

## News Release

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**First Electric  
Cooperative**  
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### **First Electric members re-elect Love, Roland to board**

**Jacksonville, Ark.**, June 30, 2022 – First Electric Cooperative held its annual membership meeting June 30th at the cooperative’s headquarters in Jacksonville. Members, voting by mail-in ballot, re-elected Rick Love of Jacksonville and John Roland of Perryville to each serve a six-year term on the First Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

Love represents members in the Jacksonville district. He has served on the board since 1998 and currently serves as chairman. A contractor and manufacturer’s representative by trade, he is an active member of several civic organizations including the Arkansas Cattlemen’s Association, the Little Rock Air Force Base Community Council, and Camp Robinson/Camp Pike Community Council.

Roland will represent members of the Perryville District. A small business owner, he has demonstrated public service by working with the Perryville City Council, School Board and Chamber of Commerce, and serving as a founding member of the Perryville Planning and Zoning Committee. He currently serves as mayor of Perryville, a position in which he has helped improve roads, service buildings and schools.

The First Electric Board of Directors also includes: Tracy Hudspeth, Drasco; Karissa Rushing, Benton; Tom Hasty Jr., Almyra; David Luebke, Scott; Robert Maertens, Benton; Todd Prothro, Rose Bud; and Larry Wood, Lonoke.

First Electric members who returned their ballots were entered in a drawing for prizes. This year’s prizes included five \$200 bill credits for electricity and a selection of appliances and tools.

The Annual Report also was discussed during the meeting. The cooperative ended 2021 with more than \$572 million in total assets, and more than \$7.25 million was returned to members in the form of capital credit checks.

First Electric serves more than 99,500 active accounts throughout 18 counties in central and southeast Arkansas. The cooperative’s headquarters is located in Jacksonville with full-service offices in Bryant, Heber Springs, Perryville and Stuttgart. For more information, call 800-489-7405 or visit [www.firstelectric.coop](http://www.firstelectric.coop) or [www.facebook.com/FirstElectric](http://www.facebook.com/FirstElectric).

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