

# DISCOVERING SOUTH KENTUCKY

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## Rolling with safety: Electrifying education with South Kentucky RECC

For electric cooperatives, safety isn't just a buzzword—it's a way of life. And like a safety superhero on wheels, South Kentucky RECC's safety demo trailer is on a mission to make our communities safer around electricity, one stop at a time.

South Kentucky RECC isn't just about powering communities: we're also committed to ensuring safety in the most engaging ways possible. Our safety demo trailer is a mobile marvel designed to educate people of all ages about the potential dangers of electricity and how to stay safe around it.

The best part? It's not just for grown-ups. Whether you're a curious kid or a seasoned adult, there's something for everyone. SKRECC's demo trailer swings by schools, festivals and community events, and even hangs out with our local heroes—like firefighters and police officers—to make sure everyone knows how to stay safe around electricity.

The heart of the safety demo trailer lies in its electrifying demonstrations, showcasing the power of electricity through live experiments and simulations. One of the highlights of the safety demo trailer experience is the dazzling voltage demonstration. Ever wondered what happens when electricity meets a conducting material? Through

controlled experiments, onlookers witness the power of electricity and importance of safety precautions.

And the safety demo trailer is more than just a flashy exhibit—it's a symbol of South Kentucky RECC's commitment to keeping the communities we serve safe. It sparks curiosity and ignites a passion for safety. Through its innovative approach to education, it continues to make strides in reducing electrical accidents and saving lives.

But it's not all sparks and sizzles. From identifying potential safety hazards to learning what to do in case of downed power lines or electrical emergencies, the safety demo trailer goes beyond flashy demonstrations to provide practical safety tips that can save lives.

If you want to give your next gathering a spark by including an electrical safety demo, reach out to South Kentucky RECC for more information.



MORGAN BLEVINS



BRANDON WESLEY



Bringing safety to life, one demonstration at a time. Safety and Loss Control Manager Eric Chumbley and Construction Lead Line Technician Jeremy Rayborn drive home the importance of safety with SKRECC's safety demo trailer.

# South Kentucky RECC introduces online voting for 2024 director elections

*Options to vote include early online voting and in-person voting via drive-thru during annual membership days*

South Kentucky RECC members play an active role in shaping the future direction of the co-op, reinforcing the cooperative principles of democratic member control and participation. This year, SKRECC members have the opportunity to cast their ballots for the director seats in Districts 4 and 7.

In a move to enhance member engagement and convenience, South Kentucky RECC has added an early online voting option for its 2024 director elections. Members may choose one of two convenient ways to cast their ballots in the director election: online through their SKRECC SmartHub account or in-person via a drive-thru method during the co-op's annual membership days in June. Members may only cast one ballot in the election using either of these voting options.

## Vote online using Smarthub

With the introduction of online voting, members may cast their ballots with just a few clicks by using their SKRECC SmartHub account. To access the online ballot, members must log in to their SKRECC SmartHub account via computer or SmartHub app on their smart device, click on the VOTE NOW button and follow the instructions to finish casting their ballot. Online voting is open from midnight on Sunday, May 26, through midnight on Saturday, June 9. Any member who wishes to vote online but who has not created a Smarthub account can do so easily by going to <https://skrecc.smarthub.coop> and clicking on REGISTER NOW.

## Vote in-person during annual membership days

Members may also cast their ballot in person during the co-op's annual membership days in June. Members will register at the event, and once membership is confirmed, the member will securely cast his or her ballot electronically. In-person voting will occur during South Kentucky RECC's annual membership days held at its five district offices, June 11-13. The schedule is as follows: Wayne and McCreary county offices on June 11; Russell and Clinton county offices on June 12; and Somerset headquarters on June 13. Voting times are 7 a.m.–6 p.m. each day, local time.

By offering both online and drive-thru voting options, South Kentucky RECC is making it easier than ever for members to exercise their right to vote in director elections. This dual approach accommodates varying preferences and circumstances, ensuring that every member has a voice in selecting the leadership of the cooperative. Results of the 2024 Director Elections will be posted on South Kentucky RECC's website in the afternoon on Friday June 14, 2024.

