## NOTICE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES TO BE SELECTED BY PETITION

Firelands Electric Cooperative uses a petition process to nominate candidates for positions on the cooperative's Board of Trustees. All cooperative members living within the districts listed are eligible to run for trustee. In 2025, trustees representing Districts 4, 5, and 8 will be elected.

All cooperative members may vote on all candidates via mail or online ballot. Results will be announced at the annual meeting at Ashland University on March 29, 2025, and posted on Firelands' website and in *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

Petitions will be available at Firelands Electric Cooperative, 103 Industrial Drive, New London, on and after November 5, 2024. Any member of Firelands Electric residing in Districts 4, 5, and 8 can become a nominee for one of these trustee positions by submitting a valid petition to the cooperative's office by 4:00 p.m. on December 19, 2024. Each petition must contain at least 20 valid signatures of members who reside within the potential candidate's district.



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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATE PETITION PROCESS**

A copy of the Firelands Electric Cooperative's Code of Regulations pertaining to the petition process, along with other detailed information on how the petition process works can be accessed on the cooperative's website at <u>www.firelandsec.com/code-regulations</u>. Cooperative board of trustees will be elected in 2025 to represent:

- District 4 Clarksfield and Rochester townships, Fitchville Township east of State Route 250, and north of CSX rail in New London municipality, and New London Township
- District 5 Monroe, Green, and Lake townships
- District 8 Mifflin Township south of State Route 42 in Ashland and Richland counties

## **BOARD CANDIDATE PETITION RULES**

- 1. To become an official candidate, a qualified member must file a nominating petition or petitions containing the verified signatures of not less than twenty (20) members of record who are residents of the district from which the trustee is to be elected. The Code of Regulations defines a qualified member in Article III, Section 2.
- 2. The nominating petition may be signed only by a member of record who resides in the district from which the trustee candidate is to be elected.
- 3. A member of Firelands Electric Cooperative may sign more than one nominating petition.
- 4. Only original signatures of members of record will be accepted on nominating petitions. No photocopy, facsimile, or other reproduced signatures will be accepted.
- 5. Nominating petitions must be returned to the cooperative's office at 103 Industrial Drive, New London, Ohio 44851 before 4:00 p.m. on December 19, 2024.
- 6. Voting will be conducted by mail and online ballot from February 10, 2025, and will close at 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2025. Cooperative election results will be announced at the annual meeting of members to be held on March 29, 2025.

## Please contact Shelley Magyar or Tabi Shepherd at Firelands Electric Cooperative with any questions and to obtain board petition materials.

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