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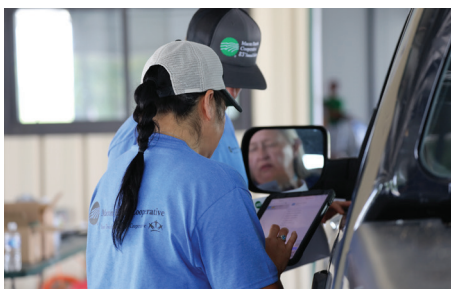
83rd Annual Meeting Recap

Macon Electric Cooperative held its 83rd Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The meeting took place at the Macon County Fairground facilities. Voting was completed via drive-through from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The business meeting started at 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Center. All members who registered and voted by mail, online, or in-person, received a \$20 energy credit as well as an 85th Anniversary edition calendar. A grand prize drawing of \$100 was drawn at the business meeting and David and Janet Wear of Macon, Missouri was the winner.

The business portion of the meeting included the reports of officers, the general manager's report, voting results, and the election of three directors. Directors elected to serve a three-year term were Western Area - Ben Williams, Northwestern Area - Mary C. Almond, and Eastern Area - Jay Collins.

Along with voting for board representatives, a By-Law amendment was proposed. The bylaw amendment question "Should the current bylaw language remain the same" passed meaning the current by-law language will remain as is and the nominating committee will NOT be reinstated as requested by the membership at last year's meeting.

Thanks to all members who expressed their democratic right as a member of the cooperative by voting in and attending the 83rd Annual Membership Meeting. We look forward to seeing you next year for our 84th Annual Meeting!



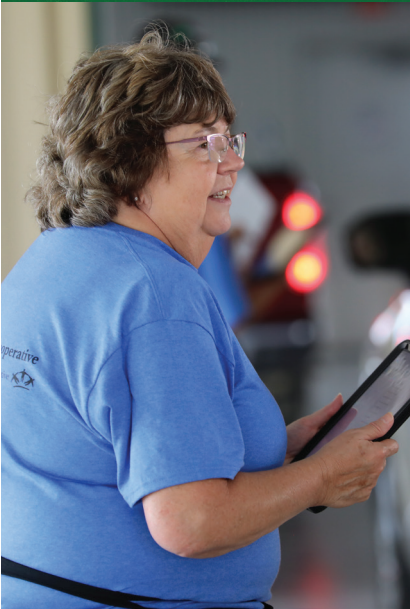
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By the community, for the community!

When you think of October, pumpkins, Halloween, and beautiful fall foliage naturally come to mind. But October is notable for another reason – it's **National Co-op Month**! This is the time of year when cooperatives across the country celebrate who we are and, more importantly, the members we serve.

Cooperatives are different than other types of businesses. Similar to how Macon Electric Cooperative was built by members who came together to bring electricity to our community, cooperatives care about the common good. Your electric co-op exists to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to you, the members of the co-op. Equally important is our mission to strengthen our rural communities.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. MEC's leadership team and employees live right here in the community.

Our board of directors live locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected to the position by neighbors like you.

Our close connection to the community ensures we get a first-hand perspective on local priorities, which enables us to make informed decisions on long-term investments, such as technology upgrades and energy efficiency programs.

Another feature that sets our co-op apart from a traditional utility is one of our core principles, "Concern for Community." We partner with local schools and community organizations with projects designed to better our communities, whether it be through promoting electrical safety, or focusing on economic development.

At MEC, we also enjoy giving back to our youth. We participate in the Youth Tour and the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience

(CYCLE), where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. and Jefferson City to experience democracy in action.

Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs are because of you and your neighbors. You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

We hope you will think of MEC as more than your energy provider, but instead as a local business that supports this community and powers development and prosperity for the people.

We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities so that we can better serve you – because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community.