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EXCELSIOR EMC'S 84TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The 84th annual meeting of the members of Excelsior EMC took place on May 13, 2022 at the Bulloch County Agricultural Complex in Statesboro, Georgia. The event was a success with approximately 300 members participating.

Upon arrival at the meeting, Excelsior EMC members drove-through to register, receive a registration gift, and were entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of ten \$100 gift cards. Members then entered the main arena of the agricultural complex for the in-person business meeting. Promptly at 1:00 p.m., Steve Minor, Cooperative Attorney, called the business session to order.

After the invocation by Director Jordy Carter, National Anthem, and approval of the minutes of the last meeting, ten employees were recognized with a service award for a combined total of 185 years of service to the Cooperative. Receiving service awards were: Dennis Reddick, 5 years; Lindy Chester, 10 years; Jessie Harshner, 10 years; Micheal Byrd, 15 years; Terry Calhoun, 15 years; Justin Powell, 15 years; Jay Gibson, 20 years; Jamey Donaldson, 25 years; Jackie Ellis, 35 years; and Michelle Parker, 35 years.



After completion of the registration process, members gathered in the Main Arena for the business session and the drawing for attendance prizes.



Members arrive at the Ag Arena to register for the Annual Meeting from the comfort of their vehicles.

Following the presentation of employee service awards, Greg Proctor gave the President/CEO's Report. In his report, Proctor opened by acknowledging the new format of the annual meeting, which is a hybrid of last year's drive-through meeting and past years' in-person meetings. He explained that our members liked the convenience of the drive-through registration last year, so it was adapted to fit the traditional in-person business meeting.

Proctor went on to say that 2021 brought a stellar year of system reliability. The average outage time in 2021 was 2.04 hours per consumer, the lowest that it has been since 2000. He explained that a large part of the reason is the fact that we didn't have a major weather event in 2021, but more aggressive right of way maintenance practices have helped as well.

Proctor explained that each year the Board conducts a detailed review of capital credits. The 2022 revisions and updates to the Cooperative's capital credit study along with management recommendations that there be no general retirements or estate retirements during 2022 were reviewed and approved by the Board during their April meeting.

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Between the Lines

by
Greg Proctor
President/CEO

Electrical Safety

At Excelsior EMC we know the importance of practicing safety year-round. From our co-op crews to you, the consumer-members we serve, we recognize that everyone has a part to play in prioritizing safety.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the United States are critically injured or electrocuted as a result of electrical fires and accidents in their homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. Electricity is a necessity, and it powers our daily lives. But we know firsthand how dangerous electricity can be because we work with it 365 days a year.

To me, safety is more than a catch phrase. At Excelsior EMC, it's my responsibility to keep co-op employees safe. Additionally, we want to help keep you and all members of our community safe.

Electricity is an integral part of modern life. Given the prevalence of electrical devices, tools, and appliances, I'd like to pass along a few practical electrical safety tips:

Frayed wires pose a serious safety hazard. Power cords can be deemed dangerous if they are damaged, or frayed from age, had heavy use, or had excessive current flow through the wiring. If cords become frayed or cut, replace them, as they could cause a shock when handled.

Avoid overloading circuits. Circuits can only handle a limited amount of electricity. Overload happens when you draw more electricity than a circuit can safely handle- by having too large or too many devices running on one circuit.

Leave it to the professionals. Contact a qualified electrician if your home is more than 40 years old and you need to install multiple large appliances that consume large amounts of electricity.

Use extension cords properly. Never plug an extension cord into another extension cord. If you daisy chain them together, it could lead to overheating, creating a potential fire hazard. Don't exceed the wattage of the cord either. Doing so creates a risk of overloading the cord and creating a fire hazard. Extension cords should also not be used as permanent solutions. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to help.

I encourage you to talk with your kids about playing it safe and smart around electricity. Help them be aware of overhead power lines near where they play outdoors.

Electrical safety is important in any home. By practicing these electrical safety tips at home, you can lower your risk of accidents, avoid overworking your home's electrical system, and keep you and your family safe.



Every Member Counts



Excelsior EMC employees Dennis Reddick (left) and Jessie Harshner (right) hand out registration gifts to members as they complete the registration process.



Howard Porter, Excelsior EMC's Manager of Member Services, presents the grand prize of a \$300 Walmart gift card to this year's lucky winner, Priscilla Clifton.

Proctor noted that Excelsior EMC remains among the lowest cost providers in the state when compared to Georgia Power and 40 other EMCs. He pointed out that Excelsior EMC was the lowest cost provider in the state at the 1,000, 1,500, and 2,000 kWh per month level last summer, and has been a lowest cost provider in the summer survey for six years in a row. In reference to Excelsior EMC's low rates, Proctor stated "These numbers show that the sound decisions of our Board of Directors and the hard work and continuous improvement efforts of our employees have the well-being of our members in mind. The numbers show that our employees are working smarter and harder for our members, and the numbers show that there is a distinct advantage of being an Excelsior EMC member rather than a customer of another utility."

In closing, Proctor then thanked the audience for their attendance of the 84th Annual Meeting and reiterated that everything that is done by the Cooperative is done with the best interests of the members in mind.

Three directors were elected to serve three-year terms. These were: Jordy Carter, District 6; Russell Mathis, District 7; and Wade C. Hodges, District 8.

After the meeting was adjourned, door prizes were awarded and all attendees enjoyed ice cream.

TEN LUCKY WINNERS

There were approximately 300 Excelsior EMC members who participated in this year's annual meeting. Of those members, a lucky ten were randomly selected to receive a \$100 Walmart gift card. Those members are listed below:

- ★ Waldo E. Lamb
- ★ John H. Mikell
- ★ Ronnie D. Miller
- ★ William E. Joyce
- ★ Jimmy Murray

- ★ Ida W. Miley
- ★ J D Dunn
- ★ Harry C. Bookhoop
- ★ Terry Eugene Hart
- ★ Sharon Sheffield

HONORING THREE FORMER DIRECTORS



(From left to right) Senator Billy Hickman, W.D. Johnson, Brant Davis, and Pam Davis pose for a picture with the plaques they received at the 84th Annual Meeting.

To honor former Excelsior EMC Directors Senator Billy Hickman, Mr. W.D. Johnson, and the late Mr. Jerry Cadwell, Greg Proctor presented each with a plaque at the 84th Annual Meeting recognizing their years of service to the Cooperative. Receiving Mr. Cadwell's plaque was his daughter, Pam Davis, and his grandson, Brant Davis.

These three men served as directors for a combined 112 years of service to the Cooperative with Billy Hickman serving for twenty-five years (May 20, 1994 - April 19, 2020), W.D. Johnson serving for forty-three years (September 16, 1976 - August 31, 2019), and Jerry

Cadwell serving for forty-four years (January 16, 1976 - March 31, 2020).

The plaques they received showed appreciation for their years of service and had the following inscription:

The growth and accomplishments of the Cooperative bear the signature of his dedication and service to this date and will for years to come.

Given on behalf of the Cooperative's members, board of directors, management, and staff.

We will truly miss the wisdom, guidance, and fellowship that Senator Hickman, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Cadwell brought to every board of directors meeting.

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