

2025 DIRECTOR ELECTION BALLOT & OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. will be at the cooperative office located at 22534 State Highway 86, Cambridge Springs, Pa 16403, and will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube from 11 a.m. to noon on Sat., Aug. 2, 2025, for the following purposes:

1. To hear and pass upon the reports of officers, directors and committees.
2. The election of two directors to serve the Cooperative.
3. For the transaction of any business that may properly be brought before the meeting.

Pursuant to Article IV of the Bylaws, nomination meetings were held on March 18, 20, and 31, 2025, and the following candidates were nominated at those meetings or by petition and are presented below for your consideration.

I, Clarissa Schneider, Executive Secretary of the Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., do hereby certify that the below-named members were nominated to be elected as directors for the aforesaid Association for the Year 2025 at the properly convened meetings according to notice and that the minutes of such meetings are on file in the office of the Association. The candidates were validated by the Member Panel on Director Elections on May 9, 2025.



Clarissa Schneider, Executive Secretary

Please detach before returning ballot.

2025 Northwestern REC Director Election

Voting Instructions

2025 Ballot

District 1

☐ June Shelhamer

District 2

☐ Earl Koon

Voting by Mail

- Mark your selections by filling in the box next to the candidate of your choice. Vote for one candidate in each district.
- Detach ballot and place in the enclosed return envelope. Mail to Survey & Ballot Systems, 7653 Anagram Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.
- Envelopes must be received no later than **July 31, 2025**. Please allow sufficient time for delivery.

Voting by SmartHub

- Access your online ballot by logging into your SmartHub account at <https://northwesternrec.smarthub.coop>.
- Enter your email address & SmartHub password, then click "Vote Now" button. Voting is unavailable via SmartHub mobile.
- Voting begins **June 3, 2025** and ends at 11:59 p.m. on **July 31, 2025**.

Voting Online

- To access the login page of the official Northwestern REC 2025 election, type directvote.net/NREC into the address bar at the top of your internet browser.
- Above is your **Member Number** and your **Election Passcode**. Use both of these numbers to log in.
- Once registered, follow the online voting instructions.
- Online voting begins **June 3, 2025** and ends at 11:59 p.m. on **July 31, 2025**.
- Do not mail your ballot if you plan to vote online.
- If you have any problems voting online, please email support@directvote.net

NO VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
Ballots will NOT be available at the Annual Meeting. Please vote by one of the three other options mentioned above.

Bios can be found on the reverse page or online at <https://northwesternrec.com>.

Paper ballots returned to Survey & Ballot Systems must be received no later than July 31, 2025.

2025

KNOW THE NOMINEES



June Shelhamer,
Incumbent
Edinboro, PA

District 1: Springfield, Conneaut, Girard, Elk Creek, and Franklin townships and Cranesville and Platea Boroughs in Erie County and parts of Monroe township and City of Conneaut in Ashtabula County.

June T. Shelhamer has been a member of Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) since the day she was born and currently lives on the property she grew up on in Franklin Township.

Shelhamer served as the Franklin Township tax collector from 1978 until she retired on Jan. 1, 2022. During her time as an elected official, she sat on the Pennsylvania State Tax Collectors Board of Directors for several years in the 1990s.

Throughout her working career, Shelhamer also owned and operated the Priority Pack and Ship store in Edinboro from 1993 to 2005. She also served as a controller at Beacon Lubricants, Inc. from 2006 until she retired in 2019 to care for her ailing husband, Gary, who passed away in November 2021.

Shelhamer has been a member of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department for the past 40 years, where she dispatched calls for the fire police. Currently, she serves as the fire company's treasurer and helps raise funds.

She has one daughter, a son-in-law and two grandsons, one of whom is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. Her other daughter passed away in 2014. Along with her deceased daughter's husband, she also has a step-daughter-in-law and a step-granddaughter.

"I look forward to serving the residents of District 1," she says, "and working with the employees of Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative to keep our electric rates as low as possible and our electric service the top-notch quality it has been for many years."



Earl Koon,
Incumbent
Edinboro, PA

District 2: McKean, Washington, Waterford and LeBoeuf townships and Mill Village and Edinboro boroughs in Erie County.

Incumbent Director Earl Jesse Koon was born and raised in Edinboro on a farm where he still resides and continues the tradition of operating and maintaining the family farm.

Koon received a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics in 1975 from Edinboro University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Gannon University in 1979.

Following college, he was employed by the Borough of Edinboro for five years as the Code Enforcement Officer and then by Washington Township as the Secretary/Manager, a position he held for more than 17 years. He finished his career in the road construction industry, where he specialized in asphalt products for more than 20 years, in 2021.

Koon and his family have been members of Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative since its availability in the mid-1940s. He is a member of Oasis Lodge No. 416, where he served as Master and Treasurer. Koon is married and has two grown children, who help on the family farm.