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Members Celebrate the Power of Community at CFEMC's Annual Meeting

Over 3,000 Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation (CFEMC) members participated in this year's Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation activities, which culminated on Tuesday, October 7, at the cooperative's headquarters in Palmetto.

Members engaged through early registration, voting, and virtual viewing options, ensuring broad involvement in the democratic process that defines cooperatives.



From left, Board Directors Dan Langford and Neal Shepard who were re-elected during the 2025 Annual Meeting. Not pictured, Therol Brown.

The Annual Meeting is a hallmark of the cooperative model—giving member-owners a voice in the democratic process. This year, members re-elected **Therol R. Brown** (Seat 1, Fayette County), **Daniel C. Langford, Jr.** (Seat 2, Fayette County), and **J. Neal Shepard, Jr.** (Seat 1, Coweta County) to three-year terms on the board of directors. With no additional nominations submitted, the incumbents were reappointed by acclamation.

Members approved the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting, received a complimentary gift—a rechargeable mini car vacuum—and were entered into the grand prize drawing for a \$1,000 electric bill credit. Registration was available in person or through early sign-up at CFEMC offices. For those unable to attend, the business session and prize drawing were live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube, with recordings and reports available online.

In his address, Board Chairman Neal Shepard emphasized CFEMC's readiness for the future.

"The energy landscape is evolving as major industries and businesses choose Georgia. Your cooperative is prepared—investing in technologies and solutions that ensure reliability, comfort, and power for homes

and businesses," Shepard said.

CEO Chris Stephens echoed this commitment, noting that CFEMC met record energy demand and severe weather challenges without compromising reliability.

"That's a testament to our infrastructure, engineering, and dedicated crews," Stephens shared.

He also noted that CFEMC continues to deliver reliable, affordable energy at rates well below the national average.

"CFEMC continues to deliver affordable energy at rates well below the national average. While the U.S. average is \$0.1747 per kilowatt-hour, CFEMC members pay about \$0.1312—saving a typical household around \$65 per month," he said.

Stephens also announced \$4 million in capital credits will be returned to members who received energy in 2006 and 2024, along with a recent Power Cost Adjustment reduction, saving households about \$5 monthly.

Members can watch the full business session, hear updates from True Natural Gas and the Coweta-Fayette EMC Trust Board (Operation Round Up), and view the grand prize drawing online at www.utility.org.

Congratulations to this year's grand prize winner, Mark L. Blanchard, who received a \$1,000 credit toward their CFEMC electric bill!



Scan here to watch the Annual Meeting Speeches!



Thankful for you

As all of us make plans to gather for Thanksgiving this month, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the many things we're grateful for; for me, that starts with you, our members.

At Coweta-Fayette EMC, we know we couldn't do what we do without your continued trust and support. This year's annual meeting was another great reminder of the strength of our cooperative family. Whether you voted by mail, cast your ballot online, or joined us during the drive-thru event, your participation keeps our cooperative strong and member-driven. Thank you for taking an active role in shaping the future of your EMC.

We're also thankful for the many members who round up their bills each month to support Operation Round Up®. Your spare change continues to make a big difference in the lives of people right here at home. This month, be sure to follow us on social media as we celebrate local teachers who will receive Bright Ideas Grants. These grants are made possible through your generosity when you round your monthly electric bill up to the nearest dollar. These funds help bring creative learning projects to life in classrooms across our service area, inspiring the next generation of leaders and innovators.

Of course, we couldn't deliver reliable, affordable electricity or serve our members with the level of care you expect, without our greatest asset, our dedicated employees. Every day, they work behind the scenes and out in the field to ensure your power stays on and your cooperative continues to thrive. Their commitment to service truly shines this time of year.

As the holiday season begins, we want to wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the holidays. May your homes be filled with warmth, gratitude, and plenty of good cheer.

From all of us at Coweta-Fayette EMC, thank you for being part of our cooperative family.



Chris Stephens
CEO

CFEMC offices will be closed November 27-28 for Thanksgiving.
Have a happy and safe holiday!

Georgia's Secondary Storm Season is Here

While many think of spring as storm season, Georgia experiences a secondary peak of severe weather in November and early December. This period often brings tornadoes, strong thunderstorms, and high winds, sometimes overnight when families are least prepared.

As your local electric cooperative, we want to help you stay safe and connected. Here are key steps to prepare:

WATCH

A **Watch** means there is a great chance of severe thunderstorms or tornadoes.

"Watch" and wait for more information while taking precautionary measures.

WARNING

A **Warning** means that a severe thunderstorm or tornado has been spotted or seen on radar.

The moment you get this warning, take shelter in the safest part of your home.



If you experience an outage, and it's safe to do so, report to 770-502-0226. NEVER approach any downed lines or anything touching a line.

- 1. Make a Family Emergency Plan:** Identify a safe space in your home and ensure everyone knows what to do during severe weather. Practice drills so your family is ready.
- 2. Build a Ready Kit:** Include water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, batteries, and a NOAA weather radio. Power outages are common during severe storms—plan for at least 72 hours without electricity.
- 3. Stay Informed:** Sign up for local alerts, keep a weather app handy, and have multiple ways to receive warnings. A battery-powered weather radio is essential if cell service fails. Do not rely on weather sirens for warnings.
- 4. Prepare for Power Needs:** Charge devices ahead of storms. If you rely on medical equipment, consider a backup power source or relocation plan.
- 5. Know How to Report Outages:** Report outages via our hotline (770-502-0226), online or via our app. And remember, follow our social media for updates.

We work year-round to maintain reliability and respond quickly when storms strike, but your preparation makes all the difference. Stay safe, stay prepared—and let's weather this season together!

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