

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Big Country EC 25th Annual Meeting of the Membership

One day, two events!

The annual meeting of the membership of Big Country Electric Cooperative will be held virtually September 16 at bigcountry.coop in accordance with Article V, Meetings of Members, of the cooperative's bylaws. The annual report, video and director election results will be posted by 10 a.m.

The annual meeting of the members of the above cooperative will include reports to the membership on the following:

- The reports of officers, directors and committees.
- The election of two directors of the cooperative.

The following members of the cooperative have been selected to appear on the ballot for the respective districts by the committee on nominations appointed by the board of directors of the cooperative or as nominees by petition, pursuant to the bylaws:

DISTRICT 1

Matt Mueller (Incumbent) 3732 Paint Creek Road, Stamford 79553 Nominated by nominating committee

DISTRICT 2

Zach Logan (Incumbent) 1402 S. Orient St., Stamford 79553 Nominated by nominating committee

Nominees by petition require 25 members' signatures and must be submitted to the cooperative not less than 20 days prior to the meeting. As of press time, no additional nominations by petition have been received.

Each member is entitled to cast one ballot using one of the following methods:

- · Mail-in ballot enclosed
- Online
- SmartHub app

Mail-in ballots must be received by September 12, which is the same deadline for votes cast online and through SmartHub. Please read instructions on enclosed printed ballot carefully regardless of voting method. Votes received by mail after the deadline will be invalid. Electronic voting will be disabled after deadline. Ballots cannot be accepted at BCEC offices.

Each registered member who votes will receive a \$15 energy credit.

David Beaver

Secretary-Treasurer



JOIN US SEPTEMBER 16

Virtual
Annual Meeting
and
Member
Appreciation
Open House

MEMBER REGISTRATION CARD AND TICKET FOR DOOR PRIZES

Big Country Electric Cooperative Member Appreciation Open House

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

3:30–6:30 p.m. at each BCEC office Snacks and door prize drawings for those who stop by!



TEAR OFF THIS REGISTRATION CARD AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE OPEN HOUSE.

Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting

The 2024 Virtual Annual Meeting of the Membership of Big Country Electric Cooperative and Open House was held on September 24, 2024. Considering the low cost and high rate of participation in last year's director election conducted via mail-in ballot and online vote submission, the BCEC board of directors elected to continue with a virtual meeting for the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Membership of Big Country Electric Cooperative.

Affidavit of Publication attests that the Annual Report, inclusive of the Official Notice of Annual Meeting of Big Country Electric Cooperative, was mailed to the 6,271 members of record of the cooperative on August 30, 2024.

The 2024 Virtual Annual Meeting consisted of an annual report video posted on the cooperative's website, featuring BCEC Board President Steve Moore, GM/CEO Mark McClain, and other BCEC leadership reporting to the membership on activities, concerns, upcoming plans, and the financial status of Big Country Electric Cooperative. Balance Sheet and Statement of Income for the year ending 2022 was presented to the membership, in PDF posted on the cooperative's website and in the Annual Report mailed to each member.

Committee on Nominations was appointed by the Board of Directors. Committee members serving were:

Mr. Shawn McCowen Mr. Larry Schwarz
Mr. Raford Hargrove Mr. Greg Stansell
Mr. Ted Cooley Mr. Frank Garcia

The Committee on Nominations placed in nomination the members named below for the purpose of electing three (3) directors as successors to the directors whose terms expire this annual meeting, and to hold office for the term of 3 years and/or until their successors shall be elected and shall qualify.

