

Valued GCEC Member:

Our 77th Annual Members' Meeting will be held on May 3, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m. at our headquarters office in Wewahitchka, and I hope that you and your family will make plans to attend.

As a member-owned electric cooperative, it is imperative that our members participate by voting. Due to the fact that not all of our members are able to attend the meeting, we offer two convenient options to ensure that all of our members have the opportunity to make their voices heard.

- Internet: Vote online at <https://gcec.coopballot.com>. Simply follow the online instructions to place your vote on the secure website. Please make sure that you have your voting PIN handy. You may locate your voting PIN on the paper ballot enclosed in this packet.
- Paper: Vote via the U. S. Postal Service by completing the enclosed ballot and returning it in the included postage-paid envelope. As you will see, your ballot will be mailed to a third party that is conducting the voting process on behalf of the cooperative. The third party is conducting this process for us so that we do not have access to the completed ballots. **We are unable to accept ballots hand-delivered to our offices.**

There are two items on this year's ballot:

1. Trustee Election

This year, District I trustees are up for re-election. The incumbents are: Betty Moore, Group 1; Dwight Van Lierop, Group 2; and Pat Pitts, Group 3. None of the incumbents faced opposition. Therefore, following Robert's Rules of Order, there is no need for a formal vote. The matter is decided by "Acclamation" or by "Unanimous Consent." Because there will be no voting brought before the membership on the day of the event, you will need to check the "Acclamation" box in order for us to install the three trustees.

2. Approval of Board Actions

Please indicate whether you approve or disapprove of board actions for the previous year.

In appreciation of your time, we will credit \$5.00 to your electric bill for participating. The cooperative will also work with the third party to obtain a random selection of members to receive prizes. Those who are randomly selected will receive a gift card with a value of at least \$50.00. Also, 10 lucky members will be randomly selected to each receive a \$100.00 electric bill credit, and one lucky member will be randomly selected to win a 2007 Ford F-150 crew cab pickup truck!

For those who plan to attend the meeting – and we hope you do! -- we will have children's activities; complimentary food and beverages; informational booths; and live music. We will also present 20 \$1,000 scholarships! (Visit our website at www.gcec.com or see your high school guidance counselor for details.)

As an added bonus, we have included a prize ticket. If you attend the meeting, **make sure** that you bring this ticket to the event. We will have a place where you can turn in half the ticket in order to be eligible to win additional prizes at the event. **If you do not bring this ticket, you will not be eligible for the prizes that we give away at this year's event, so don't forget your ticket!**

The election will close on April 23, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Central time. If the third party does not receive your ballot by this date, it will be rejected, so please be mindful of the deadline and allow sufficient time for mailing processing if you choose to mail your ballot rather than voting online.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us. As always, it is a pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,



John Bartley
CEO/General Manager