



**2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

To: The members of Cobb Electric Membership Corporation ("Cobb EMC" or "the Cooperative").

RE: Notice of Annual Meeting of Cobb EMC Members (the "Annual Meeting"), and Notice of Director Elections. Voting results to be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The 86th annual meeting of Cobb Electric Membership Corporation will be held:

Saturday, September 14, 2024

8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Jim R. Miller Park, Marietta, GA

Member registration begins at 8 a.m. and closes at 9:30 a.m.

Please note that ALL members must provide photo identification at registration.

Commercial, government and church groups must provide authorization to represent their organizations at registration.

Members have three different voting method options when voting for their Directors:

- In person at the annual meeting
- By a mail-in ballot (included in this mailing)
- Online at www.cobbemc.com/annualmeeting or at <https://vote.escvote.com/CEMC>

Included in this letter are the biographies provided by each of the candidates and a mail-in ballot. **Votes must be received by 5 p.m. on September 11.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The board of directors will present, at the meeting, the final voting totals of the board for consideration by the membership. This mailing to members includes the director candidates. Additionally, a PDF file of this document is posted on the Cobb EMC website at www.cobbemc.com/annualmeeting.

Very truly yours,

Rudy Underwood Chairman
Cobb EMC Board of Directors

Did you know?

Cobb EMC spends approximately \$145,000 every year to print and mail this Election Information Packet & Ballot to you as required by the Cobb EMC bylaws. The use of email to send the material could reduce this cost substantially. The online voting website includes a section where you can authorize Cobb EMC to email future Election Information to you instead of mailing printed paper information packets as has been done in the past. Please help reduce our costs by voting via the website and, when prompted, providing your email address and agreeing to receive future election information electronically. If you would like to continue receiving the printed paper information packets through the U.S. mail, you can simply choose to leave the section blank. Thank you.



RUDY UNDERWOOD *(incumbent)*

District 2

How long have you been a Cobb EMC member?

Rudy and his wife have lived in West Cobb for over 30 years and have always been a Cobb EMC member. Rudy grew up in a small South Georgia community, and except for his college years, he has always received electric power through an EMC.

Education

Rudy received both Bachelor (1980) and Master (1982) degrees in public and organizational communications from the University of Georgia.

Other education/Certifications:

Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD)
Board Leadership Certificate (BLC)
Director Gold Certification from NRECA
Gettysburg Leadership Experience Certificate

How many Cobb EMC Annual Meetings have you attended?

Growing up, Rudy's family attended the EMC annual meeting every year. It was the biggest gathering of the community. When he moved to Cobb County in 1992, he started attending annual meetings.

Community Service/Involvement

Rudy is a member of Burnt Hickory Baptist Church.

Professional Background & Experience

With 30 years of experience in managing public affairs, public policy, and public relations for membership-based organizations, Rudy brings a wealth of expertise to the table. He recently retired from the American Chemistry Council (ACC) where he served as Vice President of Government Affairs Prior to his role at ACC, Rudy held influential positions at the Georgia Farm Bureau and the University of Georgia Alumni Association.

What is your experience serving on boards or bodies of this type?

Rudy has demonstrated exceptional leadership on the boards of numerous local, state, and national organizations, including the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Keep Georgia Beautiful (as past chairman), and Stonebridge HOA (as past president). He has also led as past Chairman of the Southern States Energy Board. For Cobb EMC, Rudy has provided strategic insights on the Oglethorpe Power Company Advisory Board and served as past President of the EMC Directors Association of Georgia.

Please state your vision for the future of the electric utility industry and Cobb EMC's role in that industry.

The electrical power industry is rapidly evolving with advancements like smart homes, solar power, and electric vehicles presenting new challenges. Cobb EMC must proactively plan for the future, offering bold and visionary leadership to turn these challenges into opportunities. My background and experience uniquely position me to help maximize these future opportunities.

What qualities do you possess that would make you an asset to the Cobb EMC Board of Directors?

I listen, ask questions, build teams, and take thoughtful action, ensuring continuous and meaningful communication with board members and staff. With a strong background in energy issues, I help companies understand energy markets, optimize usage, and conserve resources.

Statement of position

Twelve years ago, I sought election to the Cobb EMC Board of Directors with a commitment to restoring integrity, rebuilding the organization to be a gold standard in EMCs and community partnership, and revitalizing the cooperative with a fresh vision. Since my election, I have collaborated with the board, staff, and cooperative members to establish a transparent governance structure. We now have a clear path forward, ensuring a long-term plan for low-cost energy supplies and outstanding member service. Control of Cobb EMC has returned to our more than 190,000 member-owners.



