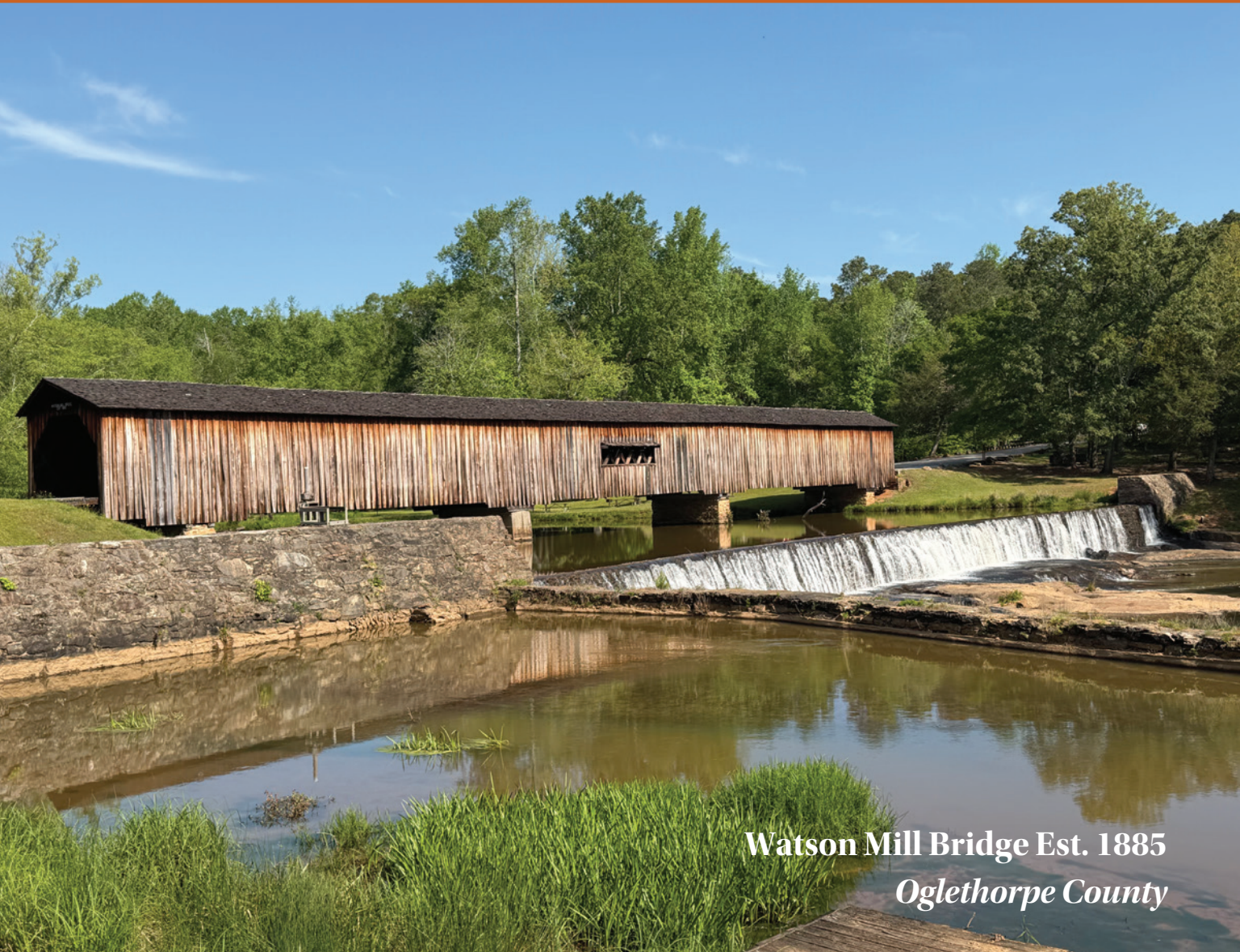




Rayle Electric Membership Corporation



Watson Mill Bridge Est. 1885
Oglethorpe County

2025

Annual Report

2026 Annual Meeting of Members
June 18, 2026
Edward B. Pope Community Center

The power surge

Our cooperative was built on the promise of people coming together to improve the quality of life in their communities, and that promise still guides everything we do today.

