

2023 DIRECTOR ELECTION: CANDIDATES

MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY to vote on three director seats this year – districts 1, 2, and 4. Six candidates met the qualifications in the director election and will be on the ballot this September.



DISTRICT 1

**KEVIN
INGLE**

INCUMBENT

Kevin Ingle was appointed to the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in February 2021 to fill the vacant urban position.

Ingle completed training requirements for his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Ingle works at GM Financial as the Vice President of Servicing Analytics, where he leads a team of professional data analysts, serves on several committees, and is active in the employee mentoring program. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Ingle maintains an active role in his community. Currently, he serves as an industry advisor to the Master's of Business Analytics and Data Science program at Oklahoma State University and volunteers for the Salvation Army Angel Tree project as well as with Junior Achievement. He previously served as the president of his community homeowners association and previously served as the president of the Azle Municipal Development District.



DISTRICT 2

**MARGARET
KOPREK**

INCUMBENT

Margaret Koprek has served on the Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since March 2021. Currently, she serves as the board secretary/treasurer.

Koprek completed training requirements for her Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Koprek works at BNSF Railway as director of Learning & Development. She began her career at BNSF Railway in 2007 with various positions in Operations and Data Analytics and holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Texas A&M University, and a master's in industrial engineering from St. Mary's University. Professionally, she serves on BNSF's Women's Network Executive Board.

Koprek actively participates in her community, including support of the church and school at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Keller and the Diocese of Fort Worth.

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DISTRICT

**JERRY
WALDEN**

INCUMBENT

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I am proud and grateful to be a 5th generation farmer and rancher of Parker County. I was raised in the small community of Authon on my family's farm where we produced peanuts, hay, and ran a cow-calf operation. Growing up on the farm taught me early on the values of hard work, problem solving, and conservation, just to name a few. Professionally, I have owned several construction-related businesses ranging from property improvement to custom home building.

I have been a TCEC member since 1974 and began serving as a director on the board in September of 1999. At that time our co-op had approximately 30,000 meters and today we have over 131,000. One of my goals as director has been to preserve the small business charm of TCEC, while providing the guidance necessary to allow it to grow to our ever-increasing needs. I obtained my Credential Cooperative Director certification through our national association, NRECA, and served in leadership positions within our broader cooperative network. Throughout my time as a director, I have served as the vice president and secretary/treasurer, as well as chair of board committees.

With the continuing growth of TCEC, as well as the state of Texas, we must make strategic decisions today to ensure sustainable and reliable electricity for the future. During my years as a director, many challenges and opportunities have faced TCEC. I addressed each with honesty and integrity, striving to make the best decisions for the benefit of the member-owners. I possess the years of knowledge that only experience can provide and, equally important, the ability to adapt to present and future needs.

In the community, I served on the Garner ISD school board for 10 years, including three as board president. Additionally, I have served on local advisory committees and community boards.

My wife Ronda and I have 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandson. With our future generations in mind, I have a strong desire to be a good steward of our natural resources and environment. Natural gas is currently the most economical and reliable source of electricity generation, yet I am committed to the continued exploration, development, and use of alternative natural sources of energy production, like wind, solar, and other technologies yet to be discovered. In my opinion, whatever the future holds for electricity generation, it must be reliable, sustainable, and economical.

I have a broad knowledge of the electricity industry, from generation through transmission to your home. As your director I will continue to use common sense in providing leadership to TCEC. I am confident I am the best candidate to serve you as District 4 director. Thank you for bestowing your trust in me to represent you in the past. It would be an honor and privilege to serve you for the next three years.



DISTRICT

**DAVID
MILLER**

NOMINATION
CANDIDATE

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David Miller is a lifelong resident of North Texas who carries tenured experience in municipal government and with non-profit organizations.

David started his career in law enforcement in the mid-1980s as a patrol officer for the Keller Police Department. Since that time, he has held the positions of Chief of Police, Director of Public Safety, Deputy City Manager, and City Administrator for the cities of Trophy Club, Kennedale, Forest Hill, Bedford, and Springtown. David is currently the City Administrator and Director of Public Safety for the City of Springtown where he has served since November 2017. In addition to his work in municipal government, David serves on the board of the United Way of Parker County, serves on the Equine Advisory Board for Weatherford College, and is the Chair of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement's advisory board for Parker County. These posts are in addition to numerous other leadership roles for a myriad of local, state, and national professional organizations related to city management and law enforcement. David has done extensive work with state legislators throughout his tenure through the Texas Municipal League and other professional organizations. He is well versed in the legislative processes including but not limited to testifying in front of state subcommittees.

