



**DSO ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

# HEADLINER

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>David Mueller</b> Tampa, President	<b>James Christopher</b> Falun, Director
<b>Sheila Hummel</b> Hope, Vice President	<b>Randy Cooper</b> Gypsum, Director
<b>Bruce Spare</b> Assaria, Secretary	<b>Ken Hedberg</b> Marquette, Director
<b>Kenneth Berry</b> Minneapolis, Director	<b>Mike Richards</b> Solomon, Director
<b>David Butler</b> Junction City, Director	

## STAFF

<b>Timothy J. Power</b> CEO	<b>Marla Marshall</b> CFO
<b>Tracy Turner</b> Operations Manager	<b>Derrick Rutherford</b> Communications Manager

## OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

## PAYMENT LOCATIONS


**CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK IN  
WALMART SUPERCENTER**  
521 E. Chestnut St., Junction City, KS 66441  
**FARMERS STATE BANK**  
447 Harrison, Lindsborg, KS 67456

## OUTAGE INFORMATION

**IN CASE OF AN OUTAGE, CALL  
800-376-3533.** After-hours calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to standby personnel.

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## Notice of Director Elections

### DSO is accepting nominations for three director seats

DSO Electric Cooperative is accepting nominations for three seats on DSO's board of directors.

DSO's coverage area is divided into three districts. Individuals who wish to run for a director's seat need to be active members of the cooperative and bona fide residents of the district they wish to represent. Packets of information for those seeking to be director candidates for the board election will be available at DSO's office in Solomon on Jan. 2, 2025, and online at [www.dsoelectric.com](http://www.dsoelectric.com). Potential candidates must submit a completed petition packet signed by at least 15 residential members of DSO. Signed petitions must be filed in the DSO office in Solomon **BY 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY, FEB. 7, 2025.**

Positions up for election this year include the following:

- ▶ **WEST DISTRICT POSITION 2**  
**JIM CHRISTOPHER** (incumbent)
- ▶ **CENTRAL DISTRICT POSITION 2**  
**MIKE RICHARDS** (incumbent)
- ▶ **EAST DISTRICT POSITION 2**  
**SHEILA HUMMEL** (incumbent)

Ballots will include those nominated by petition for the board and will be mailed to all members of the cooperative on or about March 3, 2025, and must be returned by 4 p.m. on March 28, 2025. Election results will be announced in the *May Kansas Country Living* magazine and online at [www.dsoelectric.com](http://www.dsoelectric.com) the first week of April. DSO's bylaws are also available at DSO's office in Solomon and on its website.

For questions, please contact Derrick Rutherford at 800-376-3533, email at [derrick.rutherford@dsoelectric.com](mailto:derrick.rutherford@dsoelectric.com), or by mail at P.O. Box 286, Solomon, Kansas 67480.

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

<b>JAN. 1, 2025</b>	Petition forms became available at DSO's office in Solomon and on the DSO website.
<b>FEB. 7, 2025</b>	Completed petition, affirmation of director qualification, and brief bio must be filed at the DSO Solomon office by 4 p.m.
<b>MARCH 3, 2025</b>	Director election ballots will be mailed to the members.
<b>MARCH 28, 2025</b>	Ballots must be received at the DSO Solomon office by 4 p.m.
<b>APRIL 5, 2025</b>	Election results will be announced.

# DSO Electric Cooperative Sends Linemen to Aid Hurricane-Ravaged South Carolina

A group of dedicated linemen from DSO Electric Cooperative offered their expertise to hurricane relief efforts in South Carolina. The team, comprised of **KIFF SWISHER, BRADEN MITCHELL, ERIC BAIER** and **AARON TAYLOR**, departed DSO in October 2024 and headed to Aiken Electric Co-op in South Carolina to help restore power after Hurricane Helene caused widespread power outages and infrastructure damage.

The linemen worked alongside crews from other utilities to restore power and rebuild the damaged electrical grid. Their experience and skillset were invaluable in helping South Carolina residents recover from the devastating effects of the hurricane.

DSO extends its heartfelt gratitude to the linemen who volunteered their time and expertise to this important mission. Their dedication and hard work will make a significant difference in the lives of those affected by the hurricane.



