

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 2026, trustees representing districts 1, 3, and 6 will be elected.

Petitions will be available at Firelands Electric Cooperative's office on and after Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025.

Any member of the cooperative residing in districts 1, 3, and 6 can become a nominee for one of these trustee positions by submitting a valid petition to Firelands' office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026. Each petition must contain at least 20 valid signatures of members who reside within the potential candidate's district.

All cooperative members may vote on all candidates via mail or online ballot. Results will be announced during the cooperative's virtual annual meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, posted on Firelands Electric's website, and included in an upcoming issue of *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.



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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 www.firelandsec.com/code-regulations. Cooperative board of trustees will be elected in 2026 to represent:

- **District 1** – Richmond, Norwich, and Greenfield townships
- **District 3** – Peru, Bronson, Fairfield, and Hartland townships, and Fitchville Township west of State Route 250
- **District 6** – Butler, Clear Creek, Orange, Weller, Milton, Mifflin, and Madison townships north of State Route 42

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 photocopied, facsimile, or other reproduced signatures will be accepted.
5. **Nominating petitions must be returned to the cooperative's office before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, which is located at 103 Industrial Drive, New London, Ohio 44851-9112**
6. Voting will be conducted by mail and online ballot from Monday, March 2, 2026, and will close on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Cooperative election results will be announced during the cooperative's virtual annual meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, posted on Firelands Electric's website, and included in an upcoming issue of *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

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

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