

# CALL FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS



Pursuant to Article III, Section 4 (c) of the Jackson Electric Cooperative Bylaws: “Nominations for candidates for director to represent each district shall be made by petition signed by not less than ten (10) members eligible to vote in the district to be represented by the candidate and delivered to the principal office of JEC at least thirty (30) days prior to the district meeting. Nominations from the floor at the district meetings will not be permitted unless there is no qualified nominee by petition who is able and willing to serve as a director.”

Nomination packets can be obtained at Jackson Electric’s office. Please contact our office to schedule an appointment to pick up your packet. Candidates are subject to a background check. **The documents included in the nomination packet must be completed in their entirety and received at Jackson Electric’s office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021.**

Virtual district meetings will be held in Districts 4, 5, and

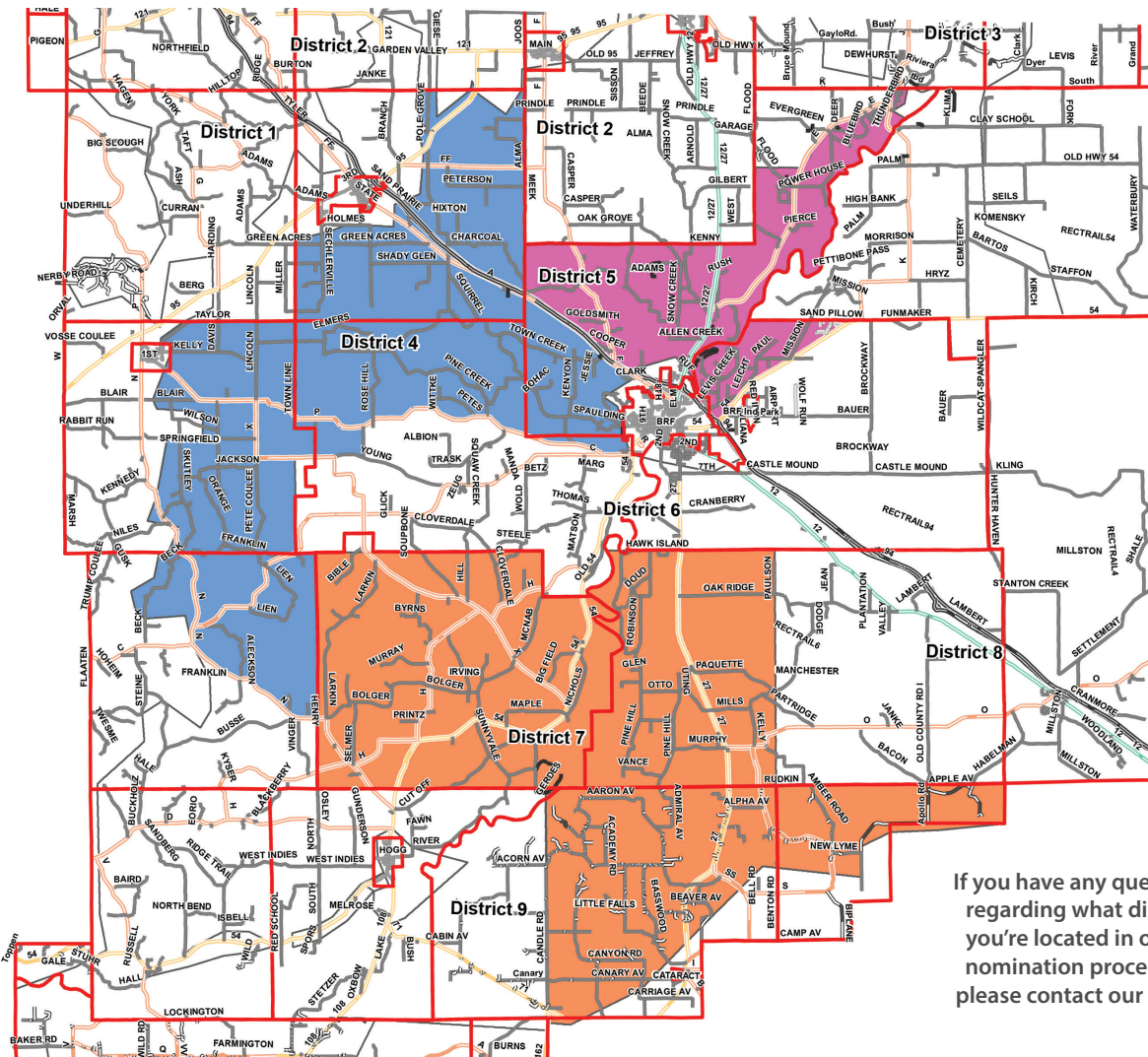
7, and voting will be conducted with a mail-in ballot. Members who have a meter in each of these districts will receive a meeting notice via USPS in June. The newly elected directors begin their terms following ratification at the annual meeting.

