

LEADERSHIP



SHAWN DORFLINGER
MANAGER

Ouachita Electric's Board of Directors Leads with Purpose

Keeping the lights on for our community is a responsibility we take to heart. Elected from within the communities Ouachita Electric serves, our Board of Directors lives right here with you, making every decision with our members in mind. We know how much you rely on us, and we are committed to balancing

long-term reliability with the affordability you need.

Together, we're working to keep our cooperative strong for generations to come.

Our Board members' role is much larger than attending monthly meetings. From industry education to long-term planning, the Board plays a vital role in ensuring Ouachita Electric remains strong, reliable and prepared for the future.

Commitment to education and excellence

Ouachita Electric directors prioritize ongoing education through national programs to ensure knowledgeable, effective leadership for our cooperative and community.

All directors work toward a prestigious credential that reflects advanced training and strong leadership development — known as the Director Gold Certification. Each Board member has either achieved this distinction or is currently progressing through the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) or Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) programs, which together contribute to earning Director Gold status. To ensure the Ouachita Electric Cooperative Board maintains the highest standard of knowledge and leadership in an ever-evolving industry, the Director Gold Certification must be renewed every two years through continued education and engagement.

Preparing for a growing and changing industry

As our industry changes, we know you need a partner you can trust. Our Board works tirelessly to understand new technologies and power options, ensuring every investment strengthens the reliable service your family depends on. By planning strategically and staying informed, we're committed to meeting your energy needs today and navigating the future together with care and transparency.

Collaboration beyond our service area

Ouachita Electric directors represent our rural community by attending state conferences to exchange best practices. By engaging with legislative leaders, directors ensure our members have a voice in policy issues. This commitment to continuous learning and advocacy helps keep our energy and infrastructure strong for everyone we serve.

Guiding through challenging times

When severe weather hits, we know how stressful it is for your family. Our Board stays trained on Federal Emergency Management Agency protocols to ensure we recover quickly. We are committed to using every resource to support you and restore power as safely and fast as possible.

Investing in connectivity for the future

Reliable electricity isn't the only critical service needed in today's world — high-speed internet connectivity is just as essential. Ouachita Electric's Board has been involved in decisions surrounding fiber-optic internet expansion within the service area, recognizing the importance of connectivity for education, healthcare, business development and quality of life.

Working together to keep the power on

From governance and education to advocacy and innovation, the Ouachita Electric Board is deeply committed to our members. Directors support not only daily operations but also the long-term vision of a reliable and community-focused cooperative.

At Ouachita Electric, we truly care about your family's future. Through dedicated leadership and teamwork, we work hard every day to keep your power reliable and affordable. By investing in innovation and our community, we are building a stronger cooperative together.

Because when it comes to keeping the power on, it truly takes all of us.



Ouachita Electric's Board of Directors and Manager Shawn Dorflinger (far right) attend training at the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Summer Directors' Conference.



Ouachita Electric's Board of Directors and Manager Shawn Dorflinger (third from right) meet with members of Arkansas' Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Legislative Conference to push for responsible policies on key energy issues.

CANDIDATES

2026 CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Members of Ouachita Electric Cooperative (OEC) are voting by mail in their director elections this year. Director positions for election to three-year terms this year are Position No. 7, Position No. 8, Position No. 9 and a one-year term for Position No. 4. A ballot for your use and postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope for its return will be mailed to you with the annual report.



District 4

RANDY HARPER proudly serves as a Director for Ouachita Electric Cooperative, bringing with him a strong background in education and leadership. A 1984 graduate of Lake Hamilton High School, Randy went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Physics

from Southern Arkansas University.

Since March 1998, Randy has been employed at the Arkansas Environmental Training Academy at SAU Tech, where he served as Program Coordinator before becoming the Director of the Academy in 2006. In his roles, he has dedicated nearly three decades to educating and supporting individuals across the region.

Randy is an active member of Camden First Assembly of God, where he serves on the Board of Deacons. Randy and his wife, Kay, are proud parents of three children: Natalie Purifoy, Ryan Harper and Justin Harper.

High School. He has since retired from the teaching and coaching profession after 29 years of service.

He and his wife, the former Glenda N. Owens, are the parents of three children: Darren Adams, Jennifer Hamblin, and Chris Taylor. Mr. Adams is a member of Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church in Warren, where he serves as Church Superintendent.

