

Spring fling?

WFEC's board proposes April annual meeting

If West Florida Electric Cooperative's members vote to adopt proposed amendments to two articles of their bylaws, the Co-op's annual meeting will become a springtime event. WFEC's board of trustees has proposed and endorses amendments that would move the annual meeting date from the second Saturday in November to the month of April. The changes would provide a more convenient meeting time less likely to coincide with other area events, such as the National Peanut Festival. The amendments specify a month but not an exact date for the meeting to allow greater flexibility in its scheduling.

To accommodate the transition should the amendments pass, the Co-op would wait until April 2002 to hold its next annual meeting and board elections. Therefore, the District 1, 2 and 3 trustees elected this year would serve until April 2004, rather than November 2003. However, the District 4, 5 and 6 trustees elected in April 2002 would serve their usual three-year terms, until April 2005.

The following are the amendments' exact wording, with additions underlined and deletions stricken:

Article III – Meeting of Members

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held ~~on the second Saturday in November~~ during the month of April of each year, beginning with the year ~~1999~~ 2002, in Graceville, Florida, for the purpose of electing trustees, passing on reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. If the day set for the annual meeting shall fall on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative. The annual meeting of members shall not be held in 2001 in order to implement the change in annual meeting to the month of April.

Article IV – Trustees

Section 2. Qualifications and Tenure. ~~In the year 1972,~~ nine (9) board members shall be elected at the annual meeting. ~~Each board member shall represent one (1) of the nine (9) districts and shall be elected in conformance with procedures as hereinafter described except that the term of office for each will be as follows: The board members elected in 1972 for Districts 1, 2 and 3 shall serve until the annual meeting to be held in the year 1973, or until their successors shall have been~~

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electd and shall have qualified. The Board Members elected in 1972 for Districts 4, 5 and 6 shall serve until the annual meeting to be held in the year 1974 or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. The Board Members elected in 1972 for Districts 7, 8 and 9 shall serve until the annual meeting to be held in the year 1975 or until successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. At the annual meeting in the year 2000, board members for Districts 1, 2 and 3 will be elected. These members shall serve until the annual meeting to be held during the month of April in the year 2004, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. The board members for Districts 4, 5 and 6 who were elected at the annual meeting in 1998, shall serve until the annual meeting to be held during the month of April in the year 2002, or until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified. Those board members for Districts 4, 5 and 6 that are then elected at the annual meeting in April 2002 shall serve until the annual meeting to be held during the month of April in the year 2005, or until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified. The board members for Districts 7, 8 and 9 who were elected at the annual meeting in 1999 shall serve until the annual meeting to be held during the month of April 2003, or until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified. Those board members for Districts 7, 8 and 9 that are then elected at the annual meeting in April 2003 shall serve until the annual meeting to be held during the month of April in the year 2006, or until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified. Beginning with the year ~~1973, three (3)~~ 2004, each board ~~members~~ member shall ~~be elected for a three year term to fill vacancies caused by the incumbents' terms of office.~~ Each board member serve until the annual meeting in his third (3rd) year in office or until his successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified.



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