- District #4 Meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7 p.m.
- District #5 Meeting: Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 7 p.m.
- District #7 Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2021, 7 p.m.
- Annual Meeting: Tuesday, August 24, 2021, time and place to be determined

## Director Qualifications

Article III, Section 3 (b) of the Bylaws of Jackson Electric Cooperative establish certain qualifications that must be met in order to become a director.

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If you have any questions regarding what district you’re located in or the nomination procedure, please contact our office.

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**YOUR LOCAL,  
TRUSTED SOLAR  
ENERGY INSTALLER:  
JACKSONSOLAR, LLC**

NABCEP certified PV Associate Jesse Hansen works with the member to deliver quality service and product.

“It seemed like the right thing to do to invest in the future,” shares Art and Susan Arnold of their decision to install a solar array at their residence. “We had talked for a while on how to offset our energy usage in an environmental way that would benefit everyone, not just us,” adds Jeanne and Steve Calhoun. Both couples are Jackson Electric members that decided to invest in a solar array through JacksonSolar, LLC.

JacksonSolar, LLC, a separate entity from Jackson Electric, takes pride in being able to offer members a trusted, local source for their solar energy needs.

“We had investigated other installers,” shares Jeanne. “After learning about JacksonSolar and reviewing the estimates, we decided we would rather go with a local source that was close and able to answer questions.”

“We had also looked into some other installers, but there were delays in when they could get to us,” says Susan. “JacksonSolar was timely, open about the process, and able to answer difficult questions.”

JacksonSolar’s NABCEP certified

PhotoVoltaic (PV) Associate Jesse Hansen enjoys the work involved with solar installs and being able to offer members a renewable energy option. “We strive for quality workmanship and reliability,” shares Jesse. “When we say we’re going to be there, we are there.”

From start to finish and beyond, JacksonSolar offers members a seamless planning and installation experience guided by well-trained, NABCEP certified PV associates. To begin, JacksonSolar conducts a thor-

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*\* site assessment required*



Left: Jeanne and Steve Calhoun researched other solar companies and decided that JacksonSolar, LLC was the best fit for them. Right: Art and Susan Arnold give a thumbs up to their solar array installed by JacksonSolar, LLC.

ough site assessment using a Solmetric tool. This tool aids in determining the best location for the array to offer the most benefit for the member. “We had an idea of where we wanted our panels to be, and the site assessment confirmed that,” shares Susan. “We were also given suggestions about clearing some trees,” adds Art.

Following the property walk-through, JacksonSolar Associates will generate and present an installation proposal to the homeowner. The report will include suggestions on location and products, a load analysis, and an installation estimate, complete with cost-recovery forecasts. Through this personalized report, it is the goal of JacksonSolar to provide the homeowner with the most unbiased, informative consultation possible.

“JacksonSolar was great with explaining which location would give us the most production. After receiving the site assessment report and quote, we were ready to move forward,” says Jeanne.

Sometimes, though, that is not the

case. Sometimes homeowners leave the consultation deciding not to move forward with the installation. That is what sets JacksonSolar apart from other solar providers. The focus is not on making the sale. JacksonSolar’s representatives are honest and upfront on both the pros and cons of moving to solar equipment. It’s not the answer for everyone, and at the end of the day, we want our members to know that we were there to help them make the decision that is right for them.

With renewable energy, there also come plenty of advantages such as no emissions, no noise, low maintenance costs, producing energy to help offset your electrical usage, and the possibility of a federal tax credit.

While a solar energy system and its many perks may be the perfect green solution for those environmentally focused, others may argue that the less desirable attributes of solar equipment, such as initial cost, size, and weather dependency, outweigh the advantages.

