

# DISCOVERING SOUTH KENTUCKY

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## Kevin Newton selected to lead South Kentucky RECC

South Kentucky RECC has a new leader, but he's a familiar face around the co-op. SKRECC's board of directors has named Kevin Newton as the co-op's president and chief executive officer. Newton began his official duties in February.

Newton, a dedicated member of South Kentucky RECC's team for more than 30 years, has served in various leadership roles, including most recently acting as both interim chief executive officer and chief operating officer.

"We are thrilled to officially welcome Kevin Newton as our president and CEO," says Cathy Epperson, SKRECC's board chairperson. "He has proven instrumental in South Kentucky's success, and we are excited about the direction he will take us in the coming years."

The decision to make Newton the permanent CEO reflects the confidence of SKRECC's board of directors in his ability to drive the co-op forward and build upon the strong foundation laid during his tenure.

"I am deeply honored and excited to lead South Kentucky RECC as its president and CEO," says Newton. "I am committed to building upon the progress we have made and am excited about the opportunities ahead. Together we will



continue the co-op's mission of providing safe, reliable and affordable power to our members."

During his time as interim CEO, Newton demonstrated exceptional leadership, strategic vision and a strong dedication to the cooperative's principles and values. His deep knowledge of South Kentucky's operations and his commitment to serving its members made him the ideal choice to lead the co-op.

In addition to being committed to the co-op's mission, Newton also highly values the sense of community within the cooperative and actively supports the employees.

"South Kentucky RECC has been a family for many, and I hope to continue that for our employees while providing excellent service to our members," adds Newton.

Newton is South Kentucky RECC's ninth general manager in the co-op's 85-year history. He is a native of Somerset. Newton earned his education at the University of Kentucky, specializing in electrical engineering. He also holds a Professional Engineer's License in the state of Kentucky.

He and his wife of 28 years, Becky, have two grown children, Abby and Josh.

# Co-op's June 2024 director election



SKRECC ARCHIVES

South Kentucky RECC members will vote for the election of directors for the co-op's board in June 2024. Two district seats will be up for election.

SKRECC's Chief

Legal Officer Mark David Goss answers questions concerning the upcoming election process.

## Question: What important dates should I be aware of in this process?

**Answer:** After South Kentucky's Credentials & Elections Committee has verified all candidate information, and satisfactory background screenings have been submitted, the ballot was to be set in mid-February. Candidates vying for the seats in districts 4 (Wayne County) and 7 (Casey/Lincoln/Pulaski) will conduct their campaigns while following strict guidelines set by South Kentucky RECC. Online voting will take place from May 26 through June 9 and in-person, drive-thru voting will be conducted during the co-op's annual Membership Days event June 11, 12 and

13. The election process, conducted by Survey & Ballot Systems, will compile the results which will then be verified by the Credentials & Elections Committee. Following this process, a formal announcement will be made to congratulate the winners.

## Question: How will the 2024 election be held and who is eligible to vote?

**Answer:** The 2024 election will be conducted utilizing online, as well as in-person voting using a third-party vendor. Online voting will begin on Sunday, May 26, at 12:01 a.m., and continue through Sunday, June 9, at 11:59 p.m. Members may vote by logging into their South Kentucky RECC SmartHub account and simply clicking on the "VOTE NOW" icon which will direct them to a secure site where they can register a vote for a candidate in both districts 4 and 7. Once an electronic vote has been registered, the voting process for the member's account will be closed and no further voting may be done. In-person, drive-thru voting will be held during the annual Membership Days event June 11 through 13. Members may vote at the Monticello and Whitley City district offices on Tuesday,

June 11, Albany and Jamestown district offices on Wednesday, June 12, and the Somerset office on Thursday, June 13, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., local time. In-person voting will be conducted electronically utilizing iPads. No paper ballots will be used. One voting member per South Kentucky RECC account will be allowed to vote either online or in person.

