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## ***Board of Trustees candidates to be selected by petition***

*All co-op members whose primary residence is within the district are eligible to run for trustee.*

Your Cooperative uses a petition process to nominate candidates for positions on the Firelands Electric Board of Trustees. This year, trustees representing **Districts 1, 3, and 6** will be elected. All co-op members who attend the annual meeting at Ashland University on June 17, 2017 will vote on all candidates running for positions on the Board of Trustees.

Petitions will be available at Firelands Electric Cooperative, One Energy Place, in New London, on and after March 1, 2017. Any Firelands member residing in Districts 1, 3, and 6 can become a nominee for the trustee position in their respect district by submitting a valid petition to the Firelands office by 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017. Each petition must contain at least 20 valid signatures of members who reside within the district.

On the back of this sheet is a copy of the Cooperative's Code of Regulations pertaining to the petition process along with other detailed information on how the petition process works.

### ***Trustees will be elected this year to represent the following districts:***

#### **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

*For additional information on Firelands Electric's service territories, visit our website:*

<http://www.firelandsec.com/content/service-territory>

## RULES

1. **A member of Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. may sign more than one nominating petition.**
2. **A nominating petition may be signed only by a member of record who resides in the District from which the trustee is to be elected.**
3. **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 defines a qualified member in Article III Trustees, Section 2. Qualifications and Tenure.**

**“(a) At each annual meeting of the members beginning with the year 1948, trustees shall be elected by ballot, by and from the members, subject to the provisions of this Code of Regulations with respect to the removal of trustees. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is not a bona fide resident of the particular district he is to represent, or who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a 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. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected a trustee, provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth. Nothing in this section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of trustees.”**
4. **Nominating petitions must be filed with the Secretary of the Cooperative by returning them to the Cooperative’s office at: One Energy Place, New London, Ohio 44851 not later than 4:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017.**
5. **All qualified members who timely file nominating petitions containing verified signatures of not less than (20) members of record who are residents of the district shall be declared official candidates of the district. Official candidates shall appear on the ballot in alphabetical order and shall stand for election before the entire Cooperative membership at the Annual Meeting of members to be held June 17, 2017.**
6. **Only original signatures of members of record will be accepted on nominating petitions. No xerox, facsimile, or other reproduced signatures will be accepted.**

**If questions arise, feel free to contact Shelley Magyar or Tabi Shepherd at Firelands Electric Headquarters, Monday – Friday, 1-800-533-8658.**