



SECO NEWS

WYNN'S WIRE

SECO ENERGY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2023 OFFICERS

DEAR MEMBERS,

The SECO Energy Board of Trustees is a nine-member Board who are SECO members themselves. Our service area is divided into nine geographic Districts and a Trustee is elected from each District by the members who reside there. Collectively, the Board serves for the benefit of our membership.

The Board establishes, reviews and revises corporate policies to ensure that SECO Energy is fulfilling its Mission and Vision while executing its strategy. These members serve as the touchstone for the entire SECO membership as we uphold our Core Values of Safety, Member Commitment, Honesty and Integrity, Strong Work Ethic, Inclusive Culture, Accountability and Teamwork.

The SECO Energy Board of Trustees holds Officer elections yearly. Please join me in congratulating your 2023 Board Officers:

BOARD PRESIDENT

Gerald Anderson was re-elected Board President. President Anderson resides in The Villages and represents District 3. He has been a SECO Energy member since 2013 and was first elected to the Board in 2019. A skilled leader, President Anderson brings a wealth of experience to our Board.

BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Scott Boyatt was re-elected as Vice President. Mr. Boyatt represents District 1, has been a SECO member since 2004 and was first elected in 2013. I respect and appreciate Mr. Boyatt's dedication to and his service as a Board Trustee.

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER

District 9 Trustee Morgan Hatfield joins the Officers as the Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Hatfield has served on the Board of Trustees since 2021 and has been a SECO member since 2019. Ms. Hatfield is enthusiastic in her

commitment to our members and increasing her energy industry knowledge bank.

I am enormously proud of our Board Trustees, and it gives me great pleasure to announce that each of our Trustees has completed the full package of Director Training from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Each Trustee has completed the required coursework to earn the Director Gold Credential, which recognizes their commitment to advancing their knowledge and performing their fiduciary duty to the best of their ability.

Here at SECO, we are so appreciative of our Trustees' service to our cooperative and the membership.

Best regards,

Curtis Wynn
Chief Executive Officer



Standing from left: Richard Dennison (District 4), Mike Muffett (District 6), Secretary/Treasurer Morgan Hatfield (District 9), CEO Curtis Wynn, President Gerald Anderson (District 3), Vice President Scott Boyatt (District 1), Shannon Wright (District 5), and Joyce Anderson (District 2). **Seated from left:** Bill James (District 8), Nora Brown Executive Administrator for the CEO and Board, and Joseph Kusiak (District 7).

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SAVE MONEY - SAVE GAS CHARGE FAST!



EV LEVEL 2 LEASE/PURCHASE PROGRAM

Are you considering purchasing an electric vehicle (EV)? You're not alone – statistics from 2022 report that for every 1,000 Florida residents, eight own a plug-in EV. In 2018, that figure was roughly two in 1,000 residents.

Although the cost for an EV is typically higher than comparable combustion engine models, they have the advantage of reduced fuel and maintenance costs. Supplement this with the availability of Federal Tax Credit incentives on certain models, and the possibility of owning an EV is even more feasible.

Do you own an EV and want to charge at home? You can lease or purchase a ChargePoint Home Flex Level 2 EV Fast Charger from SECO Energy. Lease for only \$14.50 per month or purchase for \$699, both plus tax. For a limited time, SECO is waiving the \$50 installation fee.

Before placing an order for the EV Level 2 Fast Charger, check with a local licensed electrician to verify your breaker panel's capacity. A 240-volt outlet and NEMA 14 50-amp receptacle must be installed. SECO's free installation promotion covers only the installation of the charger. Ready to lease or purchase an EV Fast Charger today? Fill out our simple web form at SECOEnergy.com > Energy Solutions > EV-Level-2-Fast-Charger.



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EV LEVEL 2 FAST CHARGER

» **(Source: Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Office)**

NRECA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REVIEW

SECO Energy sent three representatives to attend the 2023 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. in April. In addition to convening with other electric cooperative representatives, the group met with federally elected officials and staff to encourage support for several key issues now facing the energy industry.

SECO Energy Board of Trustees President and District 3 Trustee Gerald Anderson, District 7 Trustee Joseph Kusiak and SECO Energy's Senior Consultant for Civic, Charitable & Government Relations Kathy Judkins joined over 2,000 fellow cooperative attendees seeking to affect a positive impact for the energy industry through information and education.

Key topics of concern were supply chain bottlenecks, disaster relief assistance reform, and expediting the regulatory process for modernizing the nation's electric grid.



