



## Directors are key to success



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As an electric cooperative, Central Electric is guided by an elected Board of Directors who represent the membership when making important decisions. Being a member of the co-op's Board is an important position in our community. A director's decisions impact issues such as rates, work plans and the overall direction of the cooperative. This position holds great responsibility and requires men and women who understand the needs of their community and aim to serve the best interest of the membership.

The beauty of the cooperative model is that any member in good standing can run for the Board and all directors are elected by the membership. They are a democratically elected body nominated by members within the cooperative's service territory and voted into position by members at the Annual Meeting of the Members each October.

They are members, just like you, elected by you, who live near you. They want the same thing you want, affordable energy bills and the comfort of knowing the lights will turn on with the flip of a switch.

The Board works hard throughout the year to invest in the electric system, to keep power affordable and reliable. They constantly interact with members and listen to your concerns and ideas, to learn how they can help achieve these goals.

It is vitally important for the cooperative to elect strong directors to the Board. Central Electric has been very fortunate to have such a strong pool of directors. Each director has brought fresh ideas and new perspectives that have helped shape and guide the cooperative into what it is today.

With that being said, it is with a heavy heart that we at Central Electric are remembering one of our longtime, faithful and dedicated board members, R.G. Wadsworth, who passed away on Nov. 4. A longtime resident of Moore County, Mr. Wadsworth served on the Central Electric Board for 14 years. He was first appointed in March 1990, representing District 4 in Moore County until his retirement in February 2014.

Along with serving on the co-op's Board, Mr. Wadsworth was also a lifelong advocate for the farming and agriculture community. In addition to his work for the USDA as a crop adjuster and insurance agent for Federal Crop Insurance, he was selected as Moore County Outstanding Farmer of the Year, Family Farmer of the Year, and Conservation Farmer of the Year.

He was elected and appointed to several USDA, agricultural and political committees, as well as serving on the boards of the Tobacco Warehouse co-op in Carthage and the Moore County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Wadsworth was a great ambassador for the advancement of our rural communities as well as the farming and agriculture industries. His guidance and leadership will be greatly missed.