District 9

I'm JOHN GUESS, I'm a third generation Ouachita Electric Cooperative member. I live in the Red Hill area near Chidester. I'm widowed and currently engaged to Lana Meadows. I have two grown daughters, Cherika Robertson and Cherity Godwin and one grandson Harper.



Twenty eight of my 31 years at Ouachita Electric were spent in the meter department. I was responsible for testing, maintaining, and changing electric meters. Myself and another employee implemented and installed the current TWACS automated meter reading system.

My pledge as your director representing District 9 is transparency, an open door to all customers regardless of ANY district. I pledge to be a steward of your money and my most important promise is a TWO (2) term limit, with constantly changing technology, fresh ideas and current perspectives are essential. I know the system, and I'm keenly aware of the needs to properly maintain the system. I'd appreciate your vote and thanks to each of you.



District 7

SHEILA JOHNSON is a dedicated community member committed to service, integrity, and hard work. She currently serves as a Service Advisor at Jim Golden Ford and previously worked as a Radiologic Technologist, holding certifications in Radiologic

Technology. Sheila began serving on the Board of Directors of Ouachita Electric Cooperative in 2023 and has earned her Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate, demonstrating her commitment to knowledge and effective leadership. She is a graduate of Leadership Camden, a former member of the Camden Lions Club and a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church, with a strong record of giving back to her community. Sheila is happily married for 45 years to her husband, Kim Johnson. She is the proud mother of Heather (Nick) Johnson and Amanda (Matt) Roberts; grandmother to Kinsey Merrick, Gabe Johnson, Garrett (Makailee) Johnson, Caleb Johnson, Jay Johnson, Hailey Roberts and Mattison Roberts; and great-grandmother to Hallie Kate. Sheila Johnson is ready to serve with honesty, accountability and a commitment to representing her community well.

Dr. CORBET J. LAMKIN is a longtime resident of the Tate's Bluff community near Chidester. A retired educator with 35 years of experience in higher education, Dr. Lamkin brings a lifetime of leadership, knowledge and service to his role on the OEC Board.



A timber grower and active member of Tate's Bluff Presbyterian Church,

Dr. Lamkin understands the values and priorities of the communities OEC serves. His commitment to reliability, accountability and safety reflects the cooperative's mission to put its member-owners first.

Since joining the board, Dr. Lamkin has worked diligently to stay informed on the evolving energy landscape. He has completed 59 courses through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and earned Director Gold status — the organization's highest level of achievement for board members.

Dr. Lamkin has served as President and in other leadership roles on the OEC Board and has represented the cooperative on the boards of the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AEC) and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI). He currently serves on the regional resolutions committee for NRECA, helping shape policy and direction at the national level.

With a strong background in education and a deep commitment to the cooperative's members, Dr. Lamkin is dedicated to guiding OEC through today's challenges while preparing for a reliable and sustainable energy future.



District 8

DANNY G. ADAMS graduated from Banks High School in 1965 and the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Mr. Adams was elected to the Ouachita Electric Cooperative Corporation's Board of Directors in June

of 2002. He has obtained the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate and the Cooperative Board Leadership certificate. He previously taught geography, civics and American Government at Hermitage High School, where he also coached Jr. and Sr. Girls' Basketball and Track. Mr. Adams also taught and coached at Woodlawn High School, New Edinburg High School, Fountain Hill High School and Banks



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**Our office will
be closed for
Independence Day
on Friday, July 3.**

CREWS

ONE COOPERATIVE, ONE MISSION: Standing Together After the Storm

When the powerful spring storm swept through our region this April, we know it brought more than just high winds and heavy rain — it brought uncertainty and hardship. At the height of the outages, more than 1,800 of our neighbors were left in the dark, impacting homes, local businesses and essential services.