PAPERLESS BILLING AND SMARTHUB

EASY AND CONVENIENT



A MESSAGE FROM **MORGAN HATFIELD**, SECRETARY/TREASURER AND DISTRICT 9 TRUSTEE

SECO Energy leads the way in terms of payment options for members. Whether you choose to pay online, through bank draft, by phone or in person – SECO offers 12 Ways to Pay that are easy and convenient.

Is paper cluttering your mailbox and your life? Enroll in paperless billing today to reduce paper waste, postage and printing costs. Paperless statements help deter identity theft – no worries about your billing statements going missing from your mailbox. Reducing paper and spending less on postage and printing is a boost for the environment and the Cooperative.

To enroll in paperless billing, log in to your SmartHub account, choose Settings and Paperless Billing. Set the toggle switch to “ON” for “Go Paperless.”

PAY ONLINE THROUGH SMARTHUB

While in SmartHub, you can pay your bill electronically. Our online account management platform allows you to make payments using a debit card, credit card or electronic check without incurring a convenience fee. Those who wish to have their bill paid automatically can use SmartHub to enroll in a bank draft option. Choosing this connects your checking or savings account so payments are drawn directly on the due date.

SECO Energy members using SmartHub can review energy consumption history and past bills. SmartHub is accessible via desktop

computers, smartphones, and tablets using the free app available for iPhone and Android users.

PAY BY PHONE

Members may still call 24/7 and make payments through SECO Energy’s interactive voice response (IVR) system using a debit or credit card or electronic check, with no fee.

BUDGET BILLING

For members who desire a consistent electric bill, SECO Energy’s Budget Billing may be the right option for you. Budget Billing will calculate a monthly payment based on the average use during the previous 12 months. Contact us at customerservice@SECOEnergy.com to enroll or visit the website.

PAY IN-PERSON

For those who prefer to pay in person can visit a Member Service Center kiosk 24/7. You can utilize one of many payment locations through SECO-authorized bill payment vendors like Western Union, MoneyGram, Fidelity Express, and Vanilla Direct. Each vendor collects a processing fee per transaction. You can find hundreds of locations and learn more at SECOEnergy.com > Your Account > 12 Ways to Pay.



EV OFF-PEAK CHARGING INCENTIVE

Members who own an electric vehicle (EV) and help SECO reduce demand during peak times by charging during Super Off-Peak hours (12 a.m. - 6 a.m.) can earn a \$7 monthly incentive.

As EV ownership expands nationally, public electric vehicle charging stations are becoming more abundant. DOE.gov reports over 2,800 Level 2/DC Fast charging stations in Florida. Nationally, the number of public EV charging stations approaches 130,000, with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law targeting an extension of that to 500,000 by 2030.

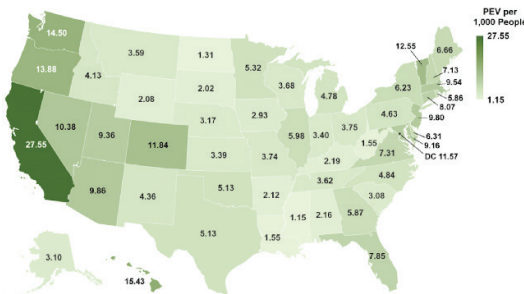
The Department of Energy estimates that, not surprisingly, about 80% of EV charging occurs at home. As homeowners become more comfortable with the concept, language, and practicality of EV ownership, more garages will have Level 2 (240-volt) chargers installed.

If you're a member who owns an electric vehicle and charges at home, help us reduce demand by charging your EV during Super Off-Peak hours (12 a.m. - 6 a.m.) and earn \$7 monthly. To be eligible, the all-electric EV must be owned or leased by the account holder, charged using a Level 1 or 2 Charger, and registered with a state Department of Motor Vehicles agency.

Hybrid, PHEV vehicles or street-legal golf carts sometimes called neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) are not eligible for the \$7 monthly charging incentive.

» (Source: Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Office).

PEV REGISTRATIONS PER THOUSAND PEOPLE, 2022



WINNING ACCOUNT NUMBERS!

Are the last six digits of your account number below? Email customerservice@secoenergy.com or call if your number appears. Winners receive a \$25 gift card.

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BOARD MEETING DATES

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, June 26, 2023**, at 2:30 p.m. in the Corporate Offices at 330 South US HWY 301 in Sumterville. A Trustees' meeting will also be held on **Monday, July 24, 2023**.

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secoenergyjobs.com