KELLY BODNER *(incumbent)*

District 3

Cobb EMC member: 23 years

Personal:

Married to Jack, have one son, Jamison, who is a junior at the University of Cincinnati, and have two Miniature Schnauzers

Education:

1. Kennesaw State University, 2016, Ed.S
(Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration)
2. Brenau University, 2000, M.Ed. (Masters of Education in Science)
3. Ohio University, 1995, B.S. (Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education)

Certifications:

1. Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD)
2. Board Leadership Certification (BLC)
3. Director Gold Certification (DGC)

Annual Meetings Attended: 13

Community Service/Involvement:

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| 1. Must Ministries | 1. Keep Smyrna Beautiful |
| 2. Chattahoochee River Keepers | 2. Support: Live Safe, Davis Foundation, Tommy Nobis, |
| 3. Habitat for Humanity | Helping One Guy, Sweetwater Mission |

Professional Background/Experience:

Kelly Bodner is a third-generation teacher who holds three educational degrees. She has worked in the Cobb County School District for the past twenty-nine years and currently is a K-12 Title I District Coordinator. Ms. Bodner assists schools in the development, implementation, and monitoring of School Improvement Plans. In addition, she supports and plans county and statewide science events. Ms. Bodner has been recognized as Life Safe Women of Achievement, Georgia Science Teacher of the Year, Campbell High School Volunteer of the Year, Russell Elementary Teacher of the Year, and was named the Marietta Daily Journal Teacher of the Month.

Kelly Bodner has served on the Cobb EMC board for the past twelve years. She has three board certificates through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and attends state and national energy conferences. Ms. Bodner is the chair of the Public Affairs and Education committee where she leads community involvement, member education, and corporate communication. She promotes programs like Literacy Week, the Electric Avenue safety program, STEM Day, and Career Day in all schools within our service territory. She promotes providing senior scholarships for continuing education, offering Home Energy Efficiency Make-Overs, providing free HVAC tune-ups, and creating recycling events for our members. She stays actively involved in member training, HOA meetings, and volunteers alongside the employees for community outreach events.

How will my skills and expertise benefit the cooperative?

Ms. Bodner is a leader inside and outside of the classroom. She has twelve years of utility expertise and an in-depth knowledge of understanding rates, corporate finances, and industry safety. Ms. Bodner strengths are in strategic planning and goal setting to bring forth safety and savings. In addition, Ms. Bodner has been a public speaker at the state and national level that has enhanced her interactions with members. Ms. Bodner is a life-long educator and has used her leading and teaching expertise at Cobb EMC to generate innovative ideas for member education and develop recent programs for our members. With three board leadership certificates, Ms. Bodner attends classes at the state and national level to stay abreast of recent technologies and current trends.

What are some of the important issues I believe the cooperative board needs to focus on the next few years?

Cobb EMC is doing a phenomenal job of staying on top of the latest technologies and trends. Over the next few years, I see two areas to focus on. One, we need to continue to update our aging infrastructure, so we can provide reliable electricity to our members. Two, we need to continue to look at renewable energy options. To reach our Clean Energy Goal by 2030, we need to keep a pulse on the recent technologies for sustainable energy.

What is my vision for the future of the electric utility industry and Cobb EMC's role in that industry?

In the future, I see the electric industry having to address the rapid growth of electrical needs in the state. Cobb EMC is a leader in the industry by providing alternative energy options such as battery storage and solar. As electric utilities look to provide electricity to their members, Cobb EMC is ahead of the curve and already implementing innovative ways to save our members money.

What qualities do I possess that would make me an asset to the Cobb EMC Board of Directors?

I have a true concern for the community and the members. I take the time to volunteer and attend every member event Cobb EMC offers such as; energy efficient seminars, EV seminars, HOA meetings, Recycling Day, Holiday Lights, Trunk or Treat, and Women's Task Force meetings to be engaged in the co-op. I enjoy meeting our members and helping them understand the benefits of belonging to Cobb EMC. I am actively involved in my community and advocate for member needs within my area.

What is my experience serving on boards or bodies of this type?

I have served on various boards and booster clubs over the past fifteen years. Most recently I served on the Georgia Science Teachers Association Board where I was chair of the communication committee.

Statement of Position, why am I interested in serving on the Cobb EMC Board of Directors?

I have been extremely fortunate to be a part of the Cobb EMC family. I want to continue to be a part of a co-op that stands out, follows, and abides by the co-op principles. At Cobb EMC we give back and have a concern for our community, we have a transparent, open, and voluntary membership, we train and educate our members, and we are truly a cooperative among cooperatives by leading the cooperative world in innovation and safety.

I am proud that Cobb EMC is:

- 1. #1 for the LOWEST rates among all electric utilities in Georgia
- 2. #1 in the NATION for providing reliable power

I promise to continue striving and achieving more for our members. I promise to provide safe, affordable, and reliable electricity. I promise to remain transparent. Mostly, I promise to be an advocate to support our members and the local community. It is my honor to continue to serve you and the members of Cobb EMC. Together we are making a difference!



