



## CMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

# The Enlightener

### CMS Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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#### Lightbulb Winners

Congratulations to this month's lightbulb winners:

- ▶ Ray Eichman
- ▶ Caleb Fitzgerald
- ▶ Jeremy Patterson
- ▶ Mayra Puentes
- ▶ Clint Darnell
- ▶ Joe Dunn

Contact us today for your free lightbulbs!



#### Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## Are You Ready to Serve?

In one of the most notable inaugural speeches given, John F. Kennedy spoke his famous words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." His inspiring words urged Americans to take actions that benefited the greater good. In essence, Kennedy was saying our country thrives when we all contribute our talents to the common good.

On a smaller scale, the same can be said about our co-op, specifically with regard to our board members. CMS Electric's board members are community-minded individuals with a variety of skill sets. We rely on their many talents to help us make informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. Our directors live right here in the co-op's service area, and we consider them the eyes and ears of the community because they provide their perspective on important community issues to the cooperative.

We recognize it takes many people with different skills to create a well-rounded board representative of the

full spectrum of our community. That's why when we're seeking new directors, we want folks with diverse perspectives, experience, expertise and views. We're seeking local members of our community who can apply their unique talents to benefit all our friends and neighbors. But above all else, we're looking for folks who love our community and want to see it thrive now and in the future.

#### What does it mean to serve on the board?

Serving on CMS Electric's board means you're making a difference locally, using your individual talents and perspective to guide big decisions about the co-op that in turn benefit the larger community. While day-to-day decisions are made by co-op staff, major decisions are made by the board, whose mission is to look out for the vitality of the co-op and the community it serves. On a granular

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day



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level, CMS Electric's board members typically provide input and guidance on:

- budgets
- co-op goals and direction
- co-op's community/charitable contributions
- capital investments and upgrades in equipment and technology
- renewable investments and energy mix
- co-op's role and involvement in economic development

The energy industry is undergoing a major transition. Technology advancements and increased consumer preference for more renewable energy is driving change. CMS Electric is facing big decisions, and board members have an opportunity to help chart a course for our future. To serve the community best, we need input from a wide range of people who represent the broad spectrum of views within the community.

### Opportunity to Serve

CMS Electric's board elections will be held in May. While you don't need to be an expert in electricity or business to run, you do need to have a passion for the community and a willingness to actively serve and learn. We're looking for individuals who can represent the full gamut of the members we serve. Our board meets on a regular basis, and we offer specialized training opportunities to help board members make informed decisions. Board members gain a deeper understanding of the electric utility industry, the cooperative business model and local economic development efforts. Ultimately, our board is the community pulse for the co-op and helps keep us on the right track. We love our community and want to help it thrive. If you share the same commitment and want to contribute to the greater good in a tangible way, we hope you'll consider running for a board position.

## CMS Board Positions Open for Election

The Board of Trustees of CMS Electric Co-operative, Inc. announce the following trustee's terms will expire in 2022 and their positions are open for election.



Ron Oliver



Michael Johnson



Joe Murphy

- District 1, Position B

**RON OLIVER**

- District 2, Position B

**MICHAEL JOHNSON**

- District 3, Position B

**JOE MURPHY** *(not planning to seek re-election at this time)*

The board also announces that members wishing to serve on the board of trustees shall be nominated by presenting a petition to the

cooperative office with the signatures of 15 valid members within the district they are to represent.

Blank petitions are available at the cooperative office in Meade, or call and one will be mailed to you. Completed petitions are due to the CMS office **BY APRIL 5, 2022.**

If you need additional information, please call CMS at 800-794-2353.

## Update Your Information

Please keep your contact information (email, address, phone) updated with the cooperative. Call us with any updates at 800-794-2353. .

## Join Us for YOUR Annual Meeting

Mark Your Calendars for May 5

The annual meeting will be held on May 5, 2022, in Meade. Please join us!



**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13.**