

District 6 Candidate Biography

Name- John Hurdle

Relevant business and management experience:

- Co-Owner and Shop Director/Head of Mechanical Engineering of Hurdle Machine Works Inc.
- Own and operate a 600+ head cattle farm in Moscow, TN
- Own and manage other farms that are used for agricultural income in Fayette County, Hardeman County, TN, and Benton County, MS
- Helped facilitate the development of the 100-acre solar farm in Moscow, TN, that provides green energy for Fayette County

Community Involvement:

- Hurdle Machine Works Inc. is a member of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee Forestry Association.
- Hurdle Machine Works Inc. is a proud sponsor of the Rossville Smokin' on the Wolf annual event, the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce Gala, and the 38th East Coast Sawmill, Logging, and Pallet Equipment Exposition.
- Hurdle Machine Works Inc. provides donations to the Wolf River Conservancy and Tennessee Forestry Association.
- Provides cattle that are leased for cutting horse competitions, with a percentage of the proceeds being donated to Fayette Cares
- Member of the Tennessee Cattleman's Association

Biography:

I am a lifelong resident of Fayette County and currently reside in Rossville, TN, with my wife, Laine Tatum Hurdle, and two boys, Clarke (9) and John Mark (6). My family actively attends Rossville United Methodist Church, where I am a member of the Administrative Board and serve on the Finance Committee. I enjoy spending time with my family at ball games, days on the farm, riding horses, camping, and traveling to National Parks.

I graduated from Fayette Academy in 1997, then received my degree from the University of Memphis with a bachelor's in Manufacturing Engineering in 2002. I co-own and operate Hurdle Machine Works Inc. with my brother, Jeff Hurdle. We manufacture sawmills and sawmill equipment sold and used throughout the United States, servicing over 400 customers.

Goals for Chickasaw Board:

- Make sound decisions to provide a low-cost electrical service while maintaining profitability
- Encourage the well-being of Chickasaw Electric employees where safety is paramount.
- Stay current with modern technology and equipment
- Support the efforts to maintain and improve the response time of power outages

- Promote and develop Chickasaw Electric broadband across the entire service area.

Why Seeking this Position:

I want to give my time and use my experience in management to serve the community in this position. My grandfather, Logan Anderson, was a member of the Chickasaw Electric Board for 43 years, serving as President for many of those years. I learned from an early age the importance of Chickasaw Electric in our community, and I will take pride in following in his footsteps by continuing his legacy. It will be an honor to continue making decisions for our family's future and the community by serving on the board.

Name- Steve Feathers

I was born and raised the 5th of ten children to a sharecropper in Moscow, TN. My father moved to Collierville to become a long-haul driver for a furniture company to support his large family. Because I wanted to graduate from Fayette County High School, I drove to Somerville for two years and graduated with my friends and the class of 1962. I worked for a grocery store delivering grocery orders. This job grew into a stocking, Asst. Manager, part-owner, and finally, the owner of Steve's Big Star in Memphis. During this time, as I think back, I met many people, got to know their families, and made a lot of friends. I was married, and my wife and I raised two children in Collierville. We bought some acres near Rossville. We raised horses, cows, and hay. I loved being back in Fayette County, purchased a few more acres, and started a house. It was a thirty-minute drive from our home to the grocery, and I found myself working all of the time, so I retired from the grocery business. It took about three months to realize that I needed to be around people. A job opened up at the Rossville Post Office, so I applied and was hired as a relief carrier. I enjoyed being with people so much I went on as a part-time carrier. When the job opened up, I applied and was hired full-time. I have been meeting and making friends in this area for over 30 years and have enjoyed serving the people on my route for 20 of those years. Last year I suffered a mini-stroke that has affected my leg. I gave up my route and retired from the post office. I miss serving my people and want to do what I can with what I have to continue what I love...people.

We are members of Kirk Baptist Church, where I serve on several committees and as Sunday School Director.

My goal is to keep Chickasaw rates down while keeping the solid reputation that Cooperation has earned. I believe that the people of Chickasaw Electric are the best.

Name- Guy Moore

Relevant business and management experience:

- Employed in the information technology field for 35 years with several fortune 500 companies as a business analyst, team leader, and manager.

Community involvement:

- Primarily church-related community events partnering with the town and school.

Background:

- Raised on a farm that I still operate and approaching retirement from an IT career while living in Rossville.

Occupation:

- Employed as an IT professional with International Paper Company.

Interests:

- Retiring from an IT career and contributing to Chickasaw Electric Cooperative.

Other Org:

- Currently serving as church treasurer.
- Former library board chairman and former PTO president.

Goals for Chickasaw Board:

- To assist Chickasaw Electric in its mission of delivering low-cost electricity.

Why seeking this position:

- To serve the community in a more dedicated way during my retirement years.

Name- James Wells Jr.

Business and Management Experience:

- BS degree in Business Management with 37 years in the Financial Service Industry
- Senior Account Manager for National Financial Services Firm
- Field Representative for National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Vice President and Securities Compliance Officer for Agency in Alabama
- Agency Manager for Regional Insurance Agency
- Assistant Cashier, Operations Officer, and Loan Office in Banking Industry

Community Involvement:

- Prior to moving to Rossville (2020):
- Member of First Baptist Church of Montgomery
- Arrowhead Golf and Country Club
- University of Alabama Alumni Association
- Flew Air Search and Rescue with the Civil Air Patrol
- Assistant Scout Leader
- President of Local Jaycee Chapter

Currently

- Member of Board of Directors and Treasurer of Lafayette Station HOA.

Biography:

- Graduate of Troy University with BS in Business Management
- 37 years of experience in the Banking and Financial Services Industry
- Currently Retired
- Interest: golf, woodworking, and being a grandfather
- Board of Directors and Treasurer for Lafayette Station HOA
- Outstanding Young Men of America
- Prior to retirement, Registered Financial Planner, Registered Representative thru FINA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority), and Insurance advisor and agent.

Goals for CEC Board:

- Always transparent and effective communication between the Board and Coop's members.
- Insuring the cooperative stays advanced in technology to provide services at the most effective cost.

Seeking the position:

Having been a Coop customer for 30 years and worked for NRECA, I understand the cooperative's function and the service they provide for their membership.

Name- Justin Hasty

- Relevant business and management experience:
 - 15 years of management in the automotive Collision Industry
 - 7 years as an independent agent for TN Farmers Mutual Insurance
- Community involvement:
 - Lifetime member of my community Baptist Church
 - TN Farm Bureau- Largest State Farm in the nation
- Background:
 - 1999 Graduate of Christian Brothers University
 - Family activities and classic cars

Biography:

- 1999 Graduate of Christian Brothers University
- Occupation- Insurance Agent
- Personal Interest/Activities- Family activities and Classic cars
- Other organizations and/or Board positions- TN Farm Bureau
- Certifications-
 - CBU Business management degree
 - I-Car Certified
 - 7-year winners circle achievement

Goals for CEC Board:

- To help determine meet and exceed the operational goals of the cooperative
- To be part of future planning of ideas, such as broadband

Why are you seeking this position?

- I want to be part of the best cooperatives in the area.
- After moving from another county, I want to see and help with what makes us the most responsive company.
- Set goals, prioritize them and work hard to keep the company successful.