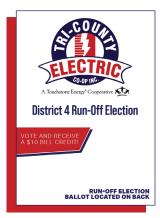


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### **BRAZOS ELECTRIC RATEPAYER HARDSHIP FUND**

As a result of Winter Storm Uri and the Brazos Electric Power Cooperative bankruptcy, Tri-County Electric Cooperative members have a per kilowatt hour tariff, the Brazos Financing Rider, on billing statements. The Brazos Financing Utility Plan Rider recovers Brazos-related Winter Storm Uri costs and the cost of exiting our all-requirements contract with Brazos. 800880117

A hardship fund was established as a result of the Brazos bankruptcy proceedings to help offset costs for low-income members. The Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund is a third-party administered program that provides bill credits to help offset the costs of the Brazos Financing Rider.

Starting with applications received on or after October 1, eligibility requirements increased from 150% of federal poverty guideline per household to 200% of the federal poverty guideline per household. Additionally, members accepted into the program will be eligible for the bill credits for two years rather than one. This includes members who have already applied and been accepted dating back to March 2023.

Tri-County Electric Co-op members who were previously denied are encouraged to reapply with these new changes. 8002502401

Additional information on the Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund, including the application, can be found at brazoshardshipfund.com. For questions or assistance, members may call 844-770-8549 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday or may email contact@brazoshardshipfund.com.



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## **RUN-OFF ELECTION NOTICE**

Tri-County Electric Cooperative's 2023 Election results were announced at the 84th Annual Meeting of the Members on Monday, October 16. Three board districts were on the ballot this year for the entire membership to vote. Survey and Ballot Systems, our third-party election partner, provided the election results as follows:

- District 1: incumbent Kevin Ingle ran unopposed and therefore was elected by acclamation.
- District 2: incumbent Margaret Koprek ran unopposed and therefore was elected by acclamation.
- District 4:
  - Incumbent Jerry Walden received 38.1% of ballots cast.
  - Nomination candidate David Miller received 29.4% of ballots cast.
  - Petitioning candidate Julie Walden received 25.2% of ballots cast.
  - Petitioning candidate Stan Mickle received 7.3% of ballots cast.

In District 4, none of the four candidates received the majority of the votes. According to section 3.8 of our bylaws, if a candidate does not receive a majority, a run-off election must be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. 8002383901

Since incumbent Jerry Walden received 38.1% of the votes and nomination candidate David Miller received 29.4% of the votes, they will be placed on the run-off election ballot. 39431005

The District 4 Run-Off Election will be conducted in a similar matter as the 2023 Official Election. Members will receive their official 2023 District 4 Run-Off Election Ballot in the December *Texas Co-op Power* magazine. Additionally, members with active emails on file will receive an email on December 1 with their member-specific link to vote online. Voting will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20. Members who vote in the run-off election by the deadline will receive a \$10 bill credit. Credits will be applied in January and will appear on January or February billing statements depending on billing cycle.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION, FLIP TO PAGE 16 IN YOUR DECEMBER TEXAS CO-OP POWER MAGAZINE.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on January 3 for a virtual member meeting to announce the results of the District 4 Run-Off Election.

Stream Online: tcectexas.com/live

# a \$10 bill credit!

Vote and receive





## Save the Date

#### TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 | 6 P.M.

Heritage Church of Christ 4201 Heritage Trace Parkway, Fort Worth