



# Plugged in to Altamaha EMC

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*Official Newsletter of Altamaha Electric Membership Corporation*

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

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## 2025 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025

Southeastern Technical College  
Toombs Auditorium  
(Tattnall Auditorium will be used for overflow.)

3001 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Vidalia, GA 30474

### What You Need to Know

This year's Annual Meeting will be **IN PERSON** in the Toombs Auditorium at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia. Overflow seating will be hosted in the Tattnall Auditorium at the college.

Registration will begin at noon and end at 2:30 p.m., with the Business Meeting beginning at 2:30 p.m. after registration ends.

**PLEASE BRING THE COVER FROM THIS MAGAZINE WITH YOU TO THE MEETING. THE COVER CONTAINS YOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND VOTING BALLOT.**

Please read the minutes from our 2024 Annual Meeting on page 20B of this newsletter. You will be asked to cast your vote to approve these minutes at the 2025 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. 5.



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

Lyons, Ga.—Nov. 6, 2024

The 88th Annual Meeting of Members of the Altamaha Electric Membership Corp. was held in the Toombs and Tattall Auditoriums of the Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia, Ga., on Nov. 6, 2024.

At 2:30 p.m., General Manager George McLendon called the meeting to order and thanked the members for their attendance.

Bill Benton gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The manager introduced the Directors and special guests attending the meeting. This year, we had two retirees presented with rocking chairs. The retirees were Ramona Dowd and Dennis Morris.

Dr. Barry Dotson, Vice President of Student Affairs at Southeastern Technical College, gave the welcoming address.

President Morris served as Business Session Moderator, and Brett Williams, 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 Oct. 7, 2024, 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 Morris asked the membership to waive the reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting held Nov. 1, 2023, as they were printed in the meeting program and was approved by acclamation; the reading was waived, and the minutes were adopted as presented.

The manager called on Tammye Vaughn, Office Manager, and asked her if there was a quorum. Vaughn reported that 802 members of the cooperative were present, which constituted a quorum, and advised that a list of those present would be filed in the office.

The manager addressed the membership to expand on the restoration of Hurricane Helene. It has been about the community

coming together and working together. The manager informed the members of the great things our Operation Round Up dollars are doing in our local communities.

He thanked them for their support. The manager recognized the great job our employees had done during the aftermath. The audience applauded all staff and employees for the job well done.

Jason Peacock, CPA with McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., gave a financial report on the cooperative based on the June 30, 2024, audit. 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:

- **Brett Williams, District 1**
- **Danny Shepherd, District 2**
- **Dean Gowen, District 4**

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 no nominations by written petition had been filed and called for a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, those nominated were elected.

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

The awarding of attendance prizes was then conducted by Bill Kennedy and Josh Thigpen.

The grand-prize winner was Terry D. Moye, who received a \$500 bill credit.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Business Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

## Report of the Nominating Committee

Aug. 14, 2025

The Nominating Committee composed of Gary J. Walden, Jimmy Glover, Chris Hopkins, Randy Mosley, Blake Daniels and Brad Dollar, who were duly appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as members of the Nominating Committee for the year 2025, met at the cooperative office in Lyons, Ga., on Aug. 14, 2025, at 9 a.m.

By unanimous vote of the committee, Hopkins was elected as Chairman, and the Altamaha EMC General Manager George McLendon was requested to serve as Secretary.

The committee in making its nominations for Directors to serve from District 2 comprised of Treutlen County, District 3 comprised of Montgomery County and District 5 comprised of Laurens and Johnson counties, and in recommending to the membership the election of their nominees took into consideration the availability, the faithful and efficient service, and other characteristics of said nominees.

Following a thorough discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed nominating Drexel Braddy from District 2.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed nominating Randall Morris from District 3.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed nominating Krista Anderson from District 5.

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

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Do you know the warning signs of an energy scam? Scammers will often use **high-pressure tactics** that create a sense of urgency. They may also ask for **unusual payment methods** such as gift cards or cryptocurrency. **Dodgy communication** is typically associated with a scam, including poor grammar, spelling errors or unusual email addresses. If you spot any of these warning signs, take a moment to pause and determine if it's legitimate or if it's a scam.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As winter approaches, now is the time to inspect your home for air leaks around windows. Leaks reduce indoor comfort and lead to higher heating costs. If you can see daylight around the edges of a window frame or if a window rattles slightly when touched, air is likely leaking. Caulking and weatherstripping are simple, effective methods for sealing windows. These materials are available in a variety of compounds and forms, each designed for different types of surfaces. Choose the right product and apply it properly to reduce heat loss, improve comfort and lower energy bills.



## Member RECIPES

### Satsuma Pecan Cheese Ball



- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup Greek plain yogurt
- 3 tablespoons green onion, finely chopped, divided
- 2 teaspoons Satsuma zest
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons Satsuma supremes (peeled, segmented, membranes removed)
- 1 cup pecans, toasted, chopped
- Crackers, for serving

Using a hand mixer, cream the cream cheese until smooth. Add yogurt, 2 tablespoons green onion, Satsuma zest and 1/4 cup Satsuma supremes. Mix until smooth.

Line the inside of a small bowl with plastic wrap. Scrape cream cheese mixture into prepared bowl. Press mixture down and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm.

When ready to serve, remove cheese ball and roll in chopped pecans. Place on serving dish. Garnish with remaining green onion and Satsuma supremes. Serve with crackers.

# Operation Round Up Spotlight



Through the generosity of Altamaha EMC members who round up their bills each month, Operation Round Up continues to fund projects that change lives—both human and animal—right here in our community. This month, we're highlighting two organizations whose work brings hope, healing and compassion where it's needed most.

## Christian Recovery Centers Inc.

Christian Recovery Centers Inc. recently received a \$2,500 Operation Round Up grant to make their main facility more accessible for all residents. Planned upgrades include installing wheelchair-accessible ramps, modifying restrooms to meet ADA standards, creating smooth outdoor pathways for mobility devices and adding ADA-compliant handrails and signage.

A faith-based, nonprofit organization, Christian Recovery Centers is dedicated to restoring the lives of men facing addiction, homelessness and instability. Their structured residential recovery program focuses on spiritual growth, personal accountability, counseling and life skills development.

Serving more than 250 individuals annually, they provide a safe, supportive environment where residents can heal, grow and reenter the workforce with confidence and purpose.



## Sweet Onion Animal Protection Society (SOAPS)

SOAPS recently received a \$3,000 Operation Round Up grant to support its low-cost spay and neuter program, which serves about 150 pet owners each year in Toombs County and surrounding areas. By making these services affordable, SOAPS helps reduce pet overpopulation, improve animal welfare and prevent unwanted animals from ending up in shelters or abandoned.

In addition to offering essential veterinary care, SOAPS promotes responsible pet ownership and supports families that may not otherwise be able to afford these services. Each pet helped through this program represents a step



forward in creating a healthier, more compassionate community for animals and the people who love them.

Thanks to your continued support of Operation Round Up, these organizations can expand their reach and ensure that people and pets alike have the resources they need to thrive!



## Holiday Office Closing

The offices of Altamaha EMC will be closed Monday, Oct. 13, in observance of Columbus Day. For any outages or related emergencies, please call (912) 526-8181. Standby personnel will be available and ready to assist.