**FOR BIOGRAPHIES OF THE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SKRECC.COM](http://WWW.SKRECC.COM).**

The screenshot shows the online ballot interface for South Kentucky RECC District 4 and District 7 Director Elections. At the top, the SKRECC logo is displayed, followed by the text "South Kentucky RECC District 4 and District 7 Director Elections". Below this, instructions for casting a vote are provided: "To cast a vote: Check the box next to your selection. To change your vote, click the box again and the mark will be removed. To review your selections, click the 'Go to Ballot Confirmation' button." A "SAMPLE BALLOT" label is visible in the top right corner. A link "View All Candidate Biographies" is located below the instructions. The ballot is divided into two sections: "District 4 (Wayne County)" and "District 7 (Casey/Lincoln/Pulaski Counties)". Each section lists candidates with checkboxes and "View Bio" links. For District 4, the candidates are William Allen, Jr., Webb Upchurch, and Abstain. For District 7, the candidates are Lee Coffee, Brent Tackett, and Abstain. At the bottom, there is a "Go to Ballot Confirmation" button, a "Contact technical assistance" link, and a "Logout" button. The PowerSource SBS logo is in the bottom right corner.

# 2024 South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation annual membership meeting agenda—June 13, 2024

## 7 p.m.

Electronic public access open to view live meeting to be conducted by streaming video.

Access to view meeting can be obtained three ways:

1. By pasting the following link into your web browser: <http://www.skrecc.com/annualmeeting>.
2. By going to <https://skrecc.com> and clicking on “Annual Meeting” link.
3. By scanning this QR Code to your mobile device.



## 7:30 p.m.

- Convene live annual membership meeting by streaming video.
- Welcome and introduction of meeting format.
- Invocation.
- Introduction of SKRECC’s board of directors and other meeting participants.

## Business meeting:

- Introduction of business meeting moderator—President/CEO Kevin Newton.
- Call of meeting to order by moderator—General Counsel M.D. Goss.
- Report on quorum for meeting/inapplicability of quorum requirement.
- Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of mailing.
- Consideration and approval of 2023 annual meeting minutes.
- Presentation of reports of officers, directors and committees.
- Unfinished business.
- New business as proposed in Section 3.08 of the Bylaws (if any).
- President and chief executive officer’s report—President/CEO Kevin Newton
- Announcement of vehicle drawing winner.
- Adjournment of business meeting—General Counsel M.D. Goss.

## SOUTH KENTUCKY RECC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DAYS

### June 11, 2024

Wayne and McCreary county offices

### June 12, 2024

Russell and Clinton county offices

### June 13, 2024

Somerset office

### 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL



Office lobbies and drive-thrus will be closed to business transactions in that office the day of the event with the exception of the Somerset drive-thru, which will remain open. Members can still conduct business by telephone. Members will receive a bucket and two LED lightbulbs when they register in person and their name will be entered into a drawing for several door prizes. Members will also be entered into a drawing for a 2006 Mercury Monterey. The winner will be announced on June 13.

**MEMBERS, PLEASE BRING YOUR BILL TO ASSIST WITH REGISTRATION**



**Board of Directors**

Cathy Crew Epperson, Chairperson  
Brent Tackett, Vice Chairman  
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**Visit [www.skrecc.com](http://www.skrecc.com)** to pay your bill online, to visit our outage center, or for more information about the Co-op Connections Program.

**To report an outage 24/7/365**, please call your local office, (800) 264-5112, or set up your account to be able to text outages. Please do not report outages via social media.

**Plug into South Kentucky RECC. Follow us on social media:**



# Save money on vacation

Using the Co-op Connections app gives South Kentucky RECC members access to hundreds of discounts for summer fun.

The app, free to SKRECC members, provides discounts on hotels, cruises, vacation rentals, tours and car rentals. Co-op members can also purchase discounted tickets for amusement parks like Kings Island, Walt Disney World and Six Flags. Save on tickets to see the latest summer blockbuster movie, too.

For easy access to discounts, download the Co-op Connections app from the Apple App or Google Play



stores. Find a full list of discounts at [connections.coop](http://connections.coop).

Put the power of Co-op Connections to work for you and save all summer. It's just another benefit of being a member of South Kentucky RECC.

## STAY ALERT

### Around water and electricity

During the spring and summer, farmers often must use irrigation equipment to supplement rainfall, but water and electricity don't mix. It's essential to use safe work practices:

- **Do routine maintenance checks.** Proactively look for faulty equipment and proper wiring installation.
- **Use safe work practices.** Turn off the power before working on an irrigation system. Be aware of overhead power lines when working with irrigation pipes, when standing on systems and when spraying water near power lines. Avoid wearing loose clothing and tie back long hair when near rotating equipment.
- **Beware of damp environments.** Operating pumps and other equipment in damp environment increases the chance of equipment failure. Farmers who are rain-soaked and muddy are much more vulnerable to electric shock.



**South Kentucky RECC will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of the holiday.**

**In case of emergency, or to report an outage, please call (800) 264-5112.**