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APPRECIATE *Your* LINEMEN

The last year has delivered a number of severe weather and natural events that plunged millions of Americans into darkness: hurricanes, blizzards, “bomb cyclones,” tornadoes, and wildfires wreaked havoc across our nation. However, each of these events brought with them caravan after caravan of electrical linemen headed into the hearts of these devastated areas to restore the electrical systems that power the lighting, heating and cooling, water, communications, computing, manufacturing and other systems that make our modern world work.

More often than not, Excelsior EMC linemen are recognized for their hard work during a storm or major outage. However, let us not take for granted the work these linemen do every day, building and maintaining the 3,343 miles of line of Excelsior’s distribution system. It is grueling work even in the best of weather conditions. Electrical line work requires years of training and experience to perform the job safely and efficiently.

April 18th has been designated National Lineman Appreciation Day. One day a year, National Lineman Appreciation Day is set aside to honor the efforts of the men and women who put in long hours, in the worst conditions, in order to provide the comfort that electricity brings into our homes.

At Excelsior EMC, we don’t think that one day is nearly enough time to express the gratitude that our linemen deserve, so we would like to encourage our members to acknowledge, year-round, the hard work and dedication that these linemen show on a daily basis. If you see our linemen out in public, please take the opportunity to let them know how much you appreciate what they do. You may also stop by either of our offices and drop off a thank you note or simply give us a call. Our community depends on dependable electricity and our Excelsior EMC linemen deliver.



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**When Your Power Is Off -- Call
(912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123**

When your power goes off, don't stay in the dark longer than you have to. To restore your power as quickly as possible, we need your correct phone number. Your phone number is the quickest way for us to locate your home or business when you call to report an outage.

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Between the Lines

by
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YOUR MEMBER-FOCUSED COOPERATIVE

Excelsior EMC is your organization. It's owned by you, the member-consumer, and you have local control over how it's operated. You elect directors who are local member-consumers just like you. They come from your community, and they receive the same service and have the same electric rates as you. Most of all, they have your best interest at heart as friends and neighbors.

Your employees are local people who also live and work throughout our community. They go to church with you; their children are in school with your children; they play sports and participate in other activities with your family; and in many cases, they are your personal friends.

Your directors and employees are all people who care. They care about you, about our community, and they do all they can to make sure the service you receive is the best it can be at the lowest possible cost.

Excelsior EMC provides highly competitive energy services to all its members. We are here for you whether we are in the middle of an extreme storm or we are working to help you make your home more energy efficient. We are with you in the good times and in the bad.

Our cooperative structure is designed to provide this personal, member-focused relationship with you. Excelsior EMC exists to serve you, the member-consumer, and every decision is made with your best interest in mind.



Every Member Counts

ENSURE YOUR AIR CONDITIONING IS RUNNING SMOOTHLY THIS SEASON

While you're doing your annual, floor-to-ceiling house cleaning this spring, add one more item to your list: Call a qualified air conditioning technician to clean and service your air conditioning system.

Like anything that hasn't been cleaned for a year, your A/C system can collect dirt and dust that can make it inefficient. The A/C unit filter could be clogged if you have not changed it regularly, which leads to clogged up A/C coils. Clogged A/C coils cause increased inefficiency and even severe icing of the coils; which stops the cooling altogether. The air conditioning system could have even lost some of the refrigerant gas that it needs to operate.

Before the A/C has time to run much this spring, invite a tech to your home to make sure yours is in shape for the sweltering summer ahead.