Each decision comes back to one simple question: How will this benefit the members we serve? Electricity powers nearly every aspect of today's economy, and its role will only grow stronger. As electrification accelerates, long-term planning becomes more important than ever.

Across the U.S., the demand for power is climbing at one of the fastest rates in decades. As the economy becomes more reliant on electricity and data centers continue to sprout up in many parts of the country, electric cooperatives are preparing to meet the challenges that skyrocketing demand brings.

The North American Reliability Corporation, the watchdog for the U.S. electric grid, recently released the 2025-2026 winter reliability assessment. It echoed other recent reports, including longer-term outlooks that expect sufficient energy resources during normal conditions but potential supply shortfalls and outages under more intense weather conditions.

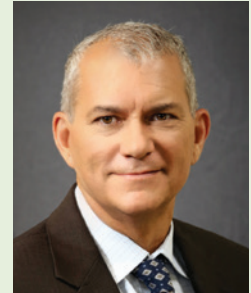
Extreme weather coupled with additional factors that are driving increased demand creates challenges for electric utilities, including cooperatives, in their mission to provide reliable power around the clock.

Several key factors driving increased demand include economic growth, expanded manufacturing, data center development and increased electrification in transportation. Together, these trends are reshaping how much electricity we consume and how quickly utilities like Rayle EMC must adapt to meet future needs.

One of the biggest drivers of rising demand is increased electrification. More homes and businesses are transitioning to electricity for home heating, water heating and transportation. Electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming more common on the road, and many states are offering incentives to help consumers make the switch. Additionally, electric heat pumps are replacing traditional furnaces in many homes due to their efficiency. These transitions mean more energy use and pressure placed on our electric grid.



Fred McWhorter
President



Tony Griffin
General Manager

Data centers are another major contributor to rising demand. As artificial intelligence, cryptocurrency and cloud computing technologies grow, the need for data processing and storage has skyrocketed. Data centers require

huge amounts of power to operate servers and cooling systems 24/7. Tech companies are building new facilities nationwide, many of which are in electric cooperative-served areas, and these regions are experiencing multi-year surges in electricity demand as a result.

Economic and manufacturing growth are also contributing to higher electricity use. As businesses expand and new industries take root, especially in rural and suburban areas, the demand for reliable, high-capacity power is increasing.

The resurgence of domestic manufacturing has led to major facility construction. These facilities often require substantial energy loads, and many operate continuously to keep production lines running. This growth brings jobs and investment, but it also puts new pressures on the electric grid.

Population growth and housing development are also contributing to rising demand in many regions, and everyday life is becoming more energy dependent, too. Smart appliances, connected devices, home offices and entertainment



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Statement of Operations

December 31, 2025 and 2024

Revenue

	2025	2024
Operating Revenue	\$ 45,246,894	\$ 42,829,159

Expenses

Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 26,309,301	\$ 24,795,062
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 12,009,908	\$ 11,648,020
Depreciation	\$ 3,582,588	\$ 3,446,501
Interest	\$ 2,447,502	\$ 1,875,700
Tax	\$ 512,000	\$ 420,000
Other	\$ 142,126	\$ 236,599

Total Expenses \$ 45,003,425 \$ 42,421,882

Operating Margins	\$ 243,469	\$ 407,277
Non-operating Margins	\$ 113,897	\$ 35,525
Other Capital Credits	\$ 1,919,878	\$ 1,765,226
Total Margins and Capital Credits	<u>\$ 2,277,244</u>	<u>\$ 2,208,028</u>

