

# Four co-op board seats up for election in 2016

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative members interested in running for one of four Board of Directors seats up for election this year have until Feb. 10, 2016 to turn in their applications. The election will be held during the co-op's Annual Meeting on May 10, 2016.

Bluebonnet's Board is made up of 11 directors who represent seven districts and serve staggered three-year terms. The four seats up for election represent District 1 — Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales and Hays counties; District 3 — Bastrop County; District 5 — Burleson County; and District 7 — Washington County.

Candidates can be nominated either by presenting an application for nomination with at least 50 signatures from co-op members in their respective districts or by paying a \$250 filing fee in certified funds.

To run for the Board, candidates must be at least 21 years old and a co-op member in good standing, agree to a background check and meet other qualifications outlined in Bluebonnet's bylaws, which are available at [bluebonnet.coop](http://bluebonnet.coop). Hover your cursor over the "About" tab on the home page, click on "Leadership" in the drop-down bar and then click on the "Becoming a Director" link.

Application for nomination forms are available at the co-op's member service centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart and Manor and online at [bluebonnet.coop](http://bluebonnet.coop), under the "About" tab and then "Reports & Forms" in the drop-down bar.

All candidates' petitions, filing fees and application for nomination forms must be submitted at any Bluebonnet member service center by 4 p.m. Feb. 10, 2016.

For more information, call a Bluebonnet member service representative at 800-842-7708 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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## Red Rock Community Center grant

Congratulations to Red Rock Community Center Inc., which received a \$32,967 community development grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority and Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative. The money will help fund improvements, including a new septic system, perimeter fence, new concrete sidewalks and a ramp and rails for accessibility. Originally built as a public school in 1929, the center now serves as a meeting place for nonprofits, an education training center and a polling location for elections. Applications for the LCRA's next round of grants are due Jan. 31. Information: [www.lcra.org/cdpp](http://www.lcra.org/cdpp). Unless otherwise noted, those pictured are with the Red Rock Community Center. From left: Wayne Pease, board member, Johnny Sanders (Bluebonnet), James Kershaw (Bluebonnet board member), Barbara Pennington, secretary/treasurer, Lori A. Berger (LCRA board member), Bonnie Shimek, vice president, Rick Arnic (LCRA) and Karen Rankin (LCRA).