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CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY: FROM THE ARCHIVES

Colquitt EMC has a legacy of bringing power to South Georgia for 85 years. Since 1936, we have seen many changes and advancements in electricity. We have maintained a historical archive of our cooperative that is filled with memorabilia, pictures and artifacts. As we continue to “Celebrate Our Legacy,” we would like to share some of our favorite items from the archive.



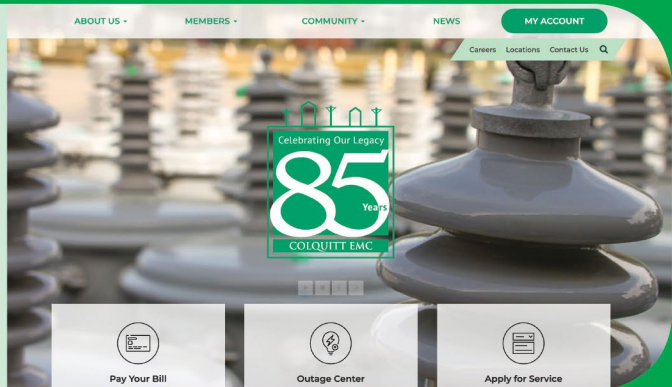
You might recognize this building as Colquitt EMC's old headquarters office (1949 to 2019). Did you know Colquitt EMC used to host the annual meeting on the grounds of the headquarter's office?



Here are some members enjoying an electric appliance demonstration.

Colquitt EMC is still collecting stories from “Legacy Members.” If you or someone you know would like to share their stories of when electricity was brought to their community, please contact Sonya Aldridge or Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620.

**NEW WEBSITE
COMING SOON -
CHECK OUT
THIS
PREVIEW!**





STAY A.L.E.R.T.

Our website and mobile app are convenient ways to pay your power bill, but did you know you can also use them to monitor your energy usage? With the Colquitt EMC website and mobile app, you can set up automatic alerts for high energy usage. Use the tips below to STAY A.L.E.R.T.

AWARE - Be aware of your regular energy usage and to changes in your *daily energy usage*.

LEARN how to access your energy usage data and how to set up High Energy Usage Alerts. (*see instructions below*)

EXPERIMENT - You can experiment with your usage by making adjustments to an appliance in your home. For example, you can *adjust your thermostat cool setting up 2 degrees* for a week, then observe how the changes compare to the previous week.

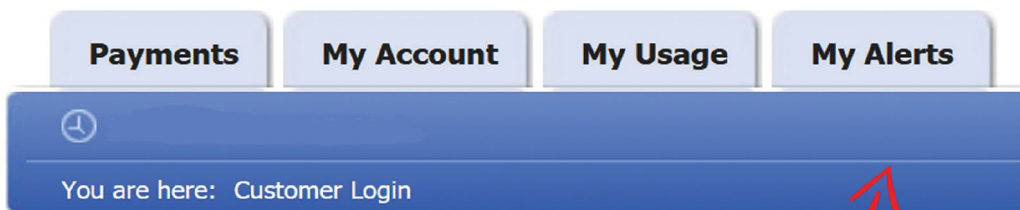
REMEMBER to check your energy usage regularly. One method is to examine your *daily energy usage* online each month when your bill arrives. How does it compare to last month or last year?

TAKE control of your power bill by setting up high energy usage alerts and exercising these tips.

To determine your alert notification amount divide your regular power bill by 30. For example: if your regular power bill is \$120 per month, your alert value will be \$4 per day.

To set up a high energy usage alert, log into your Colquitt EMC account and click on "My Alerts." From there, choose your account, and click continue. On the next page follow the instructions, and click submit. After setting up the alert, you will be automatically notified if your daily energy usage exceeds the information you submitted.

SELECT MY USAGE TAB TO ACCESS YOUR ENERGY USE DATA.



SELECT MY ALERTS TAB TO SET UP YOUR HIGH ENERGY USAGE ALERTS.

SUMMARY OF BYLAW PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL MEETINGS, BOARD REPRESENTATION, NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD

ARTICLE II: Meetings of Members

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members shall be held between October 1st and November 30th of each year at such place in the counties of Colquitt, Tift, Cook, Berrien, Lowndes, or Brooks as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of reporting results of the directors' election, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

Section 2. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the Board of Directors or upon written request signed by at least three (3) directors or at least ten percent (10%) of all the members, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the county of Colquitt in the state of Georgia specified in the notice of the special meeting.

