

2023 DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES



Elise Goggin

I am grateful to be running for a seat on the Empire Electric Board of Directors. I see this as an opportunity to contribute to our community in a way that aligns with my skills and values. This cooperative has provided reliable electricity to its members for over 80 years; however, our current rates are much higher than those in similar areas in Colorado. When elected, I will work with my fellow board members to pursue the significant federal funding available for rural electric co-ops right now. We need to capitalize on this opportunity to create our own local energy and lower rates for our members.

I was born and raised in Colorado and have been living in Montezuma County for the past six years. I have a degree from the Colorado School of Mines, work for the Army Corps of Engineers, and have always had a knack for finding unique solutions to tough problems. When I step back and look at an issue, I am able to consider multiple perspectives and see the long-term costs and benefits, not just the immediate rewards. We live in an increasingly complex world, and I will bring a fresh perspective and the drive needed to the EEA board to find powerful solutions for everyone in our community. We are fortunate to live in a place where we can make decisions that work for us. I appreciate your active participation in our co-op and would be honored to receive your vote.



J. Kent Lindsay

My name is Kent Lindsay. I am a lifelong resident of Cortez and a current board member of Empire Electric. My wife and I have owned and operated the El Grande Cafe for 43 years. I have been active in the community as a volunteer fireman, EMT, Fire Chief, and member of the fire board. I served two terms as County Commissioner from 1997-2005 and am again serving in that capacity.

I believe Empire Electric has really grown in the years I have been on the board. We have kept rates low, with only one small increase in 2015. We went from having the 17th lowest rates to now having the 11th lowest rate in the Tri State service area. While keeping rates low, I am proud that we can say we are also one of the most reliable electric providers, with a 99% + reliability rating. Empire is also one of the safest and most valued places to work in our community. We keep our wages competitive to attract the best people we can and our rates the lowest possible. We are part of a great community and continue to return to it by giving scholarships to all our local high schools and giving continuing education scholarships. I am seeking your support and your vote in the upcoming board election to keep not only the traditions of our company but to expand our horizon as the new challenges come our way. For a "Brighter tomorrow".