



CURRENT CONVERSATIONS

August 2025



Supporting The Mission

Scott Spence | President & CEO

As a not-for-profit cooperative owned by those we serve, Tri-County Electric Cooperative (TCEC) is committed to delivering on our mission: providing safe and reliable power at the lowest possible cost. We work very hard to ensure TCEC decisions are rooted in that mission and guided by your shared ownership in the cooperative.

Earlier this year, members were given the opportunity to opt out of receiving a mailed copy of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine. While this may have seemed like a small change, the impact has been significant. So far, approximately 60,000 members have chosen paperless billing—which includes opting out of the printed magazine—resulting in an estimated monthly savings of \$25,000. This cost-conscious choice is one example of how we are working together to meet our mission and uphold our cooperative values.

In addition to improving financial stewardship, this leadership team has also prioritized transparency and accessibility. Over the past year, we've taken measurable steps to make key information more readily available to members:

- [Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#) are now available online
- Video recordings of each Board Meeting's open session can be viewed [here](#)
- The [Member Information Center](#) now contains essential documents, such as audited financials and rates
- A dedicated [Power Cost Recovery Factor](#) (PCRF) page now shows monthly details for the rest of the calendar year

- A clear breakdown of rebate funds for the [2025 Energy Efficiency Pilot Program](#) is now available

These updates are not just examples of better management—they are reflections of our cooperative mission and this team in action. Efforts ranging from conserving resources to improving communication directly support our two primary goals: strengthening the cooperative's financial health and enhancing member service. Both are essential to fulfilling our mission of delivering safe and reliable electric service at the lowest possible cost.

As a member-owned organization, your voice and your choices matter. We appreciate your continued partnership and support as we work to deliver power with purpose—guided by our mission, grounded in transparency, and driven by shared responsibility.



Scott Spence
President & CEO



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Virtual Annual Meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Time: 6:00pm

Additional Details in the September Current Conversations

2025 Director Election: Candidates

The Credentials and Elections Committee is responsible for facilitating the entire nomination and election process. As outlined in the Cooperative's bylaws, all prospective candidates were required to apply directly to the Committee to determine qualifications and eligibility for the ballot.

In accordance with these procedures, the Committee independently reviewed each application. Candidates qualified but not nominated by the Committee had the option to qualify by petition to appear on the ballot.

According to the 2025 Election Timeline, applications were available to members in Districts 5, 7, and 9 on April 15 and were due by May 16 at 5 pm. For the 2025 election cycle, all applicants were qualified and nominated by the Committee. We thank the members of the Credentials and Elections Committee for their important service and commitment to fair, independent oversight of the election process. Learn more about the Committee and their responsibilities: <https://tcectexas.com/credentials-and-elections-committee>

Districts 5, 7, and 9 each have one candidate running unopposed. These candidates are anticipated to be elected by acclamation at the annual meeting, provided they continue to meet all eligibility requirements and qualifications. As a result, no voting or ballots will be required this year.

*Please note that Max Waddell has withdrawn from the District 9 election. He will continue to serve the remainder of his current term. His candidate information appeared in the August issue of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine prior to his withdrawal.



Robin Corder - District 5
Nomination Candidate



Sommer Portwood - District 7
Incumbent



Don Lambert - District 9
Nomination Candidate

[Read Candidate Bios](#)

Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund

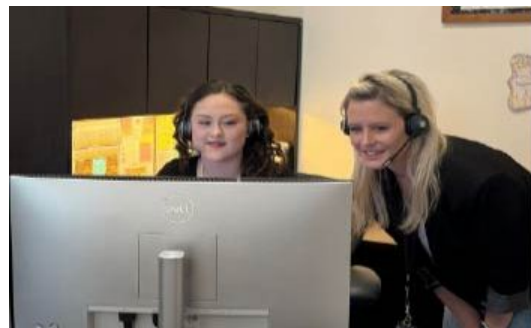


The Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund provides financial assistance to help qualifying members offset a portion of the Brazos Financing Rider charge on their electric bills.

Six hundred seventy-four (674) members are already receiving assistance through the hardship fund. If someone you know may benefit from this support, more information and application details are available on the website.

[Website](#)

Cooperative Giving Applications



Past due payment assistance through the Cooperative Giving Program is still available. Contact Texas Neighborhood Services to apply.

This funding is made available through generous employee and member donations.

[Apply](#)

2025 Energy Efficiency Rebate Pilot Program

Rebate Payment Tracker

As of 7/30/25

\$117,400

\$250,000

HVAC Tune-Up Rebate

\$125 Bill Credit

Get paid to keep your heating and cooling system running at peak performance.

ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate

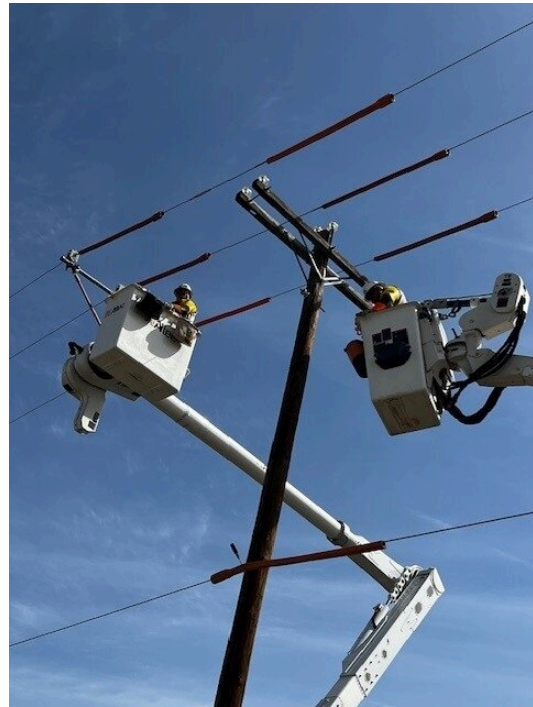
\$50 Bill Credit

Get paid to upgrade your appliances by choosing energy-efficient models.

This program is fully funded by unclaimed funds, meaning it's already paid for—no extra costs passed on to members.

With rebate funds still available and the program nearing its goal, now is the perfect time to improve your home's energy efficiency.

You can apply for one HVAC Tune-Up Rebate and one Energy Star Appliance Rebate per account.



Rebates

HOW TO VIEW USAGE TRACKING



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Member Discounts

These discounts are generously provided to members by local businesses as a way to support our communities.

ATS Outdoors - \$100 off purchase of zero turn; 10% off parts purchase

Back Nine - Get 10% off

Christian Brothers Automotive - 10% off Service or Repair

Fort Worth Zoo - Discounted Admission

Genesis JiuJitsu - Get 10% off membership

Great Wolf Lodge - Save up to 30% on your next stay

Jeremiah's Italian Ice - Buy one Get one

Karma Apple - Get 10% off

NRH2O - Discount Tickets for Day or Season Pass

Stockyards Heritage Club - Discounts on parking, dining, and shopping

The Reading Rabbit - \$5 OFF instore purchase of \$25 or more

Twisted Scissors - \$10 Off new clients; \$35 off chemical services

Waldrop's Furniture - 10% off next purchase

Please note: These discounts are *not* funded by members' electric bill payments.

School is Back in Session Soon

Slow down and stay alert. Watch for children walking, biking, or getting on and off buses. Practice extra driving precautions to keep everyone safe.

[TXDOT Safety Tips](#)

Helpful Links

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