What We Own

Cost of Utility Plant	\$ 142,190,163
Reserve for Depreciation	\$ 42,920,425
Net Value of System	\$ 99,269,738
Cash in Banks	\$ 910,266
Reserve	\$ 20,793,296
Accounts Receivable	\$ 8,116,120
Materials and Supplies	\$ 3,541,328
Other Current and Accrued Assets	\$ 52,013
Deferred Debits	\$ 184

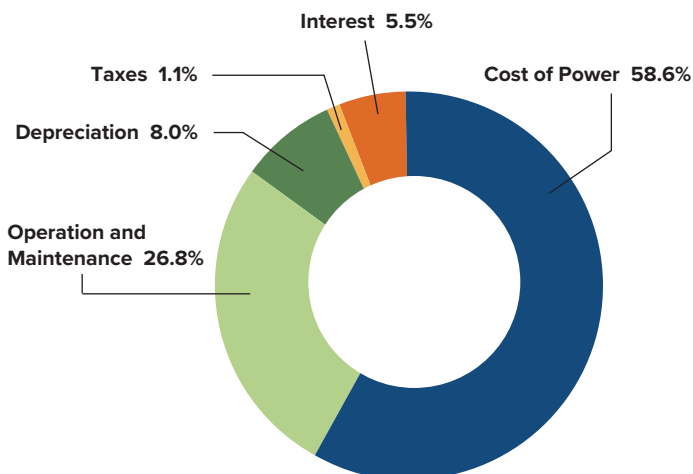
Total Assets \$ 132,682,945

What We Owe

RUS & CFC Loan Obligation	\$ 63,821,442
Current & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 13,218,310
Non-current Liabilities	\$ 3,869,728
Patronage Capital & Margins	\$ 48,246,459
Membership Fees & Deposits	\$ 905,807
Deferred Credits	\$ 2,621,199