Outside of these efforts, David, along with his wife, Teresa, operates a therapeutic equine facility for children and adults with physical, intellectual, education and emotional disabilities, as well as for veterans, and those recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. Stars and Strides Stables is located in Peaster and utilizes therapeutic riding to aid in physical therapy, emotional growth and learning. Many riders experience a connection to the horse that few sports can create. Not only does this help raise their self-esteem but it also teaches them essential skills. It improves balance, creates trust and creates a friendship between rider and horse. The Millers established Stars and Strides in 2012 after being inspired by their daughter, Courtney, who experienced immense growth using equine-assisted therapy to overcome the challenges of her disability, Kabuki syndrome.

David is a longtime member of Northside Baptist Church where he continues to serve as a Bible teacher. David has been a resident of Parker County for more than 18 years and resides with his wife Teresa and their youngest daughter Courtney in Peaster.

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**JULIE
WALDEN**

PETITION
CANDIDATE

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Julie Smith Walden believes in giving back to her community by being involved in various organizations including the Millsap Heritage Society, Millsap Ex-students Organization, Millsap Neighborhood Home and Garden Club and Millsap Alumni Foundation Board of Directors. Julie is a retired educator, after teaching Technology and coaching for 34 years. During her tenure as an educator, she was proud to establish the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Peaster Middle School, she founded the Pee Wee Cheerleaders at Millsap, was Director and coach of Millsap Little Dribblers, Directed the Dance Team, and served as a PTO Officer.

Julie is an honor graduate of Millsap High School where she was involved in sports, cheerleading as well as several academic organizations. After High School, she attended Tarleton State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude and was inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society; all while working part-time and raising her two children. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, with a major in Exercise and Sport Studies and a minor in Business. Julie holds a Real Estate License and has worked as a Realtor and office manager for a Real Estate firm. She is a member of Texas Association of Sports Officials and officiates Middle and High School Volleyball.

Walden attends Greenwood Baptist Church and is a member of the Women's Bible Study Group. She founded Dedicated Divas, a Bible group of approximately 500 women. Julie shares the word of God in a daily Bible verse with each of the members.

Julie is extremely proud of her children, Michael Barnes and Brandee Pemberton. Michael is Coordinator of Girls Athletics, Coach and Educator at Miles ISD. His wife Nicole is an educator and coach as well. They have three children. Brandee Pemberton, M.D., practices medicine at Star Family Medicine in Weatherford. Her husband Brian is an airline pilot based at DFW Airport. They have one son.

In her free time, Julie enjoys watching her grandchildren participate in sports and spends as much time with family as possible. Julie and her husband participate in Parker County Sheriff's Posse activities as well as other equine events. She and her husband enjoy ranch life and preserving our western heritage. They raise cattle in western Parker County. She is blessed with having the opportunity to be the caregiver of her 87 year young mother.



DISTRICT

**STAN
MICKLE**

PETITION
CANDIDATE

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Stan Mickle is seeking a Board of Director position for District 4 at Tri-County Electric. Mickle aspires to bring new vision, fresh ideas, and quality leadership to the Tri-County Electric Board of Directors. He looks forward to the available training and conference networking to expand our local opportunities.

Mickle (57) is a Co-Founder and Partner of RXSoil Inc. RXSoil is a specialty chemical company providing sustainable remediation solutions to the oil & gas industry. Prior to RXSoil, Mickle spent 19 years in real estate and golf course development by designing, building, and operating Canyon West Golf Club.

Through his early years Stan was heavily involved in the equine reproductive industry. Mickle earned his Bachelor of Science from Tarleton State University with emphasis on Equine Reproductive Physiology. The Mickle family handled many of the famous legacy race, cutting and pleasure horses for almost four decades.

Mickle has lived in Parker County and has been a Tri-County user since 1974. He has been involved in many community efforts and fundraisers over the years.