DSO linemen volunteered to join mutual aid efforts to help restore power to electric cooperative members in South Carolina following the devastation of Hurricane Helene in late September. Linemen who participated included from left: Kiff Swisher, Braden Mitchell, Eric Baier and Aaron Taylor.

DSO has a long history of participating in mutual aid efforts. This commitment to assisting other communities during times of need reflects the cooperative's core values of community service and cooperation.

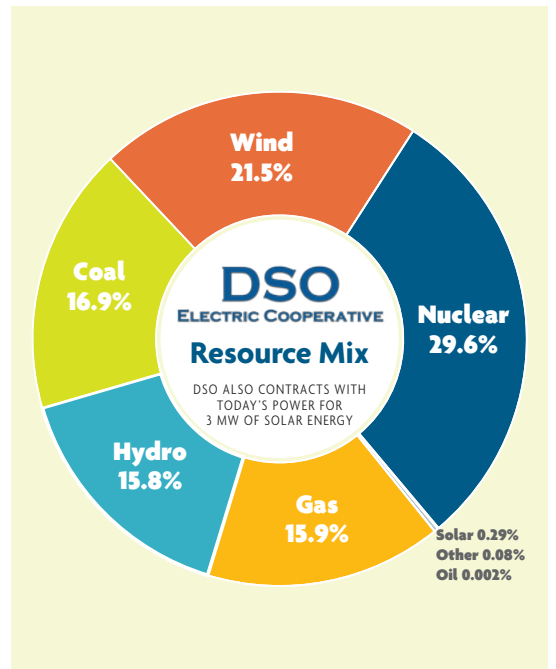
## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Never make a utility bill payment to anyone calling you on the phone, texting you or emailing you. Always call your utility company at the number provided on your bill or on the utility's website if you have a question about payment or billing information. Know your utility bill payment options — online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person.

SOURCE: UTILITIES UNITED AGAINST SCAMS

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Taking steps to help your home heating system run more efficiently can reduce energy use and lower your bills. Check to see if any air vents around your home are blocked by furniture, curtains or other items. Obstructed vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and can increase pressure in the ductwork, causing cracks and leaks to form. If necessary, consider purchasing a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture or other obstructions. SOURCE: ENERGY.GOV



# 6 Tips for Year-Round ENERGY SAVINGS

Use your ceiling fan counterclockwise in the summer for a down breeze, and clockwise in the winter for an updraft to force warm air down into your room.

Turn off lights and unplug chargers and electronics when not in use.

Regularly change or clean your furnace and indoor AC filters as recommended, and keep the area around your outdoor AC unit clear of obstructions.

Close or lower window coverings to keep out heat or cold.

Insulate your home and weatherproof windows and doors.

Use a programmable or smart thermostat.  
Adjust the temperature a few degrees for overall savings.

*Happy New Year!*

From our co-op family to yours,  
wishing you a peaceful new year!

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
ON JAN. 1.

## EFFICIENCY TIP

Seal in comfort and savings with weatherstripping. Check for air leaks around your windows and doors and install weatherstripping where needed. Prevent drafts to reduce energy loss and lower your heating and cooling bills, improving energy efficiency year-round.

SOURCE: WWW.SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG



## LOOK FOR THE **KANSAS COUNTRY LIVING** READERSHIP SURVEY IN YOUR EMAIL!

*Kansas Country Living* has engaged **INSIDE INFORMATION**, a research and data analytics company in Smithville, Missouri, to oversee a readership survey beginning this month. The

short, 21-question survey will be conducted through email and will help *Kansas Country*

*Living* — the official communication channel for your electric cooperative — measure reader engagement and perceptions about the publication and your electric cooperative's local pages.

The magazine is the most cost-effective way to share essential business information with our consumer-members, along with articles about legislative and regulatory issues potentially affecting our rural way of life, cooperative youth programs, outage and construction activities, features highlighting the great state in which we live, safe electricity tips for around the farm and home, plus ways to use electricity wisely. By law, some of this information must be received by members and verified, and the magazine fulfills that requirement in the most cost-effective way possible.

