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RESULTS OF 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

The first ever drive-through annual meeting of the members of Excelsior EMC has been concluded as of May 14, 2021 at 2:00pm. While we would much rather have an in-person annual meeting, the drive-through method proved to be very efficient given the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were two matters requiring member approval in the 2021 Annual Meeting:

- 1. Director Elections** - Three incumbent directors were re-elected to serve another three-year term. The results of the vote are as follows.

District 4

G.W. Johnson, Jr.
566 Highway 192 North
Twin City, GA 30471-3535
332 "YES" and 9 "NO"

District 5

Amy Hendrix
18230 Dutch Ford Road
Metter, GA 30439-7076
335 "YES" and 8 "NO"

At-Large

Grady McCray
20632 Rosemary Church Road
Metter, GA 30439-1922
337 "YES" and 5 "NO"

- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting** - The minutes from the 2020 annual meeting were approved by a vote of 325-2.

The Credentials and Elections Committee of Excelsior EMC certified the results of the vote on May 14, 2021.

TEN LUCKY WINNERS

There were approximately 350 Excelsior EMC members who participated in this year's annual meeting. Of those members, a lucky ten were randomly selected to receive a \$300 Walmart gift card. Those members are listed below:

★ Robert Keel

★ Wyman Rigdon

★ Brenda N. Brown

★ Gwendolyn T. Jackson

★ Stephen W. Hart

★ Timmy Moses

★ Bernest Walker, Jr.

★ Frank Davis

★ Deborah S. Johnson-Moone

★ Ulysee Smith, Jr.

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Between the Lines

by
Greg Proctor
President/CEO

Safety - Our Highest Priority

Safety, it is our highest priority. We often mention our mission of delivering "safe, reliable, and affordable power." It is no accident that safety comes first in the list.

Working around electricity is inherently dangerous. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI), the construction industry has the highest rate of fatal electrical injuries. With extremely high demand for new homes and rental units, construction activity is at a frenzy. We urge contractors to meet frequently with their workers to identify electrical infrastructure on their worksites and to remind them of the potential hazards. Remember to contact the Utilities Protection Center by dialing 811 to identify underground utilities on sites as well.

The utility industry has the second highest rate of fatal electrical injuries. Excelsior EMC strives to instill a culture of safety within our workforce. Our lineworkers are outfitted with the most up-to-date tools, vehicles, and personal protective equipment. Partnering with Georgia EMC, a safety and training instructor meets with our workforce each month to ensure that safety remains at the forefront as our employees perform their jobs.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reports that over 60 agricultural workers are electrocuted each year. With commodity prices relatively flat, seed and equipment prices continuing to increase, farmers must rely on efficiency and volume to remain profitable. These challenges lead to larger equipment that may not clear overhead power lines like smaller equipment once did. We urge farmers to be cautious of overhead lines. If you do contact a power line, do not exit the cab. Contact 911 and wait until a line worker can verify it is safe to exit.

Excelsior EMC's distribution system is made up of 3,300 miles of power lines throughout our eight-county service area. We have lines through yards, over roads and fields, and buried throughout neighborhoods. Our employees and power lines are in and around our members' daily lives. Our highest priority is to ensure that our members and employees stay safe. Our monthly newsletter often contains electrical safety tips. Our social media is filled with posts to educate folks about the dangers of electricity. Our workforce patrols our system to identify and remedy potential hazards.

We urge you to stay safe around power lines. Remember to look up, look down, look all around for power lines as you make safety your top priority. We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.



Every Member Counts

BE PREPARED BEFORE A STORM STRIKES

In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit.

■ WATER

Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.

■ TOOLS

Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.

■ FIRST AID KIT AND PRESCRIPTIONS

First aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.



Learn more at www.ready.gov



Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

NOT JUST ANOTHER DAY AT THE BEACH

Think you'll stay on the beach and let the storm pass?
Think again.



Check the weather **before you go**. Have a plan in place for inclement weather.



If you notice signs of weather rolling in, don't stay on the beach to wait it out. Find a substantial **building** or a **car with a hard top** for shelter.



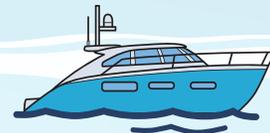
Two-thirds of lightning deaths have happened **during outdoor activities**.



Of those who died, **35%** were engaged in **water-related activities**.

Of those water-related activities...

28% of people who died were **on the beach**



and **20%** of people were **boating**.

ALWAYS PLAY IT SAFE.

That day at the beach or in the boat can wait.



Source: National Lightning Safety Council

Safe Electricity.org®



SUDS AND SAVINGS:

10 WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

Your clothes washer and dryer account for a significant portion of energy consumption from major appliances, and let's face it--laundry is no one's favorite chore. Make the most of your laundry energy use! There are several easy ways you can save energy (and money) in the laundry room. The Department of Energy recommends the following tips for saving on suds:

1.

Wash with cold water. Switching from warm water to cold water can cut one load's energy use by more than half, and by using a cold-brilliant clean you'd normally get from washing in warm water.

2.

Wash full loads when possible. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up if you can.

3.

Use the high-speed or extended spin cycle in the washer. This setting will remove more moisture before drying, reducing your drying time and the extra wear on clothing.

4.

Dry heavier cottons separately. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

5.

Make use of the "cool down" cycle. If your dryer has this cycle option, you can save energy because the clothes will finish drying with the remaining heat in the dryer.

6.

Use lower heat settings to dry clothing. Regardless of drying time, you'll still use less energy.

7.

Use dryer balls. Dryer balls, usually wool or rubber, will help keep clothes separated for faster drying, and they can help reduce static, so you can eliminate dryer sheets.

8.

Switch loads while the dryer is warm. This allows you to take advantage of the remaining heat from the previous cycle.

9.

Clean the lint filter after each drying cycle. If you use dryer sheets, remember to scrub the filter once a month with a toothbrush to remove excess buildup.

10.

Purchase ENERGY STAR®-rated washers and dryers. When it's time to purchase a new washer or dryer, look for the ENERGY STAR® label. New washers and dryers that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating use about 20% less energy than conventional models.

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