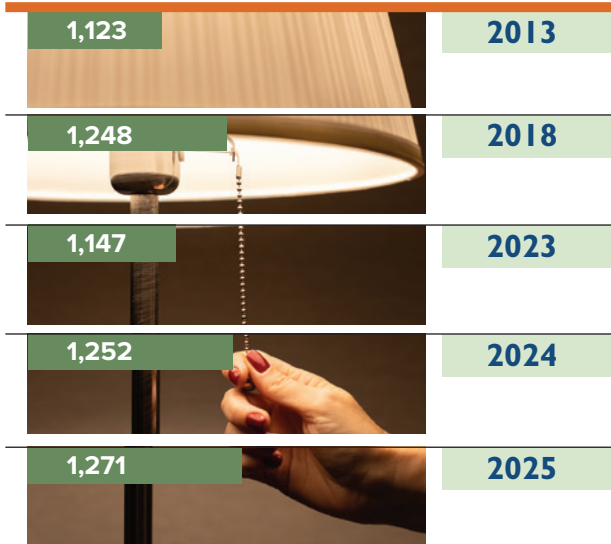
Total Liabilities \$ 132,682,945

Where Your 2025 Dollar Went

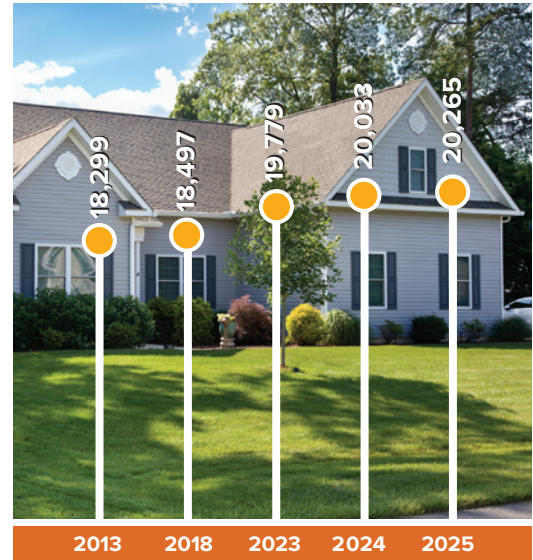


Statistics

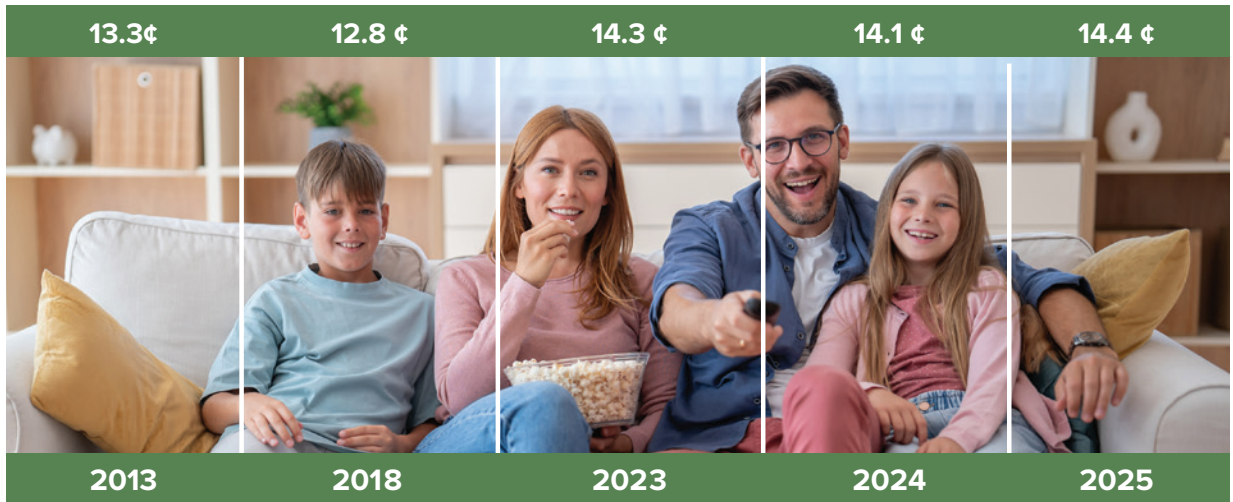
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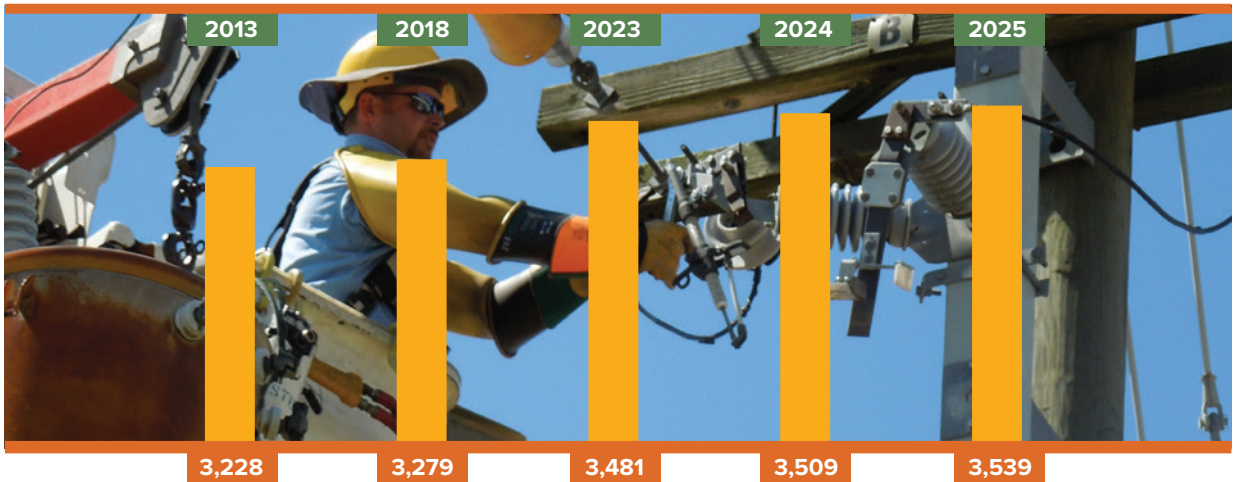
Meters Served