JacksonSolar realizes that it is not a one-size-fits-all. What works for one

person may not work for another, but we take pride in knowing that we can give our members options and the information they need to navigate through those options. JacksonSolar is not the only solar provider out there, but we are committed to being the most trusted. “Jackson Electric has been here for 84 years, and JacksonSolar is going to be around for years to come, too,” says Jesse. “If you have trouble down the road, we’re going to be there to help you.”

Jeanne concludes, “Solar may not be for everybody, but I would definitely recommend it.”—*Brandi Shramek, Member Relations Advisor*

**If you are interested in learning more about solar energy from JacksonSolar, please contact our office at 715.284.5385 or go to [www.jackelec.com/jacksonsolar-llc](http://www.jackelec.com/jacksonsolar-llc).**

## MARCH IS CSA MONTH!

**A**t the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of farm-to-table producers became more evident with disruptions to our food supply. Remember the reality that you never would have imagined? Food shelves were bare. Refrigerator coolers sat empty. A simple run to the grocery store became a guessing game of which items would be in stock. Food insecurity is a scary thing, but it doesn’t have to be that way.

If you’re looking for food security and want locally sourced food, consider a subscription to a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). In the simplest explanation, a CSA sells shares (think membership) to individuals in the community. By subscribing to a share, individuals are involved with the risks and benefits involved with production.

With a CSA, you are



buying an “at cost” subscription for the growing season. The risk may be a poor growing season, but the reward is a box of fresh produce that you can pick up at the farm or have delivered to your house, usually for an additional price. CSA products may be available weekly, monthly, or have a set number of pickups or deliveries throughout the season, which varies by the individual CSA.

You may be surprised to discover that some CSAs have “thought outside the produce box.” Other CSAs may offer shares of farm-fresh eggs, homemade bread, homegrown meat products, scrumptious Wisconsin cheese, and even flowers.

For more information on local CSAs and a map of local produce farms, visit [www.jacksoninaction.org/csas](http://www.jacksoninaction.org/csas) or call 715.284.1330.—*Brandi Shramek, Member Relations Advisor*



## Director Nominations *(Continued from page 15)*

Qualifications. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in JEC who:

- (1) does not have the capacity to enter into legally binding contracts, or
- (2) is not a bona fide resident in the area served by JEC, and of the particular district which he or she represents, or
- (3) is in any way employed by or financially interested in
  - (a) a competing enterprise, or
  - (b) a business selling electric energy or supplies to JEC, or
- (4) is an employee of JEC, or
- (5) has any form of pending litigation which is, in any way, adverse to the interest of JEC, had participated in litigation or had some form of adversarial claim against JEC within ten years of nomination, election or appointment, or is likely to have an adversarial interest, claim or litigation against JEC during the term of his or her director position, or
- (6) while serving as a director or at any time within ten years preceding his or her nomination, election, or appointment was an employee of JEC, or
- (7) while serving as a director, or at any time within 15 years preceding his or her nomination, election or appointment, was convicted, or completed a sentence, probation or parole arising from conviction, of a felony or other offense involving dishonesty or breach of trust.

When a membership is held jointly, either joint member, but not both, shall be eligible to be a director, provided the candidate meets the qualifications set forth in (1) through (7), above, and provided further that the other joint member meets the qualifications in (3) through (7), above. When a membership is held by a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, any one (but not more than one) of the officers, partners, or members shall be eligible, provided the candidate meets the qualifications set forth in (1) through (7), above, and provided further that all the officers, partners, or members meet the qualifications in (3) through (7), above.

Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to preclude any member from serving as a director or from holding any position of trust in JEC because such member is an incumbent of or candidate for the office of town chairman or supervisors or because such member is also a member or director of any other cooperative from which JEC purchases or may purchase electric energy, supplies or services, not shall anything in this section contained by deemed or construed to affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of directors.

**Kindness**

Jackson Electric surprised the mail carrier with a sweet treat on National Thank Your Mail Carrier Day.

**TAKE THE CHALLENGE**

Join us in saying thanks to the many wonderful service workers in our area. From mail carriers to restaurant workers, and grocery store clerks, take a moment this month to show appreciation for their hard work.



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