

## Seat 1- All Counties Except Coweta & Fayette



**Wayne "Ross" Henry**  
(Incumbent)

Heard County  
resident

CFEMC Member  
39 years

**What is your occupation and education?** I have been the Sheriff of Heard County for 27 years with a career in law enforcement spanning over 36 years. I am a graduate of Heard County High School and attended Jacksonville State University. I also hold three P.O.S.T certifications in law enforcement.

**What organizations are you involved with?** I serve on numerous boards and am active in many projects and causes benefiting children, especially the Toys for Tots Christmas project. I bring together public and private partners to provide an array of resources for the community. I am a member of the Franklin United Methodist Church. I received the Georgia EMC 2012 Community Service & Volunteerism Award for EMC directors and recently received the Distinguished Citizen Medal from DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), the James Stewart Chapter.

**Why are you interested in serving on the board of directors?** I believe service to the community and my fellow members is important. Having represented CFEMC's members for 21 years, I've had the ability to really learn the electric industry and feel my knowledge allows me to help drive the strategic direction of the cooperative.

**How will your skills, connections, resources, and expertise benefit the EMC?** My background in law enforcement and community service positions me to bring valuable skills and perspectives to the Board of Directors. I'm experienced in safety protocols, risk management and crisis management. I can also contribute to developing strategies to ensure the safety of EMC personnel, infrastructure and the communities served. I understand the need to be prepared for emergencies and this makes me a valuable asset during major outages, natural disasters, or other critical incidents that might affect CFEMC's operations. I have the ability to connect CFEMC with the needs of the local communities as I see them firsthand every day on the job. As a member of the board's Finance and Public Relations Committees, and my experience as Board Chairman of Relyco Resources, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of CFEMC, I have gained extensive knowledge of a multitude of areas necessary in the management of the organization.

## Seat 2- Coweta County



**James "Lee" Hunter**  
(Incumbent)

Coweta County  
resident

CFEMC Member  
43 years

**What is your occupation and education?** I am retired from Southwire Company as Executive Vice President and the company's Chief Information Officer after a 36-year career. I have a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an MBA from the University of West Georgia. I am a Registered Professional Engineer and a Certified Energy Manager. In my retirement, I am proud to work with my son, Scott, at Hunter Wealth Management.

**What organizations are you involved with?** I am involved with several organizations. I am a member of the White Oak Golden K Kiwanis Club in Newnan and the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. I am a past member of the Board of Trustees of Inner Harbor Children's Hospital in Douglasville. Additionally, I am a member and Deacon of the Newnan First Baptist Church.

**Why are you interested in serving on the board of directors?** I am deeply committed to the members and values of Coweta-Fayette EMC. Having been appointed to the board in June 2020 and currently serving as Vice President of the Board of Directors of True Natural Gas, a subsidiary of CFEMC, I am dedicated to contributing my extensive experience and knowledge to ensure the continued success and growth of the cooperative. My 36-year career at Southwire Company has provided me with a profound understanding of strategic leadership, technology, and operational excellence. With a background in Electrical Engineering, I bring a unique skill set to the board. Furthermore, my involvement in various organizations showcases my dedication to community enrichment. By serving on the CFEMC board, I aspire to leverage my expertise and community-focused approach to ensure reliable, innovative, and sustainable energy solutions for our members.

**How will your skills, connections, resources, and expertise benefit the EMC?** I have developed leadership skills, strategic planning acumen, and a deep understanding of technology and innovation. My role in the National Electrical Code and my U.S. Patent underscore my technical expertise and commitment to industry advancement. Additionally, my educational background provides a solid foundation for making informed decisions. My involvement with True Natural Gas since its inception demonstrates my ability to contribute effectively to subsidiary organizations under CFEMC. My Certified Energy Manager certification and Registered Professional Engineer status align with the cooperative's goals of efficiency and sustainability. My community engagement showcases my dedication to local betterment. These connections extend into diverse sectors, enabling me to forge partnerships that can amplify CFEMC's reach and impact.



**Otha E. Thornton, Jr.**

Coweta County  
resident

CFEMC Member  
3 years

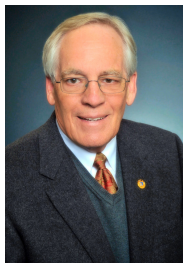
**What is your occupation and education?** Retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel – Former White House Communication Agency HR Director/Presidential Communications Officer for 43rd and 44th Presidents of the United States. Currently owns Thornton Consulting Group/Principal Consultant. B.A. – Morehouse College / M.S. – Michigan Tech University / Doctorate Student – University of Charleston, WV

**What organizations are you involved with?** 1600 Association (group for former military members assigned at the White House), local Chamber of Commerce (charter member of Chamber for West Georgia), Morehouse Alumni Association, Michigan Tech University Honors College Advisory Board (former Chairman), National PTA and Georgia PTA (advisor), Renaissance Church

**Why are you interested in serving on the board of directors?** Transparency and Owner Involvement – I am dedicated to enhancing the openness of EMC's inclusion of owner's input in decisions that impact us all. I will be committed to establishing regular town hall meetings and communications to gather input and provide feedback. Environmental Goals – As Georgia continues to be the #1 State for doing business, I will work with owners to ensure that we protect our environment and upgrade our power grid.