Section 3. Notice of Members' Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than seven (7) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail to each member, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, in the case of a special meeting, or by any other director in the case of any meeting whose time, place, and date have actually been fixed by the Board of Directors. In making such computation, the date of the meeting shall not be counted. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered five (5) days from date when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting, and the attendance in person of a member at any meeting of the members shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting unless such attendance shall be for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business, or one or more items of business, on the grounds that the meeting shall not have been lawfully called or convened.

No matter which requires the affirmative vote of at least a clear majority of all the Cooperative's members shall be acted upon at any meeting of the members unless notice of such matter shall have been contained in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. At least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 5. Voting. Each member who is not in a status of suspension, as provided for in Section 6 of Article I shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote. Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation to the Cooperative prior to or upon registration at each member meeting of satisfactory evidence entitling the person presenting the same to vote. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or these Bylaws.

Section 6. Order of Business. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

Report on the number of members present in person in order to determine the existence of a quorum, reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be. The reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings and the taking of necessary action thereon, the reading of unapproved minutes may be waived by a majority of the members present; and announcement of directors elected, presentation and consideration of, and action upon, reports of officers, directors, and committees, unfinished business, new business, adjournment.

ARTICLE III: Directors

Section 1. Number and General Powers. The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative, or by these Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The area served by Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation shall be divided into districts for the purpose of determining the district or area from which representatives shall be chosen to serve on the Board of Directors.

The directors shall be fixed as follows:

District 1	Colquitt County	2 Directors
District 2	Brooks County	1 Director
District 3	Berrien County	1 Director
District 4	Cook County	1 Director
District 5	Lowndes County	2 Directors
District 6	Tift County	1 Director
District 7	Worth-Tift Counties	1 Director

At the expiration of the term of any director his successor shall be elected for a period of three (3) years.

Section 2. Qualification, Election, and Tenure. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is an employee, a close relative of an incumbent director or of an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member of the Cooperative.

No members presently or formerly employed by the Cooperative shall be eligible to become or remain a director, Member of the Nominating Committee, or serve in any other capacity, either appointed or elected, or involving any Cooperative election for five (5) years after the termination of his/her employment from the Cooperative. This Bylaw change is effective on October 28, 2014, and only applies to those members who are separated from Colquitt EMC after October 28, 2014.

Upon the establishment of the fact that any person holding a directorship or any other position of trust in the Cooperative lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause him to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. Nothing in this Section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the Directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

Nothing in this Section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than ninety (90) days nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days before the date of each annual meeting, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the Committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No employee of the Cooperative, member of the Board of Directors, known candidate for election, or any close relative or member of the same household of an employee, director, or a known candidate shall be appointed a member of such Committee. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee or nominees with respect to each Directorate District from which a director must or may, pursuant to this Article, be elected. The Committee may include more nominees than there are to be elected, but it shall show clearly which nominees are opposed with respect to the same Directorate District.

Any fifty (50) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures in like manner listing the nominees separately with respect to the Directorate Districts from which they are nominated, not less than eighty-five (85) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted.

Section 4. Voting for Directors. The election of directors, or any bylaw amendment, change, or action directly relating to the election of directors, will be conducted by mail. To be eligible to vote for directors, a member must have been a member on August 31 of the year in which the election for directors is held. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to each annual meeting, one ballot shall be mailed by the Cooperative to each member entitled to vote. The ballots shall contain the names of all persons nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition for each Directorate position to which a director is to be elected. Only members residing in each Directorate District may vote for, and elect, the director for that District. No member in any election may vote for more than one nominee from any Directorate District. Members shall mark their ballots indicating the director for whom they wish to vote and return said ballots to the Cooperative either by mail or by delivery to the main office or any district or branch office not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. Any ballot received in the mail or by hand delivery less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting shall not be counted for the purpose of election of directors. The notice to the members entitled to vote in which the ballots are enclosed shall contain instructions to the members as to how to mark their ballots for election of directors, and said instructions shall be explicitly followed in order for a ballot to be counted. The failure of any member to receive a ballot for any reason shall not invalidate the election of directors as provided for herein.

Section 4-A. Uncontested Elections. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event the nominating process set forth in Section 3 of this Article yields only one nominee with respect to the position of director of any Directorate District which must or may, pursuant to this Article, be elected, then no vote of the members shall be required with respect to such Directorate position; and the sole nominee shall be deemed elected in accordance with these Bylaws.