If you are one of the lucky randomly selected readers to receive the survey, the email will come from **SURVEY@KANSASCOUNTRYLIVING.COM** and the email headline will clearly indicate it is a survey from *Kansas Country Living* magazine.

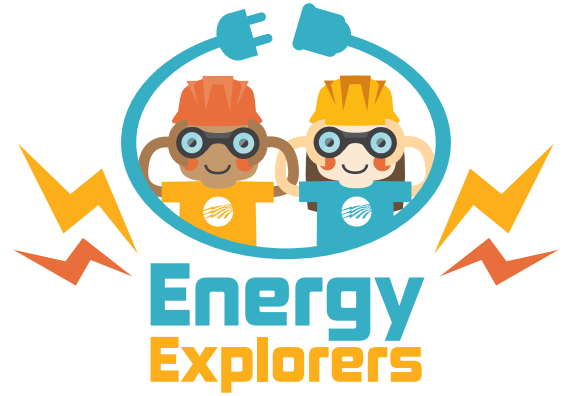
*When you complete the survey, you will be entered into a drawing for ONE OF 15 \$25 GIFT CARDS as our thank you for helping us keep you informed of co-op-related matters as an owner of*

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# ENERGY SAVINGS SCAVENGER HUNT

Saving energy at home is a great way to help the environment (and save money). With the help of an adult, look for ways you can save energy around your home. Use the tips below to get started, then check off the areas where you've identified ways to save!



**TASK: BRIGHT IDEAS**

Ensure your home uses energy-saving LED bulbs. If you find incandescent or CFL bulbs, replace them with LEDs.



**TASK: UNOCCUPIED ROOMS**

Turn off lights and ceiling fans in unoccupied rooms to conserve energy.

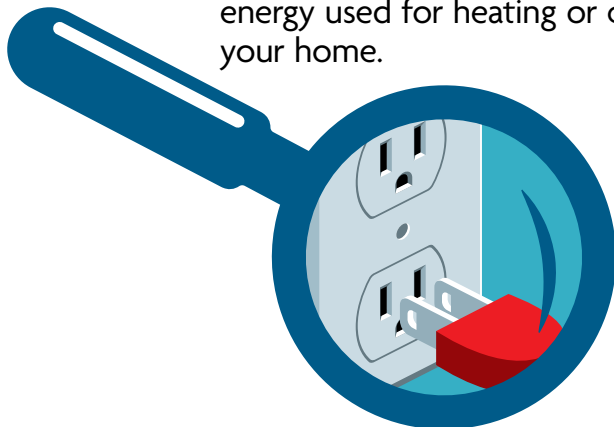
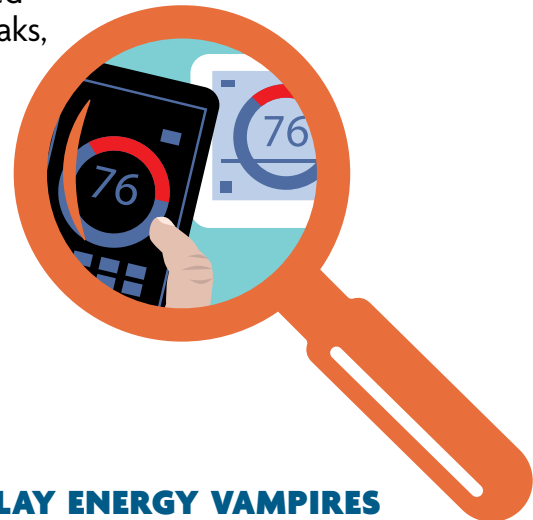


**TASK: SEALED FOR SAVINGS**

Check windows to make sure they are closed and locked. Sealed windows help prevent air leaks, which saves energy.

**TASK: SET TO SAVE**

Check the thermostat to see if it can be adjusted a few degrees (either lowered in winter or raised in summer) to conserve energy used for heating or cooling your home.



**TASK: SLAY ENERGY VAMPIRES**

Energy vampires are devices that consume energy even when they're not being used. Unplug these items, like phone chargers and tablets, when you're not using them.