ERIC BROADWELL *(incumbent)*
District 9

I have been a Cobb EMC member since 2001, and currently serve as your vice chairman. I am an aerospace engineer from Ga Tech. I have 3 children and live on the private airport off of Arnold Mill Rd in Woodstock. Some of my credentials are: Certified Manager, Certified Project Manager, Certified Scrum Master, Gold Level Board Director, Advanced Leadership Director Certification, Pilot, Select Soccer Coach, Ironman Triathlete, Certified Cycling Instructor and Coach.

Some of my past community involvement includes: Church Founder, Youth Team coach and foundation organizer, past ethics committee member for Roswell, event director, Charity Treasurer.

I currently own an aircraft maintenance company, Splash Aero, and enjoy restoring airplanes and spending time with my fiancé. I am a life learner and continue to seek the latest information in all my areas of interest, but especially the energy industry.

My background is quite diverse from aircraft design to IT Solution manager at IBM, VP of sales at EDS and owning a retail catalogue company. I am also my fraternity's chairman and manage our multimillion-dollar budget. I believe my experience has helped our EMC consider and execute cost reduction in many areas. My leadership and participation on the board has led to many benefits to the EMC, we have resurrected from near bankruptcy when I first joined the board to the most financially stable EMC in the country. This is evident as we are #1 in restoring power in the country, #1 in reliability of all utilities in the country and the lowest rates in Georgia. Our wholly owned subsidiary Gas South is an integral part of our co-op and is the best Gas company in Georgia.

Please visit my video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yugz9HuozzU&list=PPSV> and feel free to call me anytime at my personal cell phone 678-520-7337.

The energy industry is changing and innovation is continuing. I am asking for your vote so I may continue working for you at Cobb EMC to vet these ideas and changes to help us stay ahead so we may provide the best power service and advice for you, our members.

I began this journey by being asked to serve on this board by the past mayor of Roswell, who is also a member. He felt my experience and ethics would be an asset to helping right the ship and drive a course for our cooperative. I have always been a "Fix IT Guy" and I am driven to help when a solution is needed for the whole community. This is why I enjoy being your director on the board of our cooperative; I know I am helping us.

There is still more work to be done. With the next 3 year term and the highest board certification under my belt, I ask for your vote to continue the work I have been doing to make this co-op yours and provide you the most reliable power at the lowest cost and the safest service possible.



CATHY LANE

District 9

Cathy Lane has been a Cherokee County resident and Cobb EMC member for 34 years. Cathy holds a degree from Auburn University and has held an active Real Estate license since 2006. Previously she worked at AmSouth Bank, Montgomery, as an assistant marketing director and later in a sales role at Southern Engineering (Enpro Division). Growing up with a father who worked in the engineering department of Troup EMC (now Diverse Power) for 40 plus years has given Cathy a unique insight into the culture, operation, and mission of electric cooperatives. As a realtor for 18 years Cathy has worked in the Cobb EMC service area and has served many of its members as a trusted Realtor. She served on the Associate Leadership Council in her Keller Williams office, served as President of the North Metro Women's Council of Realtors, worked in the

community on Red Day projects sponsored by Keller Williams and in addition, was Cherokee County Realtor of the Year in 2014. Cathy is a member of Hillside Methodist Church. For 19 years Cathy has been an avid supporter of Cobb EMC through various volunteer activities. She is presently Treasurer of the Cobb EMC Foundation Board on which she has served for 7 years. Cathy has been a member for 19 years, and is the current President of, the Cobb EMC Women's Task Force. As a member of the Cobb EMC Scholarship Committee Cathy has had the honor of awarding technical and college scholarships to member students. She has attended annual meetings since 2005.

Platform:

- As a director I will uphold the fiduciary responsibility to Cobb EMC members as I have for my clients for the past 18 years.
- Work to provide members with extremely reliable service at the lowest possible rates.
- Keep the infrastructure strong, and use new technology when applicable to serve our members at a higher level.
- Institute sustainability, when possible, without raising rates.
- Support term limits for Directors which facilitates a constant flow of new ideas supporting the vision of Cobb EMC.
- Build loyalty among Cobb EMC employees creating a great culture, greater workplace satisfaction, and productivity, thereby offering better customer service to our members.
- Support members community needs such as education, veteran assistance, food distribution, and assistance for underserved children and young adults. This is done through contributions from Cobb EMC, and supporting the efforts of the Cobb EMC Foundation Board that serves nonprofits in our service area.
- Once elected obtain certifications and education offered for Cooperative Board members.

It is my desire to work with Cobb EMC in the position of Director representing District 9, to serve the cooperatives members, employees, and the community with integrity.

Thank you for your consideration.