

June 2025 director election

South Kentucky RECC members will have the opportunity to vote for directors for the co-op's board in June 2025. Two district seats will be up for election. Frank Phillips, legal counsel to the SKRECC Board of Directors, addresses common questions about the upcoming election process.



The election process will be managed by Survey & Ballot Systems. After results are compiled and verified by the Credentials & Elections Committee, a formal announcement will be made to congratulate the winners.

Eligibility: Only one vote per South Kentucky RECC member account is permitted. All South Kentucky RECC members are eligible to vote for any candidate running in the election, regardless of the district in which they reside. This means that even if a candidate is running for a district different from the member's home district, that member may still vote for that candidate. Each member may cast one vote per account, either online or in person, but not both.

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

Answer: After South Kentucky's Credentials & Elections Committee verifies all candidate information and satisfactory background screenings are completed, the ballot was finalized in mid-February.

- **District 5:** Incumbent Director Tommy Nelson Jr. is unopposed in 2025 and will retain his director's seat effective July 1, 2025.
- **District 1 (Pulaski County):** Incumbent Director Cathy Epperson is challenged by Rick Barker for this seat and the two will conduct their campaigns in compliance with South Kentucky RECC's strict guidelines.

Voting timeline:

- **Online voting:** Begins May 23, 2025, at 12:01 a.m. and ends June 6, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.
- **In-person voting:** Drive-thru voting will take place during the co-op's annual membership days June 10, 11 and 12.

Question: How will the 2025 election be conducted, and who is eligible to vote?

Answer: The 2025 election will be conducted through online voting and in-person drive-thru voting, utilizing Survey & Ballot Systems as the third-party vendor.

- **Online voting:** Members may vote online from May 23 through June 6 by logging into their South Kentucky RECC account and clicking the VOTE NOW icon. This will redirect them to a secure site to cast their vote for the District 1 candidate. Once a vote is registered, no further voting will be allowed for that account.
- **In-person voting:** Drive-thru voting will occur during membership days at the following locations:
 - » **June 10:** Monticello and Albany district offices
 - » **June 11:** Jamestown and Whitley City district offices
 - » **June 12:** Somerset office

Voting hours for all locations will be 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (local time). Voting will be conducted electronically using iPads; no paper ballots will be used.

Question: When will the election results be announced, and when will new directors be seated?

Answer: The results of the 2025 director election will be certified within one to two days after voting concludes at the final membership day event on June 12, 2025. Newly elected directors will begin their service at the July 2025 regular monthly meeting of the South Kentucky RECC Board of Directors.

Question: How can I get answers to questions about the 2025 election process?

Answer: As legal counsel to South Kentucky's board of directors, I am available to answer any election-related questions. Please contact me via email at frank@phillipsattorneys.net.

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