

2024 BOARD CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation met Tuesday, June 4, 2024, and nominated the following individuals whose names will be placed on the ballot and voted on by the Colquitt EMC membership prior to the October 29, 2024 Annual Meeting.

In addition to nominations made by the Nominating Committee, any 50 or more members may make nominations by petition. The deadline to receive nominations by petition is August 5, 2024. Members vote for directors via mail with election results presented at the Annual Meeting*.

*Note: The Colquitt EMC Bylaws allow for district director elections. This means that only members who will be voting for director positions are those who have memberships in the districts (counties) of the directors who are up for election.

DISTRICT 1 – COLQUITT COUNTY

Clay Underwood

- Current Vice Chairman of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Serving Colquitt County on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2018
- Holds NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Row-crop farmer engaged in cotton, peanut and vegetable production
- Member of First Baptist Church of Moultrie



DISTRICT 5 – LOWNDES COUNTY

Bobby Exum

- Serving Lowndes County on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2006
- Former President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Holds NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Manages and operates family farm in Lowndes County
- Member of Lowndes County Farm Bureau
- Member of Lowndes County Young Farmers
- Attends Primitive Baptist Churches



DISTRICT 7 – WORTH/TIFT COUNTIES

Gary Branch

- Current Secretary-Treasurer of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Serving Worth-Tift counties on Colquitt EMC Board of Directors since 2009
- Serves on Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors
- Former President and previously served as Secretary-Treasurer of Colquitt EMC Board of Directors
- Holds NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate
- Graduate of ABAC, Associate Degree in Agriculture; University of Georgia, Bachelor of Science in Agronomy
- Has worked in farming and agribusiness for the past 32 years
- Member of Journey Baptist Church





Save the Date

**OCTOBER 29, 2024
COLQUITT EMC'S 88TH ANNUAL
MEETING OF MEMBERS**

— SPENCE FIELD, MOULTRIE

Tired Of Waiting For The Bill To Arrive?



**Sign-up for e-bill to
receive a notification when
your bill is ready to view!**

To enroll, login to your Colquitt EMC Account. Under the "My Account" menu tab, select "Bill Notification". Under "Bill Method", select "E-Bill" to enroll.



IS YOUR WELL PUMP DRAINING YOUR WALLET?



Having a well provides a sense of self-reliance, but it also comes with the responsibility of maintaining efficient water flow. A well pump that uses excessive energy can significantly inflate your electricity bill. Here's how to identify if your well pump is working harder than necessary and some tips to get it back on track.

Signs of an Energy-Guzzling Pump:

- **Spiking Electricity Bills:** This is the most obvious indicator. If your bill shows a sudden jump, especially if water usage hasn't significantly increased, your pump might be the culprit.
- **Frequent Cycling:** Does your pump seem to turn on and off constantly, even when you're not using much water? This rapid cycling can be caused by a malfunctioning pressure switch or a bladder tank that needs replacing.
- **Low Water Pressure:** If you experience weak water flow from faucets or showers, it could indicate the pump is struggling to meet demand. This can be due to a failing pump itself, clogged pipes, or a leak somewhere in the system.

Detecting Leaks:

Leaks are a major cause of excessive pump activity. Here's a simple DIY test:

1. Turn off the power to your well pump.
2. Locate the pressure gauge on your pressure tank and note the reading.

3. Wait for at least an hour without using any water.
4. Re-check the pressure gauge. If the pressure has dropped significantly, you likely have a leak.

Calling in the Professionals:

If you suspect a problem with your well pump, it's best to consult a qualified well service technician. They can diagnose the issue, be it a faulty pump, pressure switch malfunction, or improper sizing. They can also recommend repairs or replacements to optimize your system's efficiency.

Saving Energy with Your Well Pump:

- **Regular Maintenance:** Schedule periodic inspections for your well pump to ensure it's operating efficiently.
- **Check Pressure Settings:** Ensure your pressure tank settings are appropriate for your household's needs.
- **Upgrade to an Efficient Pump:** Consider replacing an older pump with a newer, more energy-efficient model.
- **Smart Irrigation:** If you have an irrigation system, adjust watering schedules to minimize pump runtime.

By being mindful of your well pump's energy consumption and taking proactive steps, you can keep your water flowing smoothly and avoid unwelcome surprises on your electricity bill.

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Danny Nichols, P. E., President/CEO

Recipe OF THE MONTH



Slow Cooker Cola Pork Roast

INGREDIENTS

3 lbs. pork shoulder butt roast
1 (12 ounce) can cola
1 (10-3/4 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
1 (1-1/4 ounce) pkg. onion soup mix

DIRECTIONS

Place roast in slow cooker. Mix soup mix with cream of mushroom soup and cola. Cook on high for 4.5 hours. When done, remove the roast and thicken the juices with cornstarch for wonderful gravy.

Church of the Month



Ousley Baptist Church

864 Ousley Rd. • Valdosta, GA

Pastor: Jim Barker

Service Schedule

Sunday School	10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study	7 PM

To nominate your church for Church of the Month, please contact Shelby Cloud at 229-985-3620 ext. 1246 with your church's information or email marketing@colquittemc.com. Please include service schedule, address and pastor's name.

Bible Verse of the Month

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him.

~ James 1:5