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Serving Toombs, Montgomery, Emanuel, Treutlen, Laurens, Johnson and Tattnall counties

Join Us!



2023 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Southeastern Technical College

Toombs Auditorium

(Tattnall Auditorium will be used for overflow)

3001 E. 1st St.

Vidalia, GA 30474

What You Need to Know

This year's Annual Meeting of Members will be held **IN PERSON**. Registration will begin at noon and end at 2:30 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. after registration ends.

Please bring the cover of Georgia Magazine with you to the meeting. It contains your Registration Card and Voting Ballot.

Please read the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes on page 18B of this newsletter. You will be asked to cast your vote to approve these minutes at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

The business meeting will be broadcast on 88.5 FM on your car radio, and will also be on Facebook Live via our Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you—**IN PERSON**—on Wednesday, Nov. 1.



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members Altamaha Electric Membership Corp.

Lyons, Ga.—Nov. 2, 2022

The 86th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Altamaha Electric Membership Corporation was held at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia, Georgia, on November 2, 2022, as a drive-thru format. Members were able to tune in on their vehicle radio or Facebook live.

At 2:32 p.m., Assistant General Manager, George McLendon, called the meeting to order and thanked the members for their attendance. He stated registration is now closed.

The Manager, Romanous Dotson, gave the invocation.

The Assistant Manager introduced the directors and visitors attending the meeting.

The Assistant Manager introduced Mr. Steve Chalker, Chief Operating Officer for the Burn Foundation of America. Steve thanked Altamaha EMC's members for their donations at today's annual meeting.

President Youmans served as Business Session Moderator, and Mr. Brandon Braddy, Secretary and Treasurer of the Cooperative, served as Secretary and kept the minutes of the meeting.

The Secretary reported that he had filed an affidavit with the cooperative certifying that on October 17, 2022, each member of the cooperative was mailed a notice of the annual meeting. Said affidavit is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

President Youmans called for the approval of last year's minutes for the annual meeting held November 3, 2021, as they were printed in the November 2022 newsletter and the annual meeting program. Votes were still being tabulated by the Credentials and Election committee, so this action was tabled until later in the program.

The Assistant Manager stated based on registrations we had a quorum. He reported that 1,331 members of the Cooperative were registered, which constituted a quorum, and advised that a list of those present would be filed in the office.

The Manager addressed the membership to give an update on the business of the cooperative. This year our cause to support was Burn Foundation of America. Our employees are wearing red shirts in support of Burn Foundation of America.

Phil Proctor gave a fiber update. He

reported we currently have 800 fiber customers. He asked our members to be patient as we work toward their homes and businesses.

Jason Peacock, CPA, with McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co. gave a financial report on the cooperative based on the June 30, 2022, audit. Mr. Peacock, in reporting on the operations of the cooperative, stated that the co-op continues to be financially and fiscally sound.

Chris Hopkins, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. Nominated by the Committee for the three Director positions expiring at this meeting were:

- **Drexel Braddy, District No. 2**
- **Randall Morris, District No. 3**
- **Krista Anderson, District No. 5**

At 3:02 the business session of the meeting took a recess for the tabulation of ballots to be completed. The business session reconvened at 3:17.

Attorney Steve Minor conducted the election of the directors and reported that nominations for the directorships could be made either by the Nominating committee or by written petition. He further reported that one nomination was by the Nominating committee, and one made by written petition. Once voting was completed, the cooperative's auditors and the Credentials and Elections committee tabulated the ballots and have certified the following results:

- **Drexel Braddy, District No. 2**
- **Randall Morris, District No. 3**
- **Krista Anderson, District No. 5**

Attorney Steve Minor also reported that the members approved the proposed 2021 annual meeting minutes by majority vote.

President Youmans opened the floor for new business. There was no new business.

The grand prize will be drawn at the headquarters on Friday, November 5, and the winner will be notified.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the business meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Aug. 18, 2023

The Nominating Committee is composed of Bruce Herndon, Melvin McBride, Barry McDonald, Dustin Carter, Harold Ricks and Scott Livingston, who were duly appointed by the Altamaha EMC Board of Directors to serve as members of the Nominating Committee for 2023. They met at the cooperative office in Lyons on Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. Barry McDonald and Dustin Carter participated in the meeting virtually.

By unanimous vote of the committee, Melvin McBride was elected as chairman and Altamaha EMC General Manager George McLendon was requested to serve as secretary.

