

BELFALLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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BELFALLS EC NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The nominating committee will meet on Thursday, June 22, at Belfalls Electric Cooperative to nominate two directors to be elected at the annual meeting: one at-large, one from District 2, and one from District 3.

EXCERPTS FROM BELFALLS EC BYLAWS

ARTICLE IV—BOARD MEMBERS

SECTION 1. General Powers. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of seven members as directors, at least one of whom must be a representative of the minority group, which board shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law, the articles of incorporation or these bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members; and that the Board of Directors shall immediately appoint at least one member of the minority group to act and serve as director of the Cooperative until the next annual meeting of the Cooperative, and that the nominating committee include at least one member of the minority group for election of the Board of Directors at its next annual meeting and for each succeeding year.

SECTION 2. Election and Tenure of Office. The persons presently serving as directors shall compose the Board until their successors shall have been elected as hereinafter provided; and shall have qualified. At the annual meeting to be held in the year 1975, two Board members shall be elected to serve until the annual meeting to be held in the year 1978, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

At the annual meeting to be held in the year 1977, three Board members shall be elected to serve until the annual meeting to be held in the year 1979, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. At the annual meeting to be held in the year 1977, three Board members shall be elected to serve until the annual meeting to be held in the year 1980, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. Board members elected during and after 1975 shall be elected to represent a particular district for a three-year term to fill vacancies caused by expiration of the incumbents' terms of office, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. If an election of directors shall not be held on the

day designated herein for the annual meeting or at any adjournment thereof, a special meeting of the members shall be held for the purpose of electing directors within a reasonable time thereafter. Directors may be elected by a plurality vote of the members.

SECTION 3. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who:

(A) Is not a member and bona fide resident of the district he or she represents in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative; or,

(B) Is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy, or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative.

Upon establishment of the fact that a director is holding the office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the board shall remove such director from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board.

SECTION 4. Representation Districts. The territory served or to be served by the Cooperative shall be divided into three districts, which shall cause each director to represent as nearly as possible the same number of members. Each district shall be represented by the following number of directors:

District No. 1 - two directors

District No. 2 - two directors

District No. 3 - two directors

At-Large - one director

The three districts shall be located, defined and bounded as follows: District No.1 shall include all members in Bell and Falls counties between Highway 190 and Highway 77. District No. 2 shall include all members in Falls and Milam counties east of Highway 77, and north of Little River. District No.3 shall include all the members in the remainder of Milam County, Texas.

Not less than sixty days before any meeting of the members at which Board members are to be elected, the Board shall review the composition of the several districts, and, if it shall find inequalities in representation, which could be corrected by an increase or decrease in number of directors or districts, or by, a re-delineation of districts, the Board shall adjust the number of directors or districts, or reconstitute the districts so that each director shall represent, as nearly as possible, the same number of members.

SECTION 5. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than eight members who shall be selected from different districts so as to insure equitable representation. No member of the board may serve on such committee. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation by and among the districts, shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors. The Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations. Any fifteen or more members from the same district, acting together may make other nominations by petition and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Nominations made by petition, if any, received at least five days before the meeting shall be included on the official ballot. Later nominations by petition shall be treated as nominations from the floor. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor.

ELECTRIC SAFETY SURVEY

1. Inspect the electrical appliance cords in your home.

Are they frayed or damaged?

Yes No

Are any wrapped with electrical tape?

Yes No

Do any feel warm?

Yes No

2. Look at the electrical appliances in your kitchen and bathroom.

Are any too close to a sink, shower or tub?

Yes No

Does water puddle near appliances?

Yes No

3. Look at the outlets throughout your home.

Are the outlets you're not using uncovered?

Yes No

4. Do you have anything on top of your TV, radio, CD player or other appliance?

Yes No

5. Do you have any outlets or power strips that have too many cords plugged into them?

Yes No

6. Are trees growing too close to power lines outside your home?

Yes No

7. Are there unlocked transformer boxes near your home?

Yes No

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we encourage you to correct the problem to keep your family safe.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FREE COOLING AT NIGHT

You can take advantage of cool night air to reduce your indoor temperature at almost no cost if you live in a region where the nights are cool. Every sunny, hot day charges your home with heat. You can remove this daily heat charge by circulating cool air through your home during the evening, nighttime and early morning.

The more air you move and the longer you ventilate, the more heat the cool air removes from your home. You can ventilate your home by either passive means, such as opening doors and windows, or by active means, such as fans. Most families use a combination of the two.

Nighttime cooling works best in climates where the summer nights are cooler than the days by at least 10-15 degrees. The greater this temperature difference, the more air-conditioning cost you can save.

Take advantage of any outdoor breeze by opening the doors or windows that will direct that moving air into your home. The outside air will be coolest on the shady side of your home or underneath trees or bushes. Install screens on the doors or windows you find work best for ventilation to keep bugs, leaves, and debris from getting into your home.

Try using a portable box fan mounted in an open window, or a pedestal fan near an open door to blow air in the same direction as the natural ventilation flows.

Nighttime cooling works best if your home doesn't get overheated during the



day. Close your doors, windows, shades and blinds in the morning when the outside air starts to heat up.

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