**How will your skills, connections, resources, and expertise benefit the EMC?** I am a servant leader with over three decades of experience in the military, non-profit, and business sectors. I excelled in followership and leadership roles from local, state, and national levels. I have acquired exceptional executive, expertise, and connections from working across these sectors. I will bring these skills to the EMC Board of Directors to better serve you. I am asking you for your support. I will serve you with integrity, initiative, and intelligence!

## Seat 3- Fayette County



**James W.  
"Jim" Fulton, III**  
(Incumbent)

Fayette County  
resident

CFEMC Member  
47 years

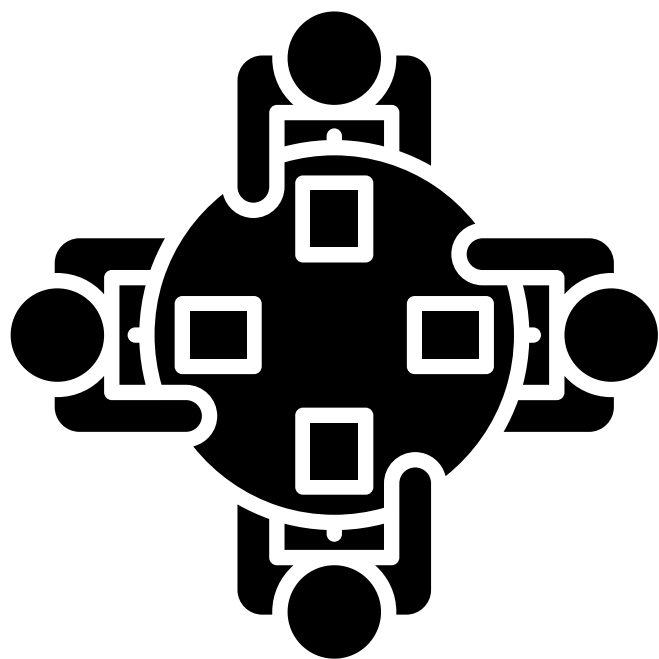
**What is your occupation and education?** I am currently the Executive Vice President & Managing Broker with Coldwell Banker Commercial Bullard, where I have worked since January 2008. Prior to that I was the Broker/Owner of Coldwell Banker Fulton Realty Associates for 35 years, from September 1972 to December 2007. I earned a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Georgia Tech in 1968 and worked at Cummin Engine Co. prior to starting my own real estate and building business in 1972.

**What organizations are you involved with?** Throughout my 50-plus years in the real estate industry, I have been an active participant in various real estate boards. I have also been involved in numerous community projects and organizations, including the Peachtree City Development Authority, the Mid-West Georgia Home Builders Association, and the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, where I was honored as Fayette County's "Businessperson of the Year" in 1990.

**Why are you interested in serving on the board of directors?** With a comprehensive background in business spanning over 50 years and a proven track record in leadership roles, I am deeply passionate about leveraging my experience to contribute to the growth and success of the board and EMC. Having served in various roles, I have honed my skills in strategic leadership, business development, and the necessity of fostering fruitful collaborations. My commitment extends beyond the real estate realm, as my community involvement has allowed me to make a meaningful impact on community development and local business. I am eager to continue to bring my diverse expertise, strategic thinking, and community engagement to the board, aligning my experiences with the cooperative's goals and objectives. My determination to contribute to the betterment of our community and industry drives my interest in serving on the board.

**How will your skills, connections, resources, and expertise benefit the EMC?** Since being on the Board of Directors for Coweta-Fayette EMC since March 2003, I have made it a point to learn everything I can about the EMC and the industry as a whole. I was elected Vice Chairman of the Board in October 2010 and Chairman from October 2011 to present. I have served on both the Policy and Public Relations and Finance Committees. I am on the Board of Relyco Resources, Inc., and True Natural Gas, both subsidiaries of CFEMC. I earned the Credentialed Cooperative Directors' Program certification; the Board Leadership certification; and I hold the Director Gold certificate. I am the CFEMC Member Representative on the Advisory Board of Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia Transmission Corporation, and Georgia System Operations Corporation, and am the co-op's voting delegate to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and National Cooperative Services Corporation. Together with the experience and the connections I have both in the state EMC world and nationally with other co-ops, my network makes a great resource for me to gain information to make our cooperative better.

## Director Duties and Responsibilities



**The Board of Directors is the governing body of the cooperative** and is responsible for establishing policies, providing strategic direction, hiring and evaluating the CEO, providing for a plan of succession, and overseeing all major corporate responsibilities. It has a fiduciary responsibility to represent the members of the cooperative as provided for by state and federal law and Coweta-Fayette EMC's bylaws. To accomplish this, the board must structure itself so that it has the requisite knowledge and skills to carry out its duties in a manner that is efficient and cost-effective.