Member voting was conducted in advance with three methods of voting available to each eligible member: online, through SmartHub or mail-in ballot. Ballots were included with the Annual Report that was mailed to each member August 30, 2024, and included detailed instructions for

each voting method. Mail-in ballots were to be received by September 20, 2024, and not permitted to be taken to a BCEC office; online and SmartHub voting deadline was 11:00 p.m., September 20, 2024. Election results, certified September 23, 2024, by Survey & Ballot Systems, were as follows, with elected candidates shown in bold:

(i) indicates Incumbent

For Director District 5: Steve Moore (i) 100% Decision
For Director District 6: Danny Helms (i) 100% Decision
For Director District 7: David Beaver (i) 100% Decision

6,289 Eligible Voters

265 Eligible Ballots Cast: 124 paper ballots mailed, 142 submitted online

4.21% Voter Participation Rate exceeded minimum quorum of 2%.

Candidates were notified and results were posted on the cooperative's website September 24, 2024, to accompany the Virtual Annual Meeting reports.

Pursuant to Bylaws Article V, Section 6, a Credentials and Election Committee was appointed prior to the Annual Meeting and would have convened had there been any protest or objection filed. Members were:

Mrs. Renee Dudensing, Mr. Lynn D. Dudensing, Mr. Brodie Calley, Mrs. Tricia Spikes, Mr. Bob Spikes, Mr. Andy Graham, Mrs. Johnna Page, Mr. Justin Martin, Mr. Scott Crenwelge

An energy credit of \$15 was applied to one account for each member who cast an eligible ballot. Door prizes were drawn from the collective names of members who attended one of BCEC's office locations' open house. Open House attendees were given the opportunity to view the Annual Report and ask questions of board members, leadership team members, and visit with employees. Door prize winners were notified the following day, and a list of prizes and winners was posted on the BCEC website.

Steve Moore David Beaver
President Secretary-Treasurer



MEMBER REGISTRATION CARD AND TICKET FOR DOOR PRIZES

Big Country Electric Cooperative Member Appreciation Open House

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 3:30–6:30 p.m. at each BCEC office



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Three Ways To Vote

VOTING BY MAIL

- Mark your selections on the ballot below by filling in the box next to your candidate of choice.
- Detach ballot and mail using enclosed return envelope.
- Ballots must be received by September 12, 2025. Please allow sufficient time for delivery.
- DO NOT hand deliver or mail your ballot to any BCEC office. Co-op employees CANNOT accept ballots.

VOTING ONLINE

- Go to bigcountry.coop, click on Director Election and Virtual Annual Meeting, then VOTE NOW.
- The site is compatible with web, tablet and mobile device browsers.
- Your member number and password are above your name and address on the registration card at the top of this page. Use both numbers to log in.
- Voting begins September 1 and ends September 12, 2025.

VOTING VIA SMARTHUB

- App: Open your SmartHub app, log in and click the VOTE NOW button.
- Online: Log in to your SmartHub online account and click the VOTE NOW button.
- Voting begins September 1 and ends September 12, 2025.

BCEC registered voters who submit a valid ballot will receive a \$15 electric bill credit. One credit per membership.

DO NOT MAIL YOUR BALLOT IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE ONLINE OR VIA SMARTHUB.

DETACH THE BALLOT BELOW ALONG THE DOTTED LINE AND RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE

OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT FOR BIG COUNTRY EC 2025 DIRECTOR ELECTION

Mark ballot, detach and place in the enclosed return envelope. If the envelope is missing, please mail to Big Country EC Election, C/O Survey & Ballot Systems, P.O. Box 46430, Eden Prairie, MN 55344-9923.

Ballots must be received by September 12, 2025.

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS EXAMPLE

Please follow instructions shown above. Do not mail or hand deliver ballot to any BCEC office.



DISTRICT 1 (VOTE FOR ONE)	DISTRICT 2 (VOTE FOR ONE)	
☐ Matt Mueller	☐ Zach Logan	



MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER/ CEO

MCCLAIN

People Matter

IN TODAY'S FAST-MOVING WORLD, it's easy to feel like just a number. We see it everywhere—in long customer service waits, in systems that prioritize profits over people and in communities where neighbors feel more distant than ever.

But at Big Country Electric Cooperative, we believe in something different. We believe people still matter.

