

Director Election Process Underway

The date for the annual District Elections has been established by the Board of Directors. Elections are scheduled in each of the three water system voting districts on March 2, 2012. Each year one member from each of the Systems three districts is elected to the Board of Directors for a three year term. Due to a recent Bylaws change approved by the membership in March, if only one candidate files for nomination in a district, no election will be held and that candidate will be declared the winner. If an election is held, an official notice will be mailed in advance of the meetings with exact times and locations.

Any member, who wishes to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors, must complete a "Notice of Intent to Seek Nomination for Director Position" form and submit it to the system office at least twenty days in advance of the District Elections. The official notice for the District Election will be mailed to all system members ten days in advance of the elections and will include the names of all system members who have returned the form and wish to be placed in nomination at their respective district. Notice of Intent forms are due in the system office no later than February 7, 2012. A map [egoraiG oonlchmH] showing the three system voting districts accompanies this article. If you would like more information on your district, the district election process, serving on the Board of Directors, or to request a Notice

of Intent form, contact the water system office at (605) 267-2088 or via email at office@clayruralwater.com.

In order to serve on the Board of Directors, persons must be a

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member of the water system and a bona fide resident of the area served by the water system. Potential Director candidates should also have the following qualifications:

- Have an understanding of financial matters.
- Have an understanding of cooperatives and rural utilities.
- Are committed to learning about the water system and its customer base, and are willing to devote the time necessary to become a meaningful contributor on behalf of all residents, farmers and businesses served by the water system.
- Have demonstrated commitment and interest in issues and businesses important to rural America.