The committee in making its nominations for directors to serve from District 1 comprised of Toombs and Tattnall counties, District 3 comprised of Montgomery County and District 4 comprised of Emanuel County, and in recommending to the membership the election of their nominees took into consideration the availability, faithful and efficient service, and other characteristics of said nominees.

Following a thorough discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed nominating Bill Benton from District 1. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed nominating Brandon Braddy from District 3. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed nominating Robert Youmans from District 4.

After a thorough discussion of the cooperative's past year's operating statistics, and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

New Kiosk in Swainsboro

Come by and check out the new kiosk in the drive-thru at our Swainsboro office! The kiosk is available 24/7 and accepts cash, checks and credit card payments. With this new kiosk, Altamaha EMC members can pay their bills quickly and easily without having to leave their vehicles. All you need is your bill stub to scan the bar code or your account number to access your account.



Member RECIPES

Pimento Cheese Biscuits

Courtesy of Georgia Grown

**4 cups self-rising flour, plus more
for rolling and kneading**

1/2 cup shortening

1 cup pimento cheese

1-1/2 cups buttermilk



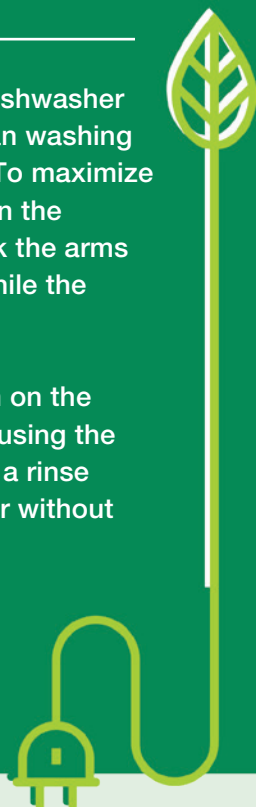
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know using your dishwasher is more energy efficient than washing a load of dishes by hand? To maximize efficiency, wash full loads in the dishwasher and don't block the arms or other parts that move while the appliance is in use.

For additional savings, turn on the "air dry" setting instead of using the "heat dry" setting, and use a rinse aid to help dishes dry faster without spotting and streaking.

Source: www.energy.gov



Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Whisk flour in a large bowl, making a well in the center. Add shortening and pimento cheese into well. Begin adding buttermilk to well, working it into shortening/cheese mixture with your hand. When you have a loose paste, begin incorporating flour in from edges.

When all flour has been incorporated, turn dough out onto a floured board and knead lightly 5 or 6 times, incorporating more flour if dough is too sticky. Pat dough out to 1-inch thickness. Using a 2-inch biscuit cutter, dip cutter in flour and cut out biscuits. Place biscuits on baking sheet and bake 12-15 minutes, or until golden. *Yields 20-24.*

For recipes from farms and producers across our state, visit www.georgiagrown.com.

Electric Co-ops Grow for the Communities They Serve

October is National Co-op Month, and Altamaha EMC is joining cooperatives across the U.S. to celebrate. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, but they each have a common goal: Provide goods or services for the members of the co-op.

Electric co-ops, including Altamaha EMC, exist to serve their members. Our priority is to provide affordable, reliable energy to our local communities. Because we are led by you, the members we serve, we can evolve to meet your needs.

This October, as we celebrate National Co-op Month, we're focusing on the ways "Co-ops Grow" for their members.

Co-ops Grow Communities:

Co-ops help communities grow by promoting economic empowerment, fostering community engagement and supporting the unique needs of co-op members. Concern for Community is one of our core principles—and being community-focused is essential to everything we do.

Co-ops Grow Together: Co-ops are all about cooperation, not competition. That's why electric co-ops work together to share lessons learned, successful strategies and better ways to serve our members. We're better when we grow together!

Co-ops Grow Tomorrow's

Leaders: Electric co-ops serve as fertile ground for growing tomorrow's leaders through a variety of youth engagement programs. Whether through school demonstrations, community events or the Washington Youth Tour program, we're committed to providing opportunities for local youth to learn and thrive in our community and beyond.

Co-ops Grow for You: At Altamaha EMC, your satisfaction is our No. 1 goal. It's why we were formed many years ago to fulfill a uniquely local purpose. We've come a long way since then, and your needs continue to evolve. That's why we'll never stop growing for you!



CO-OPS GROW

COMMUNITIES

Electric cooperatives are joining co-ops across the U.S. to celebrate National Co-op Month. As your local electric co-op, our services are shaped to meet your specific needs. We love growing with you, the members we are proud to serve.



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- Make Payments
- View Account Information
- View Outage Map