That belief isn't just a slogan—it's at the heart of who we are and why we exist. Our cooperative was built by people, for people. We don't answer to stockholders. We answer to our members—our neighbors, families and friends. That changes everything.

Our Families Matter

We're part of this community. We raise our families here. We live alongside the people we serve.

That means we care deeply about the safety, reliability and affordability of the electricity that powers our homes, schools and businesses. When storms come or challenges arise, we respond—not because we have to, but because we want to. That's what families do.

Our Employees Matter

The people who work at Big Country EC are more than employees—they're the heart of this organization. They bring skill, dedication and integrity to the job every day.

Whether it's a lineworker climbing a pole in the middle of the night or a member service representative patiently walking someone through a billing question, we're proud of the people who make this cooperative what it is. We take care of our team, and they take care of our members.

Our Members Matter

As a cooperative, we're not here to make a profit from our members—we're here to serve them. Every decision we make is guided by one question: What's best for the people we serve? Whether that means investing in infrastructure, supporting local schools and nonprofits, or simply being a voice our members can trust, we put people first.

We know the world doesn't always work that way. It's easy to lose sight of each other in the noise. But at Big Country EC, we don't cut corners or chase trends. We show up, do what's right, and remember that behind every meter and every mile of line is a person who matters.

This past year brought challenges, yes, but also powerful reminders of how strong and connected we are when we put people first. And that's exactly what we'll keep doing.

Because people still matter.

They always have.

They always will.



Small Change, Big Impact!

Operation Round Up funds help your local community

SINCE ITS INCEPTION in late 2014, Big Country Electric Cooperative's Operation Round Up program has empowered our members to give back in a simple yet powerful way. Through this voluntary program, participating members round up their monthly electric bills to the next whole dollar—donating an average of just 50 cents per month. And while that might sound like small change, it adds up to a big impact.

Thanks to members who donate monthly, the program typically returns \$9,500 to \$10,500 each quarter to our communities in the form of grants to



local organizations and direct support for individuals and families in need.

In total, more than \$509,523 has been distributed through the program over the past decade—helping fund everything from medical expenses and essential household repairs to community service projects, food banks, volunteer fire departments, school initiatives and more.

Operation Round Up makes it pos-

sible to step in during times of crisis and create opportunities for lasting impact—and it all starts with just a few cents.

How It Works

Applications are available at any BCEC office and can be downloaded from our website, bigcountry.coop. **Grants are available to:**

- ▶ Individuals and families experiencing hardship or facing an urgent need.
- ▶ Local nonprofits, volunteer groups, civic organizations and public entities that support community service, disaster relief or education-related efforts that enhance quality of life in the BCEC service area.

All applications are evaluated by an independent board of volunteers from across our service area. The board meets quarterly to review applications and award grants to eligible recipients.

Rooted in Cooperative Values

Operation Round Up is one of the many ways we strive to follow the Seven Cooperative Principles, especially the principle of Concern for Community. We're proud to facilitate the program, but it's our members who make the difference. From all of us at Big Country EC: Thank you for helping us keep the spirit of community alive—one penny at a time.



DID YOU KNOW?

Scammers may pose as electric cooperatives. If you receive an email that appears to be from your co-op but you're unsure, delete it and call us.

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Big Country Electric Cooperative

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CONTACT US

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General Manager

Mark McClain

Board of Directors

Steve Moore, President
Danny Helms, Vice President
David Beaver, Secretary-Treasurer
Todd Coker
Chris Estes

Zachary Logan Matt Mueller

Phones Answered 24/7

Roby (325) 776-2244

Snyder (325) 573-3161

Stamford (325) 773-3684

Toll-Free 1-888-662-2232

ABOUT BIG COUNTRY EC

BCEC owns and maintains more than 5,300 miles of line to provide electric service to more than 5,300 members in Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties.

OFFICES

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30–11:30 a.m.; Closed to visitors on Fridays.