Average Cost Per kwh



Miles of Line Energized



Accountants' Report and Invitation



MCNAIR MCLEMORE
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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December 31, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Rayle Electric Membership Corporation

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of **Rayle Electric Membership Corporation**, which comprise the balance sheets as of September 30, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of operations and comprehensive income, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rayle Electric Membership Corporation as of September 30, 2025 and 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Rayle Electric Membership Corporation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Rayle Electric Membership Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Rayle Electric Membership Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Rayle Electric Membership Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulation Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 31, 2025 on our consideration of Rayle Electric Membership Corporation's internal controls and our tests of its compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and instances of fraud. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Rayle Electric Membership Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Rayle Electric Membership Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McNair, McEmore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC
MCNAIR, MCLEMORE, MIDDLEBROOKS & CO., LLC

You are cordially invited to attend

Rayle Electric Membership Corporation's Annual Meeting of Members

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Registration & Voting for Directors begins at 12:30 p.m.

Business Session begins at 2 p.m.

Edward B. Pope Community Center
48 Lexington Avenue
Washington, Georgia

Meeting Notice & Nominating Report

Official Annual Meeting Notice

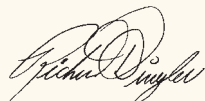
Dear Member,

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting of the Rayle Electric Membership Corporation will be held Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the Edward B. Pope Community Center in Washington, Georgia.

Registration and voting to elect four directors will begin at 12:30 p.m. The President will welcome everyone at 2 p.m. to receive reports of the officers, directors and committees and to act on any business which is stated in this notice. I encourage each of you to be present for this very important meeting of your cooperative.

All members with special needs who plan to attend the Annual Meeting are asked to contact Karen Chafin at the cooperative at (706) 678-2116 prior to the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully,



Wm. Richard Dingler, Sr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Rayle EMC Board of Directors

Nominating Committee Report

Rayle Electric Membership Corporation
Washington, Georgia

April 16, 2026

The Rayle Electric Membership Corporation Nominating Committee appointed to nominate candidates for Directors for 2026 does hereby nominate the following for the four seats on the Board of Directors to be filled at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Linton Scott, Wilkes County
Directorate District 1 - Wilkes County

Herbert Powell, Lincoln County
Directorate District 2 - Lincoln County

Jackie Copelan, Greene County
Directorate District 3 - Greene and Morgan counties

Iris Walker, Oglethorpe County
Directorate District 5 - Oglethorpe, Oconee, Clarke and Madison counties

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Holton, *Chairman*
Judy Hodnett
Kenneth Ingram
Roy McGee

Chip Merritt
Bobby Moore
Charles Rhodes
David Stevens

Jeff and Sheri Easter to entertain

Rayle EMC is proud to present Jeff and Sheri Easter at their Annual Meeting June 18.

After 39 years of music and marriage, Jeff and Sheri continue to encourage hearts while setting a standard of excellence in the field of Southern and country/bluegrass gospel music. They have a dynamic sound and stage presence with great harmonies and an authentic ability to communicate a message of hope.

Gospel music is genetically programmed into their DNA. As members of acclaimed musical families—Jeff's father is one of the Easter Brothers, and Sheri's mother is a member of the Lewis Family—



they grew up surrounded by the sound of people praising God through their musical gifts.

Jeff and Sheri have been nominated for numerous Dove Awards and won nine. They've also received multiple GRAMMY

nominations, and Sheri has been named Singing News Favorite Alto 11 times and the Singing News Female Vocalist four times. They also have participated in the Gaither Homecoming video series since 1993, which has sold over 20 million units.

Apart from their frequent appearances on the Gaither Homecoming tour and videos, Jeff and Sheri have a heavy touring schedule of their own.

"When we perform, we want people to leave a little different than when they came in," Sheri explains. "We want them to have a great time smiling, laughing, crying and healing. We want them to know God loves them and that He is in control."

