals who may need it to provide you with our services. We have established physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect customer information as well. However, no record or computer system can ever be protected against every possible hazard. Clay Electric is committed to providing reasonable and appropriate security to protect against foreseeable hazards. Additionally, should your relationship with us end at some time in the future, your information will remain protected as outlined in this notice.

SHARING WITH AFFILIATED THIRD PARTIES

We may share the information we collect, as described above, with companies, affiliates and contractors that work with us or provide services on our behalf, so that we may provide you with the services that you have requested. These companies might assist us, for example, in fulfilling your service request, processing your account or assisting us with maintenance on your account. All third parties are contractually obligated and employees are required to keep the information that we provide to them confidential and they must use the information only to provide the services we have asked them to perform.

Membership lists may be disclosed to a member-consumer of the cooperative for proper purposes, such as in connection with Cooperative election activities. Such disclosures will only be made in accordance with a policy adopted by the Board, and further uses of any lists so disclosed will be subject to that policy.

SHARING WITH NON-AFFILIATED THIRD PARTIES

Clay Electric does not sell, share, rent, loan, exchange or otherwise disclose customer information with marketing firms or other non-affiliated third parties. We may share information with commercial and consumer credit bureaus and similar organizations, and otherwise as required or permitted by law, such as in response to a subpoena. We also may share nonpublic personal information when specifically authorized to do so by you. Further, Clay Electric reserves the right to share member-consumer records with other utilities under shared service agreements or to meet operational requirements.

MODIFICATIONS TO OUR PRIVACY POLICY

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices in the future, which may include sharing nonpublic personal information about you with non-affiliated third parties. Before we do, we will provide you with a revised privacy policy and give you the opportunity to elect not to participate in that type of information sharing. This policy is not a formal limitation on the ability of Clay Electric to use, manage, and disclose its records as Clay Electric determines to be necessary, appropriate, or required by law.