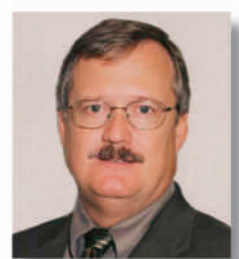


VEC Board Members Running Unopposed

The following incumbent candidates have qualified to run for positions on the Volunteer Energy Cooperative Board of Directors in districts in which the current directors' terms of office are expiring.

There will be no contested elections in districts 2, 6, or 8. Per Section 4.10 of the VEC Bylaws, in a voting district in which only one candidate has been qualified, no further action is necessary and these uncontested candidates have been elected as Directors.



Scott Humberd

DISTRICT 2 - Bradley County

Scott Humberd is the incumbent Volunteer Energy Cooperative Board of Directors member representing District 2 which covers Bradley County. The Cleveland resident is a graduate of Bradley Central High School and earned his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and his Masters of Science Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He has earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate from NRECA. He and his wife, Deborah, have three children, Jason, Sarah, and Geoffrey.

Humberd is the Chief of Operations for Bradley County Schools and also serves as Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the Cleveland/Bradley County Teachers Federal Credit Union. He is a member of Broad Street United Methodist Church.



Jerry Henley

DISTRICT 6 - Bledsoe & Rhea Counties

Jerry Henley is the incumbent Volunteer Energy Cooperative Board of Directors member representing District 6 which includes Bledsoe and Rhea counties. The Spring City resident is a graduate of Spring City High School and attended Tennessee Technological University. He and his wife, Rayna, have two children, Penne Baugh and Jeri Allen.

Henley is retired from Southeast Bank and Trust and served as mayor of Spring City, president of the Spring City Kiwanis Club, and president of the Spring City Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Spring City United Methodist Church.



Laney Colvard

DISTRICT 8 - Cumberland County - West

Laney Colvard is the incumbent Volunteer Energy Cooperative Board of Directors member representing District 8 which covers west Cumberland County. He is Chairman of the VEC Board of Directors. The Crossville resident graduated from Bledsoe County High School and earned his Bachelor of Science and Law degrees from the University of Tennessee. He and his wife, Charlotte, have one child, Lana.

Colvard is a practicing attorney. He is a member of Cumberland Homesteads Baptist Church. He is secretary/treasurer of Crossville Stockyard, LLC.

Jamestown TN Park Dark Sky Certified

Places experiencing natural darkness at night are rapidly vanishing in much of the United States. This is especially true east of the Mississippi River which includes much of the country's population. Pickett State Park and Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area has taken this issue seriously, and worked to become the first state park in the southeast to be listed as a certified dark sky viewing location by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA).

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"As one of the few dark areas left in Tennessee, we believe in preserving the dark sky for future generations and are committed to educating the public about the importance of dark skies," said Brock Hill, Deputy Commissioner for Parks and Conservation, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. "The park worked hard to preserve and protect its dark skies and we are excited about the potential for this designation." (Tennessee State Park Designated Silver-Tier International Dark Sky Park, 2015)

With the aid of the Clean Tennessee Energy Grant, lighting in the park was updated to meet IDA's rigorous standards. In partnership with the Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society and the Space Science Outreach at the University of Tennessee, the Pickett-Pogue International Dark Sky Park has developed a strong program providing information and inspiration to help park visitors have a more enjoyable and meaningful experience. Activities include an annual New Year's Eve hike, a Junior Ranger Camp each July, an annual star party, and regular dark skies programming during peak visitor season in the summer.

In 2015 when Pickett and Pogue State Park officials were working on their certification, Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) did not offer Dark Sky Friendly outdoor lighting. VEC was able to assist the park by providing underground power to the welcome center/parking area, but could not help with the lighting requirements. Since then VEC has changed the type of outdoor lighting to a more Dark-Sky friendly version.