BCEC Headquarters

1010 W. South First St., Roby

Snyder Office

1600 McCowen St., Snyder

Stamford Office

225 W. McHarg St., Stamford

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online bill payment
- Electronic check
- Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover accepted for residential accounts

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BCEC Nominations Committee Report

A MEETING OF THE committee on nominations, as provided in Article VI, Section 6.06, of the bylaws of Big Country Electric Cooperative, appointed by the board of directors, was held at the office of the cooperative in Stamford on June 10 at 8 a.m.

Makinzee Dingman, the cooperative's executive assistant, provided information regarding the functions and terms of the committee on nominations. Dingman acted as the temporary chairperson and opened the nomination for chairman of the committee on nominations.

Russel Beakley nominated Rex Ford as chairman of the committee. Jay Jensen seconded. Motion was unanimously agreed upon. Rex Ford appointed Makinzee Dingman as recording secretary of the committee.

After full and thorough discussion of the purpose of the committee on nominations and; with only the members and recording secretary thereof shown above to be present and; upon a motion made, seconded and unanimously adopted it was resolved: That the following members of the cooperative be nominated as candidates for a place on the board of directors to be voted upon by the members of the cooperative at the next annual membership meeting, September 16, 2025:

District 1Matt MuellerDistrict 2Zach Logan

The order in which the nominees' names appear on the ballot was determined by a blind draw where appropriate.

The committee, having served the functions for which it was appointed and upon a motion made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the committee on nominations was adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

These minutes are to be presented and approved by the Big Country Electric Cooperative Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting.

Russel Beakley Rex Ford
Bennie Bredthauer Jay Jensen

Candidates may also be nominated by petition.

Director Nominees

DISTRICT 1 NOMINEE



Matt Mueller, incumbent director and candidate for District 1, and his wife, LeeAnn, have two children, ages 23 and 21. Mueller owns and operates L&M Farms in Jones, Haskell and Stonewall counties. He has been a member of the cooperative since 2003. Mueller has served on the BCEC Board of Directors since 2007 and is a Creden-

tialed Cooperative Director.

Mueller is president and general manager of the Texas Cowboy Reunion, president of the Farmers Co-op Society of Stamford, and serves on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes board. He and his family are members of St. John's United Methodist Church in Stamford.

DISTRICT 2 NOMINEE



Zachary Logan, incumbent director and candidate for District 2, and his wife, Kristi, live in Stamford. They have two sons, Kagen and Braden, who attend school in the Stamford Independent School District.

Logan grew up in Hale Center and attended West Texas A&M University. After graduation, he and

his wife moved to Floydada, where they both worked as teachers. They moved to Stamford, Kristi's hometown, in 2009 to continue teaching and to farm. He continued teaching science at Stamford ISD until 2015, when he began farming full time.

He is a member of the Stamford ISD school board and the Economic Development Corporation Board of Stamford and is a deacon and active member of First Baptist Church in Stamford. He also volunteers with several youth sports in Stamford. A member of the cooperative since 2016, Logan has served on the BCEC Board of Directors since 2022 and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director.

Board of Directors



Matt Mueller
District 1
18 Years of Service



Zach Logan
District 2
3 Years of Service



Chris Estes
District 3
14 Years of Service



Todd CokerDistrict 4
20 Years of Service



Steve Moore
District 5
19 Years of Service



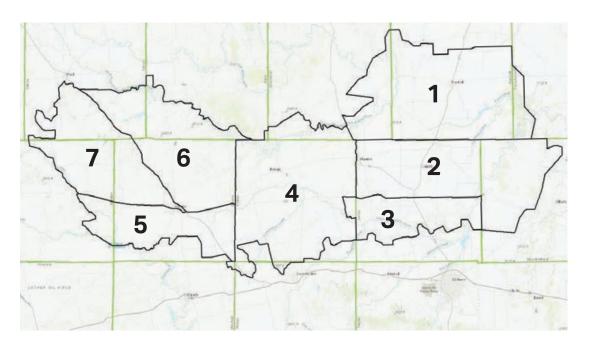
Danny Helms
District 6
13 Years of Service



