

Director Candidate Information

Following is important information that we print each year, regarding the CME director election process. In order to reach as many members as possible, the same information will be repeated in next month's issue as well.

The Charles Mix Electric Board of directors is composed of seven members, who are elected each year at the annual meeting. If you or someone you know has an interest in running for a seat on the Board of Directors, please read on.

Any incumbent directors and/or interested candidates must file a "nominating petition" stating their intent to run for the Board. The petition must be signed by 15 or more members. Members may sign only one nominating petition. Petitions can be picked up at the CME office, and must be filed five business days before our annual meeting in order to have a candidate's name placed on the ballot. This year, petitions would have to be filed by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1st, 2008.

Please take a moment to read through these sections of the company bylaws.

Article IV, Section 3

QUALIFICATIONS: Any Director or Director candidate must comply with this Bylaw.

A. General Director Qualifications: A Director or Director candidate must:

1. Be a natural person; and
2. Have the capacity to enter legally binding contracts;

B. Membership Director Qualifications - Individual. While a director, and during the one (1) year immediately prior to becoming a Director, a Director or Director candidate must:

1. Not be an employee of the cooperative;
2. Be a Member in good standing permanently residing in the Director

District from which the Director is elected or chosen; and

3. Use, receive, or purchase electric service from the Cooperative at the Director's primary residence;

C. Member Director Qualifications- Corporate Designee. A corporate or other non-natural member may designate no more than one representative to be a candidate for election, provided:

1. The entity is a Member in good standing;
2. The entity maintains its principal place of business within the cooperative service area;
3. The entity continuously and materially uses, receives, or purchases electric services from the Cooperative; and
4. The designee is a permanent, year-round resident in the district to be served.

5. No more than three (3) directors may be designees of non-natural Members.

D. Conflict of Interest Director Qualifications. While a Director, and during the year immediately prior to becoming a Director, a Director or Director candidate must not be, nor have been:

1. A Close Relative of any existing Director, other than an existing Director who will cease being a Director within one (1) year;
2. An existing, or a Close Relative of an existing, employee of the Cooperative;
3. Employed by, materially affiliated with, or share a material financial interest with any other Director; or
4. Engaged in, nor employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a material financial interest in, any individual or entity:
 - a. Directly and substantially competing with the Cooperative, or
 - b. Selling goods or services in substantial quantity to the Cooperative,

or to a substantial number of Members, or

- c. Possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative.

E. Continuing Director Qualifications. Only natural persons complying with the General Director Qualifications, Membership Director Qualifications, and conflict of Interest Director Qualifications (collectively, "Director Qualifications") may serve, or continue to serve, as a Director.

After being elected or appointed a Director, if any Director fails to comply with any Director Qualification, as reasonably determined by the Board, then the Board is authorized to, and shall, remove the Director. If at least a majority of Directors authorized by these Bylaws comply with the Director Qualifications and approve a Board action, then the failure of any Director to comply with all Director Qualifications does not affect the Board action.

Article IV, Section 4

NOMINATIONS: Any fifteen or more members acting together may make nominations by petition and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the bylaws are posted. Nominations made by petition, if any, must be received at Cooperative headquarters at least five business days before the Members meeting. Later nominations shall be rejected as untimely and illegal. No member may nominate more than one candidate. In the event only one candidate is nominated for an available position, the chairman pro tem shall solicit a motion from the floor that a unanimous vote be cast by the membership for such candidate. Upon being duly seconded and on approving voice vote, such sole candidate shall be declared duly elected.

Preserve Our Poles

Did you know that your lost pet poster, garage sale flyer, or political poster tacked on a power pole could be a threat to our crews? Attaching any type of sign to a power pole creates a safety hazard for linemen, and also increases maintenance expenses.

Punctures from nails, tacks and staples damage the pole, piercing the sealed outer layer so that moisture, rot, and insects can speed up the pole's decay. Since punctures can significantly reduce the lifespan of poles, the poles must be replaced more often, adding to maintenance costs.

Linemen must climb power poles in all types of weather, both day and night. Linemen wear protective clothing and gloves to prevent electric shocks. Sharp, protruding fasteners can puncture or tear these protective items. A puncture the size of a pinhole can allow electricity to pass through the rubber

gear, exposing workers to severe shock or even death.

Our linemen also wear special boots and climbing hooks to allow them to climb poles to make repairs. Nails can cause climbing hooks to slip, leading to falls. Hanging signs on power poles is prohibited by the National Electric Safety Code and by law in most states. In addition to safety concerns and maintenance issues, the public also has to deal with the unsightly nature of these signs.

So, if you're planning to endorse a candidate, hold a yard sale, or any other event requiring signs or directions, please don't post those signs on power poles. Our linemen will thank you for it.



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