



# Line Items

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## IMPROVED FORMAT FOR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The drive-through format of our 2021 Annual Meeting, held at the Bulloch County Agricultural Complex, was met with a massive amount of praise. Members liked the efficiency of the registration and voting process while in the comfort of their vehicle. Excelsior EMC prides itself on listening to our members, so we plan to utilize the drive-through format again for the 2022 Annual Meeting. This year however, we will also incorporate an in-person meeting.

The in-person meeting will be held in the Main Arena of the Bulloch County Agricultural Complex, immediately adjacent to the drive-through registration. Members will have from 10:00am to 1:00pm to drive through the registration process. Members will have the option to register, receive a registration gift, be entered to win one of ten gift cards, and leave the meeting, like the 2021 Annual Meeting. As a step to return to pre-pandemic normalcy, members can also park after registration and enter the Main Arena for the 1:00pm in-person meeting. Door prizes and a grand prize will be awarded to lucky winners that stay to attend the in-person meeting.

The Bulloch County Agricultural Complex is located at 44 Arena Boulevard, just off Highway 301 South. The entrance to Arena Boulevard is near Agri-Supply. Enter the facility from this entrance and you will be directed through the complex. Those members who prefer to register, receive a registration gift, be entered to win one of ten gift cards, and not stay for the in-person meeting, will be directed to exit onto Langston Chapel Road. Members wishing to attend the in-person meeting will register, receive a registration gift, and be directed to parking for the 1:00pm business meeting. Further details of the meeting will be in our May newsletter. Please see the map for further directions.

Your registration card will be mailed one week prior to the meeting. Be sure to bring it with you in order to receive your registration gift. For questions regarding the 2022 Annual Meeting, call our Member Services Department at (912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123.

### WHEN:

May 13, 2022

Registration:

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Business Meeting:

Begins at 1 p.m.

### WHERE:

Bulloch County  
Agricultural Complex  
44 Arena Boulevard  
Statesboro, GA 30458



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# Between the Lines

by **Greg Proctor**  
President/CEO

## *New Mapping System Update*

Excelsior EMC is in the process of creating a new mapping system that uses global positioning system (GPS) coordinates. This project, which began in October, will improve the overall efficiency of our operations as it will serve as the foundation for future applications and inspections, as well as aid in the operation and maintenance of the system.

The first step in implementing this project is a complete field inventory of the Excelsior EMC distribution system. We have contracted with Davey Resource Group to gather this information. Davey Resource Group has a regional office in Alpharetta, Georgia that specializes in data collection and field inventory services. The Davey team has performed this same type of inventory work at numerous electric cooperatives in Georgia and across the nation.

We want members to be aware that Davey employees will cover the entire service area collecting GPS coordinates with hand-held devices, recording the type of hardware that is on each pole, and taking photographs of all poles, transformers, meters, and underground equipment. To gather the data, Davey employees will need access to all members' property.



### QUICKREAD

As contractors for Excelsior EMC, clearly identified Davey employees will need access to all members' property to gather mapping system data.

In April, Davey employees will be completing the Register Substation and will be working to complete our Langston Substation by working in the areas of Old Register Road, Langston Chapel Road, Burkhalter Road, Lanier Drive, and Hightower Road. Later in April, they will move to area's served by our I-16 / Hwy 301 Substation, including Adabelle, Hwy 301 South, Union Church, Kennedy Pond, and Nevils Groveland Road areas. They will continue the process until all areas served by Excelsior EMC are inventoried. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.

Davey Resource Group employees will be driving vehicles with their logo, as well as the Excelsior EMC logo, and wearing personal protective equipment and clothing that clearly identifies them (see page 4). These highly visible items will allow property owners to quickly identify these contractors.

Any members who have questions about the work being performed by Davey Resource Group, or the personnel on his/her property, may contact our office by dialing (912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work on this project.



Every Member Counts

# ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION...

The Cooperative is required by the bylaws to hold an annual meeting of the members. Each year we hold this meeting in May where many of our members gather to enjoy fellowship and conduct the business of their Cooperative. Given the success of the drive-through approach of last year's annual meeting and the positive feedback we received regarding the meeting, this year's annual meeting will be conducted using a drive-through approach as well as an in-person meeting. This will allow our members to register and receive a registration gift without having to leave the comfort of their vehicle. After completing registration and receiving a registration gift, our members have the option to park and attend the in-person meeting. In keeping with the standard provisions of the bylaws, a quorum will be established by the participation of 100 members. Key functions of the annual meeting are the reporting of the Cooperative's financial condition, the election of directors, and conducting any other business that must be acted on by the members. Our goal is to ensure that the members of Excelsior EMC are informed and retain their voice in the governance of their Cooperative. A full report of the financial condition of the Cooperative for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, will be included in the May edition of the Cooperative's newsletter, *Line Items*. A summary of the bylaw provisions that address the election of directors is as follows:

## ARTICLE FOUR - DIRECTORS

**SECTION 1.** - The business affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a board of directors, exercising all powers of the Cooperative except such as by law, the articles of incorporation or bylaws are conferred upon or reserved to the members.

**SECTION 2.** - The areas served by the Cooperative shall be divided into geographical districts. One director shall be elected from each of said districts and one director-at-large representing the entire area served by the Cooperative.

**SECTION 3.** - Qualifications to become or remain a nominee or a director of the Cooperative: Must be eighteen (18) years old or older on the date of election; Must be a member and bona fide resident of the district represented and receive service from the Cooperative at his or her primary residence; May not, within five (5) years prior to the election, have been an employee of the Cooperative; May not be a close relative of any person who is an employee or director of the Cooperative; May not be employed by or hold a financial interest in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative; May not be the incumbent of or candidate for a salaried elective public office.

**SECTION 4.** - Establishes election procedures and three-year, staggered terms of office for Directors.

**SECTION 5.** - The Board of Directors must appoint a nominating committee whose duty is to nominate candidates for each director district term expiring this year. The nominating committee must post its list of nominations on or before April 23, 2022. Qualified candidates can also be nominated by a written petition signed by 100 or more members. Nominating petitions must be received at the Cooperative's Metter office no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The nominating petition shall list on each page the following: the member's signature, the member's printed name, the member's mailing address, and the member's phone number.

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### The members of the Nominating Committee for 2022 are:

District 1 Ryne Brannen  
District 2 Speer Brannen  
District 3 Ricky Nevil

District 4 Clark Dixon  
District 5 Brad Jones  
District 6 Stephen C. Taylor, Jr.

District 7 Matt Wood  
District 8 Preston Brinson  
At-Large Gary Mosley



# EXCELSIOR EMC CONTRACTORS WORKING IN YOUR AREA

Excelsior EMC has partnered with a contractor, **Davey Resource Group**, to perform a complete field inventory of our distribution system. This will require physically visiting all poles, meters, and pad-mounted equipment that is owned by the Cooperative. This project is the first step in implementing a new mapping system which will benefit the Cooperative and its members in many ways. Over the next few months, you may see Davey's employees working in your area and around your home. They will be easily identifiable by their hard hats, yellow safety vests, and their trucks which have a **Davey Resource Group** logo and an **Excelsior EMC Contractor** logo displayed on the side.

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