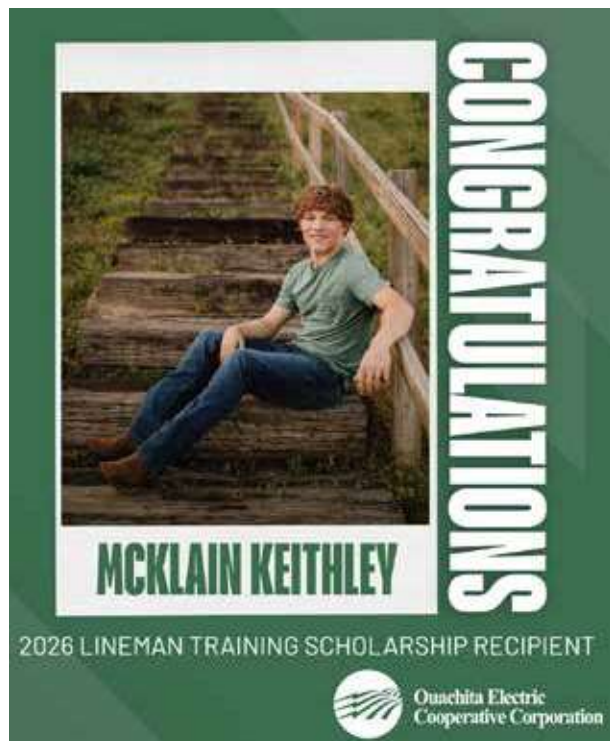
We understand that being without power is far more than an inconvenience. It's a disruption to your family's safety and daily life. That is why our Ouachita Electric crews began working through long days and late nights immediately, navigating harsh conditions with the sole goal of getting your lights back on safely.

The hard reality of recovery

Restoring power is rarely as simple as flipping a switch. This storm left behind extensive damage, snapping poles and uprooting entire sections of line. Wooded rights-of-way and muddy, debris-filled terrain made reaching the damage a significant challenge, requiring careful planning before our teams could even begin repairs.



Ouachita Electric crews worked long hours restoring power after a severe thunderstorm in April caused outages for more than 1,800 members.



Our promise to you

We follow a systematic approach to restoration designed to help the most people as safely as possible:

- **Safety first:** We prioritize identifying dangerous downed wires to protect both the public and our workers.
- **Restoring the backbone:** Crews focus first on main transmission and distribution lines that serve the largest number of members.
- **Individual care:** Once those main lines are stable, we move to smaller taps and individual service lines.

While this process means some families are restored faster than others, please know that we see you and we haven't forgotten you. Those in areas with more severe damage may face a longer wait, which is a difficult reality we share with you.

We are incredibly grateful for your patience and the trust you place in us. Our dedicated crews and staff remain committed to working until every single member's power is restored and our community is whole again.

When storms hit and the lights go out, Ouachita Electric stands ready working through the worst conditions, one repair at a time, to keep the power on for the members we proudly serve.

COMMUNITY

ONE COOPERATIVE, ONE MISSION

At Ouachita Electric Cooperative, we know that being your power provider is only one part of our commitment to you. Over the past six months, we have worked to show that our deepest connections go far beyond power lines — reaching into the classrooms, community centers and athletic fields where our families and neighbors gather. We believe in being a visible, active partner that lives out the principle of Concern for Community through heartfelt service.

Sparking curiosity in the classroom

We understand that our children are the heart of our community's future, which is why education is a major focus of our outreach. We loved seeing the excitement at Camden Fairview Elementary when energy-themed magic and demonstrations helped teach students about electricity, safety and problem-solving in a way that truly captivated them.

Our team was also inspired by the bright minds at Hampton Elementary's STEM Day and the Bearden School District's STEM Night. It was a joy to interact with students and families, helping connect classroom learning to real-world safety and potential careers. Additionally, celebrating the joy of reading during Hampton Elementary's Read Across America Week reminded us all that learning takes many forms.

Supporting academic achievement

We recognize the immense dedication and hard work it takes for students to excel. By participating in the Ouachita County Spelling Bee, we wanted to highlight and celebrate academic excellence. These moments of student achievement reflect the very same values of perseverance and dedication that we strive to uphold at the cooperative every day.



Lineworkers from Ouachita Electric participate in Hampton Elementary's Read Across America Week.



Ouachita Electric's lineworkers take part in Camden Fairview Elementary STEM Day, where energy-themed demonstrations help teach students about electricity and safety.



At Hampton Elementary's STEM Day, Ouachita Electric lineworkers talk about the dangers of electricity and how to stay safe around it.

Community traditions and family-focused events

We cherish the local heritage and traditions that make south Arkansas home. Joining in beloved events like Calhoun County's Hogskin Holidays allows our employees and families to come together with yours to celebrate fellowship and hometown pride. Because for us, serving you means more than just keeping the lights on — it means being a neighbor you can count on in every aspect of community life.