

Empire Electric 2017 Annual Meeting Information

Members of Empire Electric, pull out your 2017 calendar and enter Thursday, June 15 as the date for Empire's 2017 annual meeting. It is currently scheduled to be held at Empire Electric's Calvin Denton Room, located at 801 North Broadway, Cortez, Colorado. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. This will be a business meeting only. Members who attend will get a \$10 credit on their electric bill. If it becomes apparent that a large number of members will attend, the location may change and you will be notified of the change.

If you are interested in serving on Empire's 7-member board of directors, our bylaws require the following qualifications to become or remain a director. The director shall:

- Be a member of the cooperative.
- Be a bona fide resident of the district represented.
- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Not be an employee of the cooperative.

Two district seats are open for election in 2017. They are District 1 (Jerry Fetterman, incumbent) and District 2 (Sue McWilliams, incumbent), broadly described as follows:

District 1

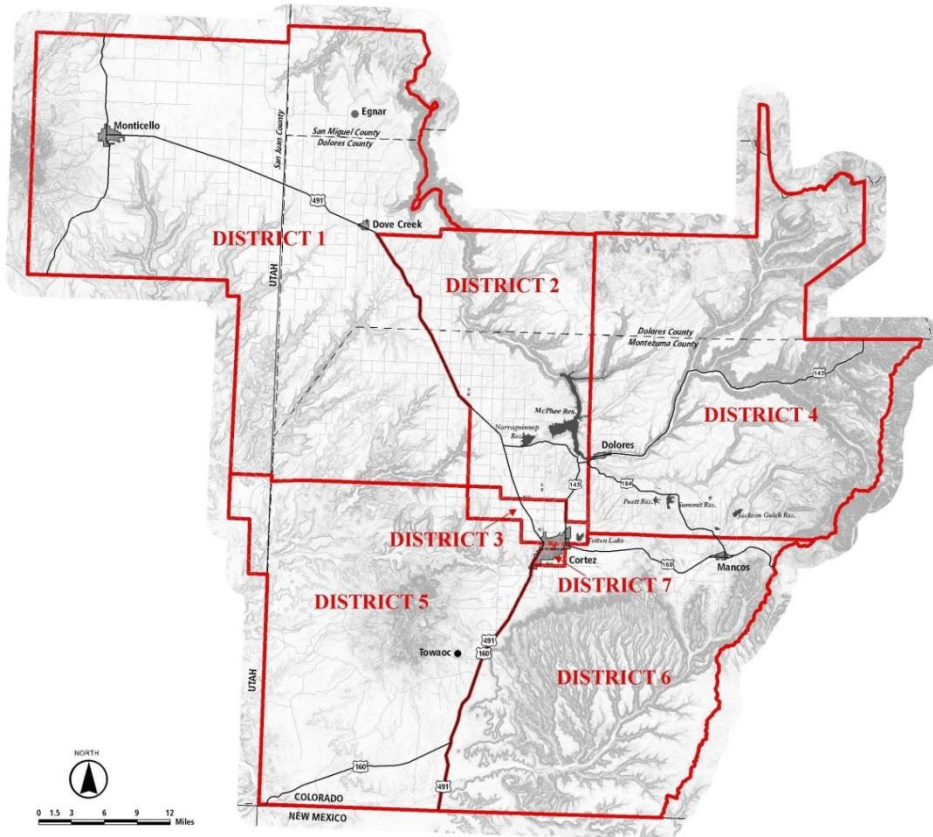
Generally the northwestern portion of the system including Monticello, Eastland, Egnar and Dove Creek. The eastern boundary is generally the section lines along which Montezuma County Road 18 runs north to Highway 491, then along Highway 491 north to the intersection of Highway 491 and the section lines approximately ½ mile south of Dolores County Road J, then east along these section lines to the Dolores River, then north along the Dolores River. The northern and western boundary is the northern and western boundary of the service area of Empire Electric. The southern boundary is section lines between Montezuma County Roads P and S and extending west along that approximate line into Utah to the western service area boundary of Empire Electric.

District 2

Generally the north central area of the system. The eastern boundary is generally the section lines followed by Montezuma County Road 29. The northern boundary is the northern boundary of the service area of Empire Electric to where it meets the Dolores River, then west approximately along the section lines located approximately ½ mile south of Dolores County Road J to Highway 491. The western boundary is Highway 491 south to the intersection of Montezuma County Road 18 and then south along the section lines along which Road 18 runs. The southern boundary is the section lines between Montezuma County Roads P and S east to County Road 21, south to County Road P, east to County Road 27, south to County Road M, and then east to County Road 29

The map below will give you an idea if your bona fide residence is within district 1 or 2. If you are interested, call 970-565-4444 or stop by Empire's headquarters at 801 North Broadway in Cortez (ask for Josh Dellinger or Denise Rosenbaugh). Once you are assured you qualify, pick up an official nominating petition form to get your name on the 2017 ballot.

District Map



Nominations are by petition only and must include the signature of at least fifteen (15) members of the cooperative whose bona fide residences are within your district. Qualifying candidates must file the official nominating petition with the cooperative's Secretary within a 45 day window beginning March 17, 2017 and ending May 1, 2017. The Secretary will post a list of qualifying nominees at the end of the work day on May 1, 2017.

Each member of the cooperative is entitled to one vote on all issues properly brought before the membership, including the election of directors. Members may vote either in-person at the annual meeting or through mail-in ballots. Mail voting shall be through ballots provided by the cooperative and shall be received by 5:00 p.m. June 9, 2017. All members are strongly encouraged to vote.

Again, please contact Josh Dellinger or Denise Rosenbaugh if you have any questions. We hope to see you at the meeting!