Agenda & Proxy

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda

12:30 p.m. Registration and Election of Directors (First Ballot)

1 p.m. Entertainment
Jeff and Sheri Easter

2 p.m. Call to Order and Welcome
Fred McWhorter, *President*

Invocation

Motion to Close Registration and First Ballot of Election

Announcement of Quorum

Reading of Notice of Meeting and Proof of Mailing and Reading of Previous Minutes

Report of Nominating Committee
Eric Holton,
Chairman, Nominating Committee

Introduction of Credentials and Election Committee

Introduction of Guests

General Manager's Report
Tony Griffin, *General Manager*

Service Awards
Fred McWhorter, *President*

Director Runoffs as Needed

Old Business Stated in the Official Annual Meeting Notice

New Business Stated in the Official Annual Meeting Notice

Awarding of Attendance Prizes

Adjourn

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FOR CHURCHES, CLUBS, CORPORATIONS OR UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS (“ORGANIZATION”)



(Print name of representative to represent this organization)

has been appointed to represent

(Print name of organization as it appears on bill)

as its voting delegate and to receive prizes for the organization at the Annual Meeting of Members of Rayle Electric Membership Corporation on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF DESIGNATED OFFICER

(Must be President, Chairman, Vice President, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, or other officer of the Organization. **The term “officer” includes “pastor” in the case of churches.**)

TITLE OF OFFICER

If you are to be the representative of your organization at the Annual Meeting on June 18, 2026, please have this form properly completed by an officer of your organization and in your possession when you register. If your membership is for a business which you own as an individual; or if your membership is not for a church, school, club, **unincorporated association or corporation on file with the Secretary of State of Georgia**, you may **not** use this form.

Early voting for Rayle EMC Director in the event of a contested election

There will be no voting by proxy at the Annual Meeting. In the event of a contested election, if you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you can vote early by registering at any Rayle EMC office between June 8 and June 12, 2026. If you do not take advantage of the early voting opportunity, you may still register and vote in person at the Annual Meeting. This is **ONLY** in the event of a contested election.

Rayle EMC Board of Directors



President
Fred A. McWhorter
Lincolnton, Ga.
District Two



Vice President
Linton Scott
Washington, Ga.
District One



Secretary/Treasurer
Wm. Richard Dingler Sr.
Union Point, Ga.
District Three



Kyle Brown
Tignall, Ga.
District One



Jackie Copelan
Madison, Ga.
District Three



James A. Mathews
Lexington, Ga.
District Five



Herbert Powell
Lincolnton, Ga.
District Two



Iris Walker
Lexington, Ga.
District Five



Wayne Williams
Crawfordville, Ga.
District Four



DISTRICT ONE:
Wilkes County

DISTRICT TWO:
Lincoln County

DISTRICT THREE:
Greene and Morgan counties

DISTRICT FOUR:
Taliaferro and Hancock
counties

DISTRICT FIVE:
Oglethorpe, Clarke,
Madison and
Oconee counties

Report to Members, *Continued from page 18B*

systems are adding to overall consumption, even as efficiency improves.

While increased demand presents new challenges for electric utilities, it also has the potential to create significant opportunities for co-ops and the communities they serve, such as job growth, steady revenue and improved infrastructure. Electric co-ops are responding by planning carefully for the future—investing in grid modernization and offering programs and services to help co-op members conserve energy.

Rayle EMC is exploring additional generation sources, strengthening distribution systems and implementing technologies that help manage peak load. Strategic plan-

ning is critical to ensuring the grid can support everything from EV charging to large-scale manufacturing plants.

We are ready to meet rising demand in our local communities. Through innovation, investment and collaboration, Rayle EMC is preparing for a more reliable and resilient energy future.

The path forward requires innovative thinking and member-focused solutions. I'm confident that with the dedication of Rayle EMC directors and employees, and the continued support of our members, we are well positioned to adapt and meet the challenges head-on. Through it all, our promise to you remains steadfast: reliable power for today—and tomorrow.