

Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2025 Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation Annual Meeting of Members was held on Thursday, October 16, at the Tri-County EMC office in Gray. This was the cooperative's 86th annual meeting. Ray Grinberg welcomed attendees, and Bennett Gibbs gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Tri-County EMC Board Attorney Billy Jerles called the business meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

QUORUM ANNOUNCEMENT: *Conducted by Billy Jerles, Board Attorney*

- Quorum was met through online and mail balloting with 1,401 total votes

CLOSE REGISTRATION: *Conducted by Billy Jerles, Board Attorney*

- In accordance with Tri-County EMC's bylaws, Marion Nelson made a motion to officially close member voting, which Frank Moss seconded. None were opposed.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS: *Delivered by Brenda P. Green, Chairman*

- Green recognized October as National Co-op Month. Tri-County EMC is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives across the nation, and one of 41 EMCs in Georgia.
- Green reported that as of September, Tri-County serves 19,073 members across Jones, Putnam, Baldwin, Jasper, Morgan, Bibb, Twiggs, and Wilkinson Counties.
- Green emphasized that Tri-County is guided by the Seven Cooperative Principles, which sets it apart from other electric utilities.
- The cooperative is in sound financial health and good standing with its financial partners.
- Green informed viewers that the cooperative's top priority is the safety of its employees and members. Tri-County will continue investing in valuable training to ensure the protection of the communities it serves.
- Tri-County was recently selected to serve the Publix currently being constructed in the Lake Oconee area of Putnam County.
- Green announced that the Tri-County EMC Board and staff would be meeting next month for strategic planning.

CEO'S ADDRESS: *Delivered by Ray Grinberg, CEO*

- Grinberg recalled some major new stories relevant to the energy sector from the past year, including impacts from large loads such as data centers. He addressed concerns about how large industrial loads will impact Tri-County EMC, particularly its members.
- Grinberg informed members that new power plants are now under construction to help meet the high demand for electricity; however, the plants will not be complete for several years. Tri-County EMC has agreed to participate in new generation currently being built by Oglethorpe Power.
- Grinberg stated that the board and staff of Tri-County EMC would only agree to serve a data center or any other large load under terms and conditions that protect existing EMC members.
- Grinberg updated viewers on supply chain issues since the COVID-19 pandemic. While lead times on materials have gone back to normal, inflationary pricing has remained prevalent.
- Grinberg ensured that Tri-County EMC would maintain its promise of providing safe, reliable power at an affordable cost.

COO'S ADDRESS: *Delivered by Greg Mullis, COO of Tri-CoGo*

- Mullis reported that Tri-CoGo has added nearly 1,700 subscribers in the last year, an increase of about 20%.
- In September, the subsidiary reached 10,000 subscribers.

- Mullis also reported an increase in Tri-CoGo's Net Promoter Score (NPS), which is now a 91 and higher than cherished brands such as Starbucks, Amazon, and Chick-fil-A.
- 200 underserved homes now have access to Tri-CoGo after a new zone has been opened in the Possum Point area of Putnam County.
- 50 businesses located in Downtown Gray will soon have access to Tri-CoGo once construction is complete.

BUSINESS SESSION: *Conducted by Billy Jerles, Board Attorney*

- Sammy Hall motioned to approve the 2025 meeting agenda, which Frank Moss seconded. None were opposed.
- The Proof of Mailing certificate noted that the Annual Meeting packages were sent to members.
- The 2025 Credentials and Election Committee was introduced, and their duties were described: Hank Raehn, Frank Moss, Stacey Holder, Danny Blair, Ronald Cowan, Harris Hardwick, Ainsley Bloodworth, and Terry Clopton
- Duties of the 2025 Nominating Committee were described. Jerles reviewed the minutes from the Nominating Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2025. Committee members in attendance were Wendy Vaughn, Darryl Grant, David Hill, Paul Gardner, Jay Harrington, Kevin Pope, and Charles Ford. Jerles announced the candidates for the 2025 ballot.

Position	Candidates
District 1, Post 3	Cecil Patterson
District 2, Post 3	Marion Nelson
District 3, Post 3	Mike Rainey

Election Results

- ***Ballot Item 1:***
Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
1,299 voted in favor of approving the minutes, and 13 opposed. The annual meeting minutes were approved by a majority vote.

- ***Ballot Item 2: Post 3 Director Seats***

Position	Elected Candidates
District 1, Post 3	Cecil Patterson
District 2, Post 3	Marion Nelson
District 3, Post 3	Mike Rainey

- The Business Session adjourned.

BALLOT DRAWINGS: *Conducted by Anna Smith, Communications Specialist*

- The winner of a \$500 bill credit was Harley Wood.
- The following winners each received \$50 bill credits: David Morris, Georgia Larimore, Rhonda Dupree, Tom Dupree, Robert Duke, James Roberts, Sarah Waite, Vickie Tribble, Carol Epps, and Charles Parham

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Greene
Secretary/Treasurer