

CANDIDATES

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Meet the candidates

Cindy Loose of Keystone Heights is a candidate for District 1. Loose has taught mathematics at Keystone Heights Jr./Sr. High School for the last 26 years. She graduated with a master's degree from the University of Florida. Cindy has served as Mathematics Department Chairperson, Math Honor Society Sponsor, member of the National Honor Society Academic Faculty Council, member of the KHHS Safety Committee, and a Curriculum Council Committee member.



Loose

She also participated in the rigorous program of becoming a Nationally Board-Certified Teacher. Currently, along with teaching mathematics at KHHS, Cindy is also spearheading the inaugural year of the Cambridge AICE/Pre-AICE program, serving as the Cambridge AICE Coordinator.

Kelley Smith of Palatka has served as the District 2 trustee since 1987. Smith has held all of the board officer positions on the co-op's board of trustees: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.



Smith

Smith holds the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Director Gold credential certification, the highest level of achievement in NRECA's Director Certificate Programs.

Carl Malphurs of Alachua has represented members who live in District 4 since 2010. Malphurs, a farmer and lifelong resident of Alachua County, has held all of the board officer positions and is currently the board president.



Malphurs

Malphurs holds the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Director Gold credential certification, the highest level of achievement in NRECA's Director Certificate Programs.

Jimmy Wilson, a lifelong resident of Clay County, is retired from the Clay County Sheriff's Office.



Wilson

Wilson was elected to the co-op's board in 2014. He has held all of the board officer positions on the co-op's board of trustees: vice president, secretary and treasurer and served as board president in 2022.

Wilson holds the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Director Gold credential certification, the highest level of achievement in NRECA's Director Certificate Programs.

Rather vote by mail?

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 toll-free.

The last day to request a ballot is March 8 at 3 p.m. Ballots must be received by 4 p.m. March 13 via U.S. mail in the return envelope provided for the ballots to count.

The Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. _____

Power Line

February 2023

Vote online for board of trustees

Members can now vote online for the board of trustees. Simply login to your MyClayElectric account to cast your vote for the candidates.

Members who vote will be entered into a drawing to win one of 43 bill credits. Please see details on the back panel of this bill insert.

Members gathered at four trustee district meetings in January to select candidates for the Board of Trustees in Districts 1, 2, 4, and 6.

Cindy Loose was nominated as the candidate for the District 1 seat. **Kelley Smith** (District 2), **Carl Malphurs** (District 4), and **Jimmy Wilson** (District 6) are all incumbents and were nominated without any qualified 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 on-line voting or by absentee ballot. There is no in-person voting.

Election results will be announced on ClayElectric.com March 17 and at the Annual Meeting gathering of the members on Saturday, March 25.

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 and click on Vote Now and follow the instructions.

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Check home for common culprits of electrical fires

Outdated wiring and overloaded circuits are the most common causes of electrical fires.

Check the following areas of your home to ensure your home's electrical safety is up to par.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS: Faulty electrical outlets are a leading cause in home fires. As outlets age, so do the wires behind them that you can't see. Any loose, damaged or warm-to-the-touch outlets should be repaired or replaced.

ELECTRICAL WIRING: Outdated wiring is another common cause of electrical fires.

Frequently tripped breakers, flickering lights and burning smells are clear warning signs. If your home is more than 20 years old, it may not be able to handle today's increased power load. If you suspect your home's wiring is outdated, leave this one to the pros and contact a qualified electrician.

OVERLOADED CORDS AND OUTLETS: Extension cords are not permanent solutions. If your big-screen TV, home theater system and other electronics are plugged into one extension cord, it's time to call an electrician and install additional outlets.

OLD APPLIANCES: Older appliances are more likely to have loose or damaged wiring, which means they're more likely to catch fire. Check older appliances for damage and determine if it's time to upgrade or replace. Also check to ensure you're using appliance-grade outlets. A qualified electrician can help with installation.



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.

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