VEC needed a new outdoor light vendor in 2016 and saw an opportunity to reduce energy usage, extend the life span of the lights, and reduce light pollution by utilizing a 70 Watt LED light. The outdoor lighting previously used was a 150 Watt metal halide. This light produced 9,360 lumens with 7% up-light or light above the fixture and is not designated Dark-Sky friendly. The 70 Watt LED lights are 6,632 lumens with only 2% up-light. This will reduce each installed light's pollution by 522 lumens or 20%. VEC is gradually upgrading to the new lights. Following the lead of Pickett Park, VEC is able to be a good steward of member's money and good stewards of the environment.



Hutsell Named Decatur Service Area Manager

Greg Hutsell was recently named area manager for Volunteer Energy Cooperative's (VEC) Decatur Service Area. For the past 10 years, Greg was the Superintendent of Safety and Construction. Prior to his career with VEC, he served as the Safety Coordinator for the Electric Power Board in Chattanooga. He began his career in the power industry with Athens, TN Utility Board where he held various positions during his 28 plus years of service. Greg is a Certified Safety Coordinator and is currently completing his Power Supervisor Certification with Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA).

When asked about his new position, Greg said, "I am excited about this new opportunity. I am looking forward to working with the service men and women of the Spring City and Decatur offices, as well as the members in our area." Greg replaced Roger Carpenter who retired this past April.

Summertime at VEC is a Busy Time

While we rarely rest here at Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC), summer is an especially busy time for us. Among our activities during the summer of 2016 are:

- As part of ongoing substation upgrades we are focusing on the Lantana and Sugar Grove substations. We completed the upgrade of the Lantana substation's control panels. We were able to change the approximately 30 year old electro-mechanical relays to new solid state relays and install a new SCADA remote terminal unit (RTU). This was accomplished without down time for our customers. At Sugar Grove, we installed a backup transformer and have begun the process of updating the control panels and SCADA RTU. Improving reliability and communication through the substation upgrades are part of our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.



Rody Blevins
 President/CEO
 Volunteer Energy Cooperative

- Inspectors are traveling throughout our seventeen-county service area to inspect poles and identify those that need to be replaced or repaired. Equipment location is also verified for our mapping and communication systems.



Lantana Substation Controls Before



Lantana Substation Controls After

- Right-of-way crews are trimming trees and vegetation from around poles and lines increasing reliability of service for our members.
- We travel with four students to Washington, D.C. as part of the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association Washington Youth Tour. This is a nationwide trip that brings hundreds of high school juniors to the nation's capital each year.
- Plans are being finalized for our annual membership meeting. This year's meeting will be held on October 1st at Meigs Middle School. More information will be coming soon about this event.
- Summer storms frequently translate into service calls and outage restoration. Our response time has continued to drop as we use more sophisticated technology to report and record outages.
- Extreme temperatures mean a higher volume of calls from customers wanting to better manage their energy costs. Customer service representatives answer many questions this time of year regarding energy efficiency measures, heat pump loans, eScore energy evaluations and rebates, Levelized Billing, PayMyWay prepaid billing, and other VEC programs.

As the temperatures heat up, rest assured that VEC is working each and every day for our member-owners. Have a wonderful summer!



The VECustomers Share program funded \$34,000 in community service grants in June. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, more than \$5.6 million in grants has been awarded. The deadline for grant applications is the last working day of each month. For additional information, contact the office of Marketing and Economic Development, at 423-334-7051. Applications are also available online, at www.vec.org.



VECustomers Share Board member Sharon Parrott presents a grant check to Patricia Williams from the Monterey Food Bank.

