

‘I Call This Meeting to Order’

A look at your HCEC Board of Directors

They live in your neighborhoods, do business in your community and, just like you, receive their electric bills from Houston County Electric Cooperative. They are your directors, democratically elected by the member-owners of HCEC. The board of directors oversees the operations of the cooperative and works collectively to represent the best interests of their fellow members. Each director lives in one of the eight districts that make up HCEC’s service territory.



MARY PEARL ADAMS
Madison County District

Mrs. Adams has been a resident of Midway since 1961 and represents the Madison County District. Together with Clent, her late husband of forty-six years, Mrs. Adams raised ten children and is the proud grandmother of fifteen grandchildren



and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Adams is an active member of the Lacey Hill Church of Christ in Crockett. Retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, she is currently involved in taking care of cattle on her ranch in Midway. Her favorite hobbies include gardening, sewing, and crocheting. A Texan transplant, Mrs. Adams was born and raised in Louisiana. She is a graduate of Breaux Bridge High School and attended Xavier University in New Orleans. She is very involved in the community and serves on many boards including the Pineywoods Land Owners Association, Midway Southside Cemetery, Antioch Community Council, Madison County Historical Society, A.V. Lee School, and the NAACP. Mrs. Adams has served on the Board of Directors for HCEC since 2005.



DAN COURMIER
Director at Large

Mr. Courmier was born and raised in Leon County. He has been married to his wife Lisa, a United Airlines Flight Attendant, for thirty-four years. Together they have raised two boys. Mr. Courmier is a member of the First Christian Church in Palestine. A graduate of Buffalo High School, Mr. Cour-

mier received his Bachelor’s Degree in General Business from Sam Houston State University. Before his career at West way Feed, Mr. Courmier was a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. His love for the rodeo began when he competed in the Region IX Texas High School Rodeo Association and continued on at the collegiate level where he competed for the Sam Houston State University Rodeo Team. From 1987 to 1990, he competed at the National Finals Rodeo in Steer Wrestling, which eventually led to his induction into the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2012. Currently, he is the Regional Sales Manager for Westway Feed Products, a position that allows him to travel frequently throughout his twelve-state territory. Mr. Courmier enjoys spending time with his family on their ranch. Mr. Courmier is a member of the Emergency Services District 4 Board in Leon County . He has served as Director at Large on the Board of Directors for HCEC since 1994.





WILLIAMS EMMONS

Houston County District 1

An East Texan since birth, Mr. Emmons has resided in Grapeland since 1959 and represents Houston County District 1. He has been married to wife, Peggy for fifty-three years, and together they have four children and four grandchildren.

After graduating from Grapeland High School, he attended Stephen F. Austin, then transferred to Sam Houston State University where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education. He also received his Counselors Certificate from Prairie View A&M University. Mr. Emmons spent thirty-four



years in the education field, starting out in Grapeland as a teacher and coach and then moving to Slocum as the principal. He spent the last sixteen years of his career at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice teaching Vocational Education, eventually becoming a Counselor. He and Peggy are members of the North Loop Baptist Church in Crockett. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking, gardening and overseeing his cattle operation. Mr. Emmons has been a Board of Director for Houston County Electric for 26 years.



KENNON KELLUM

Houston County District 4

Mr. Kellum has been a resident of Houston County his entire life. Married to his wife, Essie for 55 years, they have two sons, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The Kellums are active members of Good Shepherd Church in Crockett. Mr. Kellum was the owner of Double K Construction for over twenty-five

years before becoming a Houston County Commissioner, a position he's held for the past sixteen years. Mr. Kellum is a devoted family man and when he isn't spending time with his family, you can find him enjoying his favorite hobbies - hunting or fishing. Mr. Kellum has served as the Houston County Electric District 4 Director since 1993.



MITCHELL HUFF

Houston County District 2

Mr. Huff was born and raised in Grapeland, graduating from Grapeland High School. He attended Texas A&M University where he received his Bachelor's degree in Agronomy. Married to his wife Cindy for six years, together they have five



children - three boys, and two girls. Mr. and Mrs. Huff are members of the First Baptist Church in Grapeland where they teach 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School. Mr. Huff and his brother are the co-owners of Huff Welding. He is also a Licensed Real Estate Agent with Lawrence Realty. Previously, Mr. Huff worked at the Grapeland Co-op for eighteen years. He is actively involved in ranching with his family. Mr. Huff represents Houston County District 2 and has served on the Board of Directors at HCEC since 2000.



JEANETTE "KAY" REED
Anderson County District

Mrs. Reed was born and raised in Grapeland, graduating from Grapeland High School. Over forty years ago, she relocated to Anderson County. She was married to her late husband, Maylon Reed for forty years, and together they have four

children and four grandchildren. Mrs. Reed is a member of Muse Missionary Baptist Church. She retired from Slocum ISD as the Food Service Director. Chances are if you attend any Slocum Sporting events, you'll see Mrs. Reed in the stands. In addition



to spending time at Slocum Mustang events, she loves working with flowers and listening to George Strait. Mrs. Reed has served the Anderson County members as their Board of Director since 2001.



GRADY WAKEFIELD
Leon County District

Mr. Wakefield was born in Crockett and moved to Leon County very early in his life. He graduated from Centerville High School and went on to Texas A&M University where he received his Bachelor's in Agriculture Economics. Mr. Wakefield and his

wife, Leslie, have been married for twenty-five years. They are members of the Woods Edge Church in The Woodlands. Over the span of his work career, Mr. Wakefield has been a high school history teacher, a baseball coach, and owner/operator of Aggie Storage Box and the Longhorn Storage Box. Currently, Mr. Wakefield is the owner of Wakefield Insurance in downtown Centerville.



When he isn't at work in his Centerville office, he can be found gardening or attending to his ranch operations. He also enjoys discovery and preparation of drilling prospects in the Oil and Gas industry through his company, Saxet Energy Inc. Mr. Wakefield has served as the Leon County District Representative on the Board of Directors of HCEC since 1991.



CHUCK SIEMS
Houston County District 3

Mr. Siems was born and raised in Baytown. He and his wife, Wanda relocated to Crockett in 1998. They have been married for thirty-four years, have two children, four grandchildren, and two granddogs. They are members of the Good

Shepherd Church in Crockett. After graduating from Clear Creek High School in League City, Mr. Siems joined the United States Navy where he was an E3 Medic. Since his retirement as a refinery inspec-



tor for Linear Inspection, Mr. Siems' favorite pastime is restoring antique trucks and frequently participates in local classic car shows. He has been a member of the Crockett Lions Club for over twenty years and has served as a Director on the HCEC Board since 2004.



DAVID WHITTLESEY
Trinity County District

Mr. Whittlesey is a Groveton native, attending school there since kindergarten. After graduation, Mr. Whittlesey earned his Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Texas A&M University. He is a Vice President at Lovelady State Bank. Having previ-

ously participated in ranch rodeos, today Mr. Whittlesey continues to be actively involved in his farming and ranching operation. A member of the Crockett Lions Club, Trinity County Fair & Youth Livestock Show Committee Member, Mr. Whittlesey is a hard-working volunteer with the Lovelady Lovefest



BBQ Cook-Off, the Candy Cane Project and the Community-Wide Christmas Dinner in Lovelady. He has served as a Director at HCEC