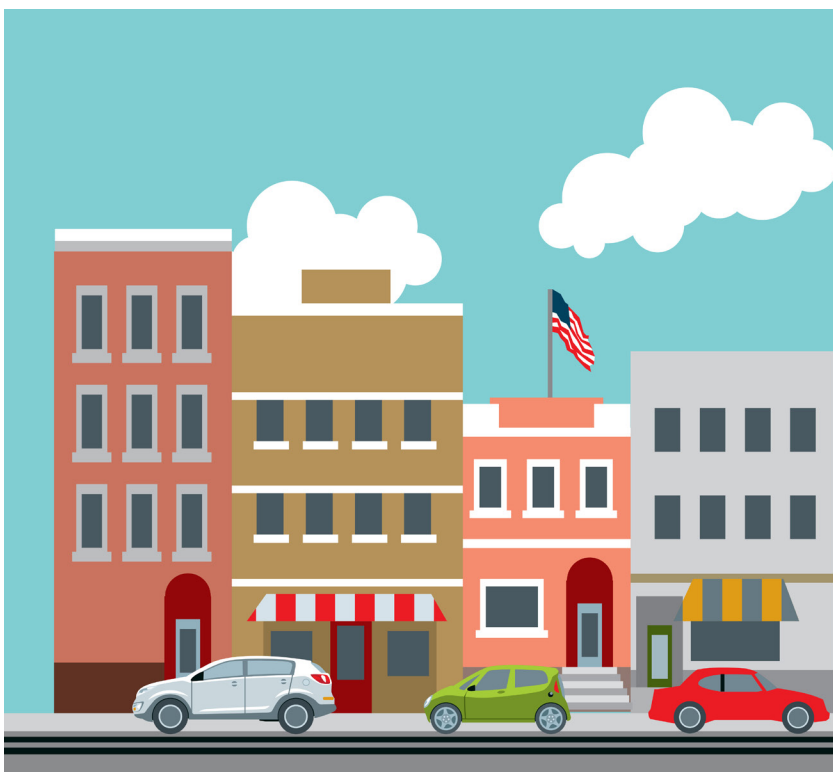


COMMUNITY-FOCUSED

Electric cooperatives are different than other types of energy providers.

- We are led by consumer-members just like you.
- We were built by the community we serve.
- We still belong to the community.

That's the cooperative difference!



Annual Meeting Information...

Excelsior EMC will be holding its 2019 Annual Meeting at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on the campus of Georgia Southern University, in Statesboro, Georgia, on Friday, May 17, 2019. Official notice of the time, date and place of the annual meeting will be in the May newsletter.

SUMMARY OF BYLAW PROVISIONS - pertaining to membership, annual meetings, board representation, nomination and election procedures.

Article One - Membership

Section 1. - Establishes who is eligible for membership and the requirements for membership.

Section 2. - Membership in the Cooperative may be evidenced by a membership certificate.

Section 3. - Provisions are made for joint membership (husband and wife).

Section 4. - Provisions are made to convert a membership to a joint membership of husband and wife.

Section 5. - Membership fee is \$25.

Section 6. - Member agrees to purchase all central station electric energy from the Cooperative at rates fixed by the Board of Directors and to pay a minimum monthly charge.

Section 7. - Provisions are made for withdrawal, expulsion and reinstatement of membership.

Article Three - Meeting of Members

Section 1. - The annual meeting of the members shall be at such time and place as the Board may designate.

Section 2. - Provides for special meetings by (a) resolution of the Board of Directors (b) written request of any three directors, (c) by the Chairman or, (d) written request of 10% of the members.

Section 3. - Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting shall be delivered not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days before the date of the meeting.

Section 4. - 100 members or 10% of the membership, whichever is smaller, shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Section 5. - Each member shall be entitled to only one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at the meeting.

Section 6. - Provides the order of business for the meeting.

Article Four - Directors

Section 1. - The business affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a board of ten 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 nine geographical districts. One director shall be elected from each of said nine 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 staggered terms for Directors which are three years.

Section 5. - It is the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than 30 days nor more than 75 days before the date of a meeting, a nominating committee of not less than 5 nor more than 11, selected to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical area served. This committee shall select and post nominations for directors at least 20 days before the meeting.

Any 100 or more members may make other nominations by petition. Nominating petitions must be received at the Cooperative's Metter office no later than 5:00 pm on the thirtieth (30th) day prior to the meeting. 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. ***Nominations made by petition must be received at the Metter office no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 17, 2019.***

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2019 are shown below:

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| District 1 | Ryne Brannen |
| District 2 | Kevin Deal |
| District 3 | Ricky Nevil |
| District 4 | R. Clark Dixon |
| District 5 | Robert L. West |
| District 6 | Russell Simmons |
| District 7 | Stephen C. Taylor, Jr. |
| District 8 | Matt Wood |
| District 9 | Preston Brinson |
| At Large | Gary Mosley |

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