Organizations receiving grants in June

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| Byrdstown Lions Club | \$2,000 | National Center for Youth Issues | \$500 |
| Tennessee Club Lamb Producers Association | \$2,000 | NCE Bookworm Club | \$500 |
| The Caring Place | \$1,650 | Dragon Renaissance | \$500 |
| Polk County Golf Boosters | \$1,500 | Walker Valley Volleyball Boosters | \$500 |
| Cumberland County School Supply | \$1,500 | Toys for Children-Monterey | \$500 |
| Happy Hearts Seniors | \$1,400 | White Oak Mountain Long Beards | \$500 |
| Manna from Heaven Food Pantry | \$1,350 | Festival Chorale of Fairfield Glade | \$500 |
| Fentress County Children's Center | \$1,100 | Midway Middle School Support | \$450 |
| Meigs County Fair Association | \$1,100 | and Outreach Committee | \$400 |
| Maple Grove Baptist Youth Group Project 562 | \$1,000 | Children's Garden Path | \$400 |
| Tennessee Rush Basketball - 7th Grade Girls | \$1,000 | Meigs County FFA Chapter | \$400 |
| New Beginning Church "Sack Pack" Project | \$1,000 | MHS Boys Basketball Club | \$375 |
| CC TAD Center | \$1,000 | Fentress Seniors Softball Team | \$375 |
| Bondcroft PTO | \$1,000 | Decatur Volunteer Fire Department | \$350 |
| Obed Watershed Community Association | \$900 | Meigs County Choir Booster Club | \$300 |
| Midway Middle School Football Booster | \$850 | Lady Waves Soccer Club | \$300 |
| Hillsview Volunteer Fire Dept. | \$800 | Bradley Initiative Credit Union | \$250 |
| Snow Hill Rec League | \$750 | Monterey Girls Softball League | \$250 |
| Meigs County Archery Club | \$700 | American Legion Post 81 | \$250 |
| East Tennessee Symphony Orchestra | \$650 | American Red Cross - Fentress Co | \$250 |
| Volley Ball Booster Club | \$625 | Ocoee Theatre Guild | \$250 |
| Midway Quarterback Club | \$600 | Midway High Class of 2018 Prom Committee | \$250 |
| Jamestown Youth Cheerleading Organization | \$550 | 5 Loaves Food Pantry | \$250 |
| Jamestown Rotary Club | \$525 | SHINE, Women Making a Difference | \$250 |

Volunteer Energy Announces Scholarship Recipients

Volunteer Energy Cooperative has announced four recipients of the Lillard-Shadow Scholarships for 2016.

Alexis Clark, daughter of Chris and Leigh Clark, is a 2016 graduate of Meigs County High School and plans to attend University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Ally has been accepted into UT's College of Agriculture and Science and Natural Resources as well as the UT Chancellor's Honors Program. Before graduation Ally was elected East Tennessee State Vice President of the National FFA Organization. Ally was also involved with the Spanish Club and elected Student Council President. Ally is a gifted singer and has performed at the United Methodist Resurrection Youth Concert as well as Volunteer Energy Cooperative's Annual Meeting. Ally's long term goal is to attend the University of Tennessee College of Law.



Alexis Clark

Skylar Kelly, daughter of David and Shannon Kelly, is a 2016 graduate of Walker Valley High School and plans to attend University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Skylar is a member of Beta Club, Key Club and National Honor Society. She held the position of President with the Bradley County 4-H Honor Club. Skylar also attended Governor's School for the Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage and participated in the National Leadership Forum. In addition to clubs, Skylar served in a leadership position with Walker Valley High School Band. She was selected to participate in the East Tennessee State Band and Orchestra Association's Junior Clinic Honor Band, and the All East Senior Clinic band. Sklyar's long term goal is to become a Speech Pathologist.



Skylar Kelly

Cumberland County High School graduate and scholarship recipient **Lindsey Sherrill** plans to attend UT-Chattanooga. Lindsey is the daughter of Mike Sherrill and Rebecca Gail Sherrill. Lindsey was on the volleyball team for three years and a member of Rotary Interact Club. She served as secretary for Interact and volunteered with Bread of Life, Little Peep's Academy, and the ARC Prom. Lindsey worked part-time throughout her high school years at Sav-a-Lot. Lindsey is a Pre-Professional Biology major with a long term goal of becoming a pediatrician.



