

In order to be added to the ballot for trusteeship, interested parties must submit petitions with 15 signatures no sooner than **Monday, January 27**, and no later than **Wednesday, March 11**. Voting will occur at the Talquin Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting to be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2020**.

## **BYLAWS PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND TRUSTEE SELECTION**

### **ARTICLE III**

#### Meetings of Members

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held once each calendar year at a time and place in the service area of the Cooperative as shall be selected by the Board of Trustees and designated in the notice of the meeting, for the purpose of electing Trustees, passing upon reports for fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to only one vote. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these By-laws. No voting by mail or by proxy shall be permitted.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### Trustees

#### SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE.

To become or remain a Trustee, a person must meet the qualifications listed in the By-laws approved and amended effective April 29, 2017.

#### SECTION 3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

(b) **Nominations.** Nominations for trustee shall be by Petition only. To be nominated and included on the ballot to represent one of the nine (9) geographic districts, a candidate for trustee must submit to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 a written Petition including the names, addresses, and verifiable signatures of at least fifteen (15) current Cooperative members. All Petitions must be submitted to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters prior to the deadline prescribed below and shall include the name of the nominee and his or her district. A member may sign the Petition of more than one candidate.

To be considered for inclusion on the ballot, Petitions must be submitted to Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 by 5:00 P.M. E.S.T. not less than forty-five (45) days, but not more than ninety (90) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. A Cooperative designee with the assistance of the Cooperative's attorney shall verify the signatures on the Petitions and refer the names of those candidates who have satisfied the fifteen (15) signature requirement for qualification review in accordance with Article IV, Section 2.

Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall post the names of the qualified nominees for election at the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351. The Secretary shall mail with the Annual Meeting Notice a complete list of the names and addresses of all qualified nominees for election.

If any of the dates for compliance specified in this Article shall fall on a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday, then the next business day following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday shall be the day of compliance. All dates for compliance specified in this Article shall be posted on the Cooperative's website at least ninety (90) days before the deadline.

For a full set of By-laws or a petition form, contact (850) 627-7651 or download a copy at [www.talquinelectric.com](http://www.talquinelectric.com).

### **Districts 3, 6, and 9 are up for election**

The present incumbents are:

District 3– Joe Alexander

District 6 – Doug Bruce

District 9 – Sam Fenn