David Beaver
District 7
18 Years of Service

BCEC Board of Directors 107 Years of Combined Service

Director Districts



Comparative Statement of Income

For the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (audited)

	2022	2023	2024
Revenue from the sale of our services amounted to	\$ 49,687,060	\$ 46,881,409	\$38,631,329
WHERE IT CAME FROM			
Farm and Home	\$ 15,148,199	\$ 13,256,359	\$ 12,135,402
Commercial and Industrial	\$ 31,014,951	\$ 27,607,024	\$ 24,729,295
Irrigation	\$ 1,643,744	\$ 1,467,564	\$ 1,274,779
Miscellaneous Electric	\$ 551,277	\$ (137,792)	\$ (1,377,945)
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 48,358,171	\$ 42,193,155	\$ 36,761,531
Nonoperating Revenue	\$ 116,190	\$ 314,384	\$ 346,046
Other Capital Credits and Patronage Dividends	\$ 1,212,699	\$ 4,373,870	\$ 1,523,752
Total Revenue	\$ 49,687,060	\$ 46,881,409	\$ 38,631,329
To supply these services cost a total of	\$ 43,498,302	\$ 37,952,519	\$ 33,401,694
WHERE IT WENT			
Purchased Power	\$ 28,837,713	\$ 22,207,283	\$ 16,693,020
Operations and Administration	\$ 9,299,764	\$ 9,824,320	\$ 10,291,586
Depreciation	\$ 3,687,888	\$ 4,002,565	\$ 4,303,012
Interest and Other Deductions	\$ 1,642,109	\$ 1,886,441	\$ 2,076,517
Taxes	\$ 30,828	\$ 31,910	\$ 37,559
Total Operating Costs	\$ 43,498,302	\$ 37,952,519	\$ 33,401,694
Operating Margins (Operating Revenue			
Less Operating Costs)	\$ 4,859,869	\$ 4,240,636	\$ 3,359,837
Other Capital Credits	\$ 1,212,699	\$ 4,373,870	\$ 1,523,752
Nonoperating Margins	\$ 116,190	\$ 314,384	\$ 346,046
Total Margins	\$ 6,188,758	\$ 8,928,890	\$ 5,229,635

Comparative Statistics

For the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024

	2022	2023	2024
Average Monthly Bill	\$301.21	\$260.23	\$224.95
Kilowatt-Hours Sold	363,475,307	349,760,234	355,077,657
Revenue per Kilowatt-Hour Sold	\$0.133	\$0.1206	\$0.1035
Kilowatt-Hours Purchased	394,404,894	381,833,922	392,577,331
Line Loss	7.8%	8.4%	9.6%
Average Kilowatt-Hours per Bill per Consumer	2,264	2,157	2,173
Plant Investment per Consumer	\$9,410	\$9,943	\$10,636
Net Change in Plant	\$6,590,366	\$6,766,815	\$8,205,858
Consumers per Mile of Line	2.5	2.5	2.5
Average Number of Consumers	13,379	13,511	13,619
Total Miles of Line	5,383	5,381	5,387

Comparative Balance Sheet

For the years ended December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (audited)