## Question: When will the 2024 director election results be known and new directors seated?

**Answer:** The results of the 2024 Director Election should be completed within one to two business days following voting at the last member appreciation day event on June 13. Newly elected directors will be seated for service on South Kentucky's board of directors at the July 2024 regular monthly meeting.

## Question: If I have questions about any aspect of the 2024 director election process, how can I get answers?

**Answer:** As South Kentucky's chief legal officer, I am available to answer any election-related question by email at [mdgoss@skrecc.com](mailto:mdgoss@skrecc.com).

# BE PREPARED FOR SPRING'S FICKLE FOUL WEATHER

Are you prepared when docile rain showers turn into threatening storms?

## BEFORE THE STORM:

**Make sure your cellphone is charged.** Consider purchasing an external battery charger for your phone to charge it without electricity.

**Have a battery-operated radio available** so you can stay updated on the latest weather watches and warnings.

**Unplug appliances and other electrical items,** such as computers. Damage can occur from power surges caused by nearby lightning strikes.

**Have an emergency kit ready** and create a family communication plan.



NICK BEER/ADOBE STOCK

# Spring clean your way to energy efficiency

With spring arriving this month, it's time to shake off the winter dust and get your home ready for a fresh start. Don't overlook these areas where cleanliness can also improve energy efficiency.

1. Air ducts and vents. Clearing out accumulated dust and dirt is both good for your lungs and your cooling system. You'll save energy and may even increase the system's lifespan.
2. Windows and screens. Clean windows and screens allow more daylighting in the home and reduce the need for using lighting lamps and fixtures. In addition to boosting energy efficiency, natural light may also boost overall health and productivity.
3. Air filters. A dirty filter reduces air flow, which then requires more force to move air through the blower, requiring the furnace to run longer and harder, using more power in the process. Replacing or washing dirty air filters can lower your energy consumption by up to 15%.
4. Refrigerator. Your refrigerator uses up to 14% of your home's electricity, so increasing its efficiency can make a notable difference in your

## Spring into savings

Learn new ways to save even more electricity by completing South Kentucky RECC's Virtual Energy Assessment at [www.skrecc.com](http://www.skrecc.com). The online energy analysis will show you how energy is being used in your home and give you recommendations to lower energy consumption. In addition, find a library of simple, DIY energy-saving projects at [TogetherWeSaveKY.com](http://TogetherWeSaveKY.com).



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- electric bill. Start by cleaning the seals around the door to keep cold air from escaping. Next, remove old condiments and forgotten food. Keeping your fridge two-thirds full is ideal for improved circulation and energy efficiency. Last, vacuum away the accumulated dust bunnies from fridge coils. Filthy coils force the refrigerator to work harder, driving up your energy bill.
5. Sliding door track. Dirt and grit in the

- track can ruin the door's seal and create gaps where conditioned air can escape.
6. Electronics and lightbulbs. Dust keeps electronics and motors from running efficiently. Dust off your computer, office equipment, electronics and even lightbulbs.

With minimal elbow grease, you can start the season with some energy-saving habits. You'll have a cleaner house and lower electric bill.



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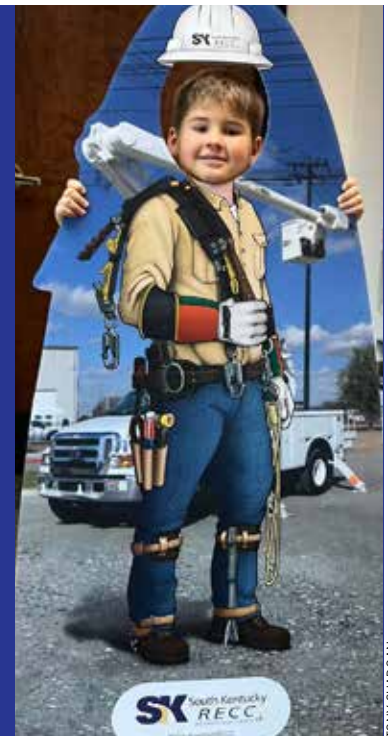
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## March 10



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