Lindsey Sherrill

Brianna Whited is a graduate of the Alvin C. York Institute. She is the daughter of Misty Miller and Richard Whited. She plans to attend East Tennessee State University in the fall. Brianna was the captain of the Cheerleading Team, member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA), and the Rotary Interact Club. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and an active member of the Fentress County Junior Fair Board. She plans to pursue a biology/chemistry degree with the long term goal of becoming a doctor.



Brianna Whited

This scholarship program began in 2003 as a way to honor Willis A. Shadow and J. W. Lillard, founders of the Meigs County Power Association which would ultimately become Volunteer Energy Cooperative. Four \$2,000 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors each year by VEC using an independent panel of judges.

Right-of-Way Spraying Helps Reduce Outages



Volunteer Energy Cooperative's right-of-way (ROW) spraying program is scheduled from mid-June and will run through September, according to Steve Scott, VEC's vegetation control specialist.

Scott said the spraying is necessary to help prevent extended power outages caused by falling trees and to assist with quick power restorations by improving access for service crews.

"We spray when growth is most active," Scott said. "We only use EPA-approved herbicides that are rated the safest and we use them in low concentrations."

Scott said the herbicides work on woody growth without affecting flowers and grass. The herbicides VEC will be using have been tested and deemed harmless to humans and animals. Copies of the Material Safety Data Sheets for each herbicide are available at VEC customer service centers.

Scott said the technique used is selective, low volume and low concentration, backpack spraying to prevent drift.

Organic growers with questions in the Cleveland and Decatur service districts should contact Steve Scott at 423-334-7034. Organic growers in the Crossville service district should contact Brad Rhea 931-484-3527 ext. 7234.

2016 R.O.W. Summer Spraying Schedule

Benton Service Area

Benton Springs Rd, Welcome Valley Road, York Road, Grove Rd, Quarry Rd, Oak Grove Rd, Parker Rd, Hwy 411, Rock Drive, Baily Rd, Parksville Rd

Cleveland Service Area

Eads Bluff Road, Van Davis Road, Lower River Road, Hopewell, No Pone Road, Mt Zion, Rabbit Valley, Harrison Pike, White Oak Valley Road, Sugar Creek, Sanford, Walker Valley, Hwy 163, Bowater Rd, Piney Grove Rd, Hwy 11, Claxton, Charleston, Upper River Rd, Riverbend, Deer Ridge, Union Grove, Council Rd, McAlister Rd, Baker Bridge Rd, Chatata Valley, Lee Hwy, Walker Valley, Bellefonte, Old Charleston Rd, Dry Valley, Tasso, Hickory Hills, Tasso Lane, Cates Lane, Julian Rd.

Crossville Service Area

Blaylock Rd, Valley View, Grapevine Rd, Ridge Rd, Mountain Creek Rd, Big Springs Gap, Smith Cemetery Rd, Bell View Rd, Otis Davis Rd, Christian Rd, Brewer Rd, Milo Webb Rd, Mutts Rd, Turkey Blind, Leffel Webb Rd, Vandever Rd, Will Wyatt Ln, Skyline Drive, Thomas Cemetery Rd

Decatur Service Area

Armstrong Ferry Road, Big Springs, Cottonport Road, Holly Glen, Hwy 58 South, Plank Road, No Pone Valley Road, Lamontville Road, Shiloh Road, Sneed Road, Hwy 30 East, Clearwater, Tranquility, Idlewild, Layman Road, Rocky Mount Road, Rodgers Creek, Sergeant town, Spring Creek

Jamestown Service Area

From Hwy 85 north up Hwy 127, Burkes Loop, Sweat Rd, Old Grimsley Rd, Banner Roslin Rd, Virgil Beaty Rd, Jonesville Rd, Brodio Rd, Bill Black Rd, Banner Springs Rd, Press Beaty Rd, Old Sunbright Rd, Stephens Loop, Goney Rd, Leo Norris Rd, Fred Young Rd

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Residential & Outdoor Lighting Fuel Cost Adjustment

Effective July 1, 2016

2.380¢

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