	2022	2023	2024
ASSETS—WHAT WE OWN			
Utility Plant	\$125,897,246	\$134,342,335	\$144,846,099
Less: Accumulated Depreciation—Lines,			
Buildings and Equipment	\$ 45,546,278	\$ 47,224,552	\$ 49,522,457
Net Utility Plant	\$ 80,350,968	\$ 87,117,783	\$ 95,323,642
Cash and Investments			
Cash	\$ 1,737,371	\$ 3,765,805	\$ 1,090,548
Other Investments	\$ 23,984,828	\$ 28,008,573	\$ 28,339,967
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 25,722,199	\$ 31,774,378	\$ 29,430,515
Accounts Receivable	\$ 6,263,448	\$ 4,499,519	\$ 3,186,749
Materials and Supplies	\$ 1,387,102	\$ 2,035,996	\$ 1,891,160
Deferred Debits and Other Assets	\$ 674,553	\$ 482,398	\$ 560,789
Total Other Assets	\$ 8,325,103	\$ 7,017,913	\$ 5,638,699
Total Assets	\$114,398,270	\$125,910,074	\$130,392,855
LIABILITIES—WHAT WE OWE			
Long-Term Debt—Total Amount Borrowed			
and Deferred Interest	\$ 39,083,227	\$ 41,511,446	\$ 41,967,396
Other Liabilities and Credits			
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities	\$ 6,280,217	\$ 7,441,581	\$ 8,007,792
Short-Term Borrowings	\$ 1,909,255	\$ 1,607,815	\$ 1,443,865
Due to Suppliers	\$ 4,279,266	\$ 4,533,153	\$ 4,765,496
Total Other Liabilities and Credits	\$ 12,468,738	\$ 13,582,549	\$ 14,217,153
MEMBERS' EQUITY—OUR NET WO	ORTH		
Membership Fees	\$ 132,255	\$ 134,080	\$ 135,845
Patronage Capital and Other Equities	\$ 62,714,050	\$ 70,681,999	\$ 74,072,461
Total Members' Equity	\$ 62,846,305	\$ 70,816,079	\$ 74,208,306
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	\$114,398,270	\$125,910,075	\$130,392,855





























Big Country EC Employees: 771 Years of Combined Service

NAME	LOCATION	YEARS
Chase Arrendale	Snyder	15
Latrice Baucom	Roby	9
Robert Bohall	Roby	14
Joe Brewer	Stamford	30
Krysha Burleson	Roby	5
Alex Cantu	Stamford	7
Erika Castillo	Roby	26
Jakob Clawson	Roby	13
Brittini Cronkright	Roby	8
Misti Davis	Stamford	3
Makinzee Dingman	Roby	1
Arron Duniven	Roby	18
William Duniven	Roby	28
Preston Eaton	Roby	1
Scott Edmonds	Roby	25
Baleria Frausto	Roby	12
Joe Garza	Snyder	24
Wesley Gonzales	Stamford	7
Mason Guerra	Roby	12
Toby Guerra	Roby	1
Redonna Guynes	Snyder	25

NAME	LOCATION	YEARS
Matt Hall	Roby	1
Sonja Hampton	Roby	5
R. Brian Hinkle	Snyder	14
Thomas Hull	Snyder	19
Wade Ivy	Stamford	7
Cato Macias	Stamford	21
Cato Macias IV	Roby	1
Tyler Martin	Snyder	2
Mike Martinez	Roby	15
Jeremy McArthur	Roby	18
David McCarter	Snyder	8
Mark McClain	Roby	33
Cary McClintock	Stamford	32
Cody McClintock	Stamford	11
Cedar McIlwain	Roby	3
Sarah McLen	Roby	17
Brian Niedert	Roby	13
Chase Perez	Snyder	3
Robert Pippin	Roby	23
Kyle Ponder	Roby	10
Andrew Porter	Roby	6

NAME	LOCATION	YEARS
Bren Rister	Roby	2
Alfred Robles	Stamford	20
Ann Sanchez	Stamford	43
John Sanchez	Stamford	18
Rosa Sanchez	Roby	11
Corbin Smith	Snyder	6
Sam Colton Smith	Stamford	14
Mike Snead	Snyder	22
Michelle Sosa	Snyder	1
Bailey Stegemoeller	Roby	8
Timothy Thompson	Roby	3
Chris Thomson	Roby	11
Cesar Torres	Snyder	2
John VanMater	Roby	14
Gabriel Vasquez	Snyder	15
Henry Vega	Stamford	16
Eric Villanueva	Stamford	3
Katelyn Watson	Roby	1
Amanda Weaver	Roby	8
Shane Wiseman	Snyder	2