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Electric Co-op, Inc.**

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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

NEWS FROM THE **WHEAT CAPITAL**

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Member Engagement and
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FROM THE CEO

Help Shape the Future of Your Cooperative

Run for the Board of Directors

One of the greatest strengths of the electric cooperative model is that it's owned and governed by the very people it serves — our members. That means you! When you receive power from your local electric cooperative, you're more than just a customer, you're a member-owner with a voice in how the cooperative is run.

That voice is exercised, in part, through the election of our board of directors. Directors play a vital role in setting policies, guiding the strategic direction of the co-op, and providing crucial fiduciary oversight. These responsibilities help ensure that every decision and every dollar spent is made

with one thing in mind: service to our members.

Serving on the board is both a privilege and a meaningful way to give back. Directors help make decisions that shape the future of our cooperative and ensure that we continue to deliver safe, reliable and affordable electricity. From emerging energy technologies to evolving regulations and grid modernization, this industry is dynamic — and your leadership can be a part of it.

The good news? You won't be navigating it alone. Cooperative directors have access to unmatched support through statewide and national



Coni Adams

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Happy Thanksgiving
from our co-op family to yours

*Our offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27,
and Friday, Nov. 28, to celebrate the holiday.*

COLD WEATHER RULE EFFECTIVE FROM NOV. 1 THROUGH MARCH 31

The provisions of the Cold Weather Rule (CWR) allow for special payment and disconnection procedures for any qualifying residential member. The rule allows a qualifying member to retain or restore electric service throughout the cold weather period, which extends from Nov. 1 through March 31, and for the development of payment agreements between the cooperative and the member.

The cooperative will not disconnect a member's service between Nov. 1 and March 31 when the National Weather Service office forecasts the temperature will drop below 35 degrees F or will be in the "mid to low 30s" within the next 48-hour period if the member complies with the provisions of the Good Faith Test.

To meet the Good Faith Test requirements, the member must inform the cooperative of their inability to pay the bill in full before the stated date of delinquency. The member and the cooperative may negotiate payment arrangements mutually agreeable, individualized to the member's situation. Once an agreement has been made and those terms are defaulted on, the agreement becomes null and void and the member's electric service will be subject to immediate disconnection.

A COMMON MISCONCEPTION IS THAT ONCE THE CWR IS IN EFFECT, ELECTRIC BILLS CAN BE IGNORED AND THE COOPERATIVE WILL NOT DISCONNECT SERVICE. THIS IS NOT TRUE. THE COOPERATIVE CAN AND WILL DISCONNECT FOR NON-PAYMENT IF CERTAIN CRITERIA ARE NOT MET.

For more information related to the CWR, please contact our office at 620-326-3356.

Help Shape the Future of Your Cooperative *Continued from page 12A ►*

organizations that provide extensive training, resources and educational opportunities. Whether it's learning about cooperative financials, understanding rate structures, or diving into cybersecurity best practices, new and returning directors are equipped with the tools they need to serve effectively.

Being a director is more than attending meetings; it's about working together to make thoughtful, future-focused decisions that reflect the values and needs of the people served by this cooperative.

If you're a residential member living in **DISTRICT 3**, and want to make a difference, getting on the ballot is simple. Just submit a petition signed by at least five members from your district to CEO Coni Adams between Jan. 1-30, 2026. That's all it takes to get your name on

the ballot and take the first step toward a leadership role in your cooperative.

Voting will take place by mail in early May, and the results will be counted and announced at the annual meeting of the cooperative members on **MAY 19, 2026.**

This is your cooperative. Your voice matters. Your leadership matters. We encourage any member who's passionate about leadership, service, and the future of Sumner-Cowley Electric to consider running for the board.

For more information about the director election process or to verify your eligibility, contact our office — we're happy to help!

**COOPERATIVELY YOURS,
CONI ADAMS, CEO**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board position in District 3 is up for election! Be a difference maker; shape the future of the cooperative; make your voice heard. Run for the board. Download the petition from our website at www.sucocoop.com.



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PETITIONS DUE

JANUARY

30

VOTING BEGINS

MAY

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Apply for the Trip of a Lifetime!

MAKE YOUR MARK!

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JUNE 13-19, 2026

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP MEMORIES

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MAKE YOUR OWN PATH

COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

JULY 10-16, 2026

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Each year Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative sends two high school juniors to attend one of two, all-expenses-paid youth trips: the **ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR**, or the **COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP!** These trips offer an incredible chance to travel, learn about leadership, and meet other students from not only across Kansas but also from other states.

Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will take place June 13-19, 2026, in Washington, D.C. Kansas students will join students from Hawaii on this fun and engaging trip. You will tour the city's iconic sites, monuments and museums, as well as take part in fun, leisure activities the D.C. has to offer. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet and speak to our state and federal legislators to learn how electric cooperatives in America are affected by political decisions.

Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, will be held July 10-16, 2026. If selected,

you will join 100 other high school students from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Wyoming where you will participate in fun and educational activities to enhance your leadership skills, build long-lasting relationships with other students, and even go river rafting! This is an incredible opportunity to learn about the cooperative business model while creating unforgettable memories.

Opportunities like this do not come around often! Applications are available on our website and must be submitted by Jan. 16, 2026. Requirements are that you must be a high school junior, and your parents or guardians must be current members of Sumner-Cowley Electric Co-op. If you have questions about the trip or would like an application emailed to you, contact Tanner Ford at tannerf@sucocoop.com. These exciting experiences not only offer lasting memories, but they will look great on your résumé or college applications! Do not miss out — apply now!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

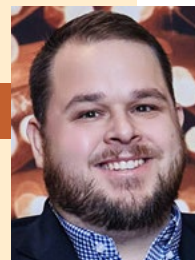
TANNER FORD

On Sept. 9, we welcomed new Member Engagement and Creative Services Specialist **TANNER FORD** to Sumner-Cowley Electric! Tanner comes to us from the Wellington Recreation Commission where he spent 13 years as the sports director. At the WRC, he was heavily involved with the implementation, promotion and supervision of all youth and adult sports programs.

Tanner graduated from the University of Kansas in 2011 with a bachelor of general studies degree in public administration and a minor

in business. He is a lifelong resident of Sumner County and is excited to continue his journey here with us.

At SCEC, Tanner's duties include planning the annual meeting, effectively communicating and engaging with members, and heading up our youth programs. Outside of work Tanner enjoys cheering on his Kansas Jayhawks and Kansas City Chiefs, bowling, grilling and spending time with friends and family. Tanner is excited to join the Sumner-Cowley family and can't wait to get out and meet the members!



Tanner Ford

2026 SENIORS: APPLY FOR THE SCEC SCHOLARSHIP!

Applications for the SCEC Scholarship Program are open! We know that pursuing higher education is a costly investment, and we would like to show our commitment to the future generation of leaders by lessening that financial burden and helping provide the resources to achieve their dreams.

To apply, you must be a 2026 high school graduate and your parents or guardians must be current members of Sumner-Cowley Electric Co-op.

Scholarship applications can be found online at www.sucocoop.com and must be completed and returned by April 10, 2026. If you would like an application emailed to you, reach out to Tanner Ford at tannerf@sucocoop.com.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLY BY APRIL 10, 2026

REQUIREMENTS:

**2026 HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE**

**PARENTS OR GUARDIANS
MUST BE SCEC MEMBERS**



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