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The following members were presented to the Colquitt EMC Board of Directors to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee:

Bart Davis

7861 Thigpen Trail
Doerun, Georgia 31744-4407

John H. Davis

4907 Davidson Road
Valdosta, Georgia 31605-5529

Darrell Griffin

939 Kendallwood Church Road
Moultrie, Georgia 31768-8548

Plenn Hunnicutt

357 Sauls Road
Moultrie, Georgia 31768-6406

Ronnie Jones

241 Isabella Nashville Road
Tifton, Georgia 31793-6742

Donald Summers

3237 Stallings Road
Valdosta, GA 31605-9229

Lenwood Sutton

388 W. A. Patterson Road
Ty Ty, Georgia 31795-3813

**The following
Directors' terms will
expire on
Nov. 2, 2021:**

District 1 –
Clay Underwood
Colquitt County

District 5 –
Bobby Exum
Lowndes County

District 7 –
Gary Branch
Worth/Tift Counties

This Committee Will be Officially Seated on June 7, 2021

The Nominating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the Colquitt EMC headquarters in Moultrie to make nominations for three board positions.*

CEMC members elect directors by mail and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. The 2021 Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Tuesday, November 2 at Spence Field in Moultrie.

*In addition to nominations made by the Nominating Committee, any 50 or more members may make other nominations by petition not less than eighty-five days prior to the Annual Meeting.

MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Here are FOUR tips to avoid overloaded circuits:

1

Label circuit breakers to understand the different circuits in your home.

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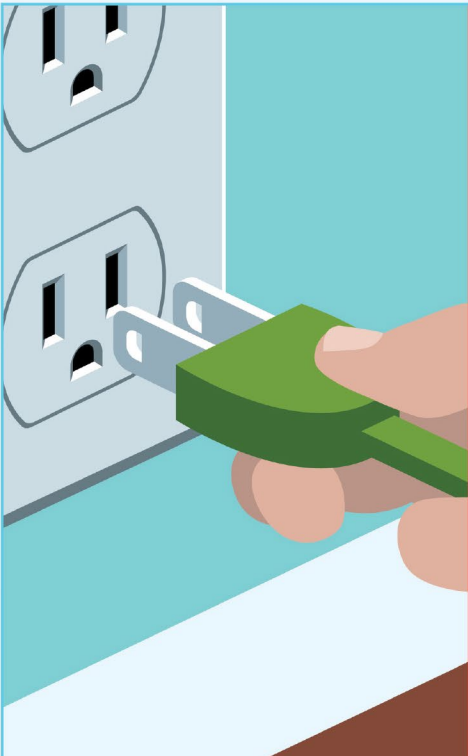
Contact a qualified electrician to inspect your home if it is older than 40 years or has had a major appliance installed.

3

Have a qualified electrician install new circuits for high energy use devices.

4

Purchase energy efficient appliances and lighting to reduce your electrical load.





Recipes of the Month



Cherry Tomato Corn Salad

INGREDIENTS

Serves: 6

1/4 cup fresh basil, minced
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons lime juice
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 cups frozen corn, thawed
2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
1 cup chopped seeded peeled cucumber

DIRECTIONS

In a jar with a tight fitting lid, combine the basil, oil, lime juice, sugar, salt and pepper, shake well. In a large bowl, combine the corn, tomatoes and cucumber. Drizzle with dressing and toss to coat. Refrigerate until serving.



Grilled Stuffed Mozzarella Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS

Serves: 16

8 large tomatoes or 16 plum tomatoes
2 tablespoons butter, melted
16 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, cubed
1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
2 tablespoons dry basil
1/4 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
1 tablespoon fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS

Halve tomatoes and scoop out insides leaving 1/2-inch thick shell. Chop pulp and set aside. Combine bread crumbs, butter, basil, salt and pepper. Stir in cheese and tomato pulp. Fill tomato halves with cheesy breadcrumb. Spray cooking spray lightly on the bottom of aluminum pan. Place tomato halves in disposable pan and wrap top loosely with foil. If grilling, set over grill for at least 10 minutes. If oven baking, bake at 350° for 15 minutes and broil until cheese is browned and bubbly. Uncover and serve on pan with large sprigs of parsley or curly parsley.

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