

Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative

# THE GRID

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Find your name hidden inside this issue of The Grid and receive a **\$50 bill credit**. Credit must be claimed by the end of each month in which this newsletter is published.



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## 85th Annual Meeting and Member Celebration

We are celebrating you, our members, on Friday, Oct. 3rd, at Peterson Park. This will be a hybrid event with members driving through the park with the option of staying for our meeting in-person at 1 p.m. The meeting will also be live on Facebook. Enter the park from Broadway Avenue at the 5th Street entrance and follow the signs. Employees will be on hand to guide you and answer questions.

- Early Bird Registration available at 6:30 a.m. at the park
- Boxed lunch, shakeups & giveaways starting at 11 a.m. while supplies last
- \$25 bill credit for registered members
- \$100, \$250 & \$500 bill credit drawings (Need not be present to win)



## 2025 Elections

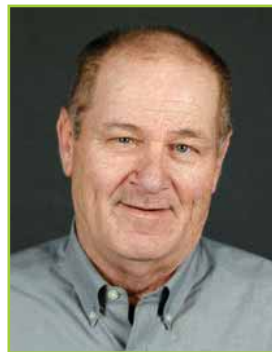
CMEC Elections begin on Sept. 9 and run through Sept. 30. Ballots will soon be mailed to all eligible members. If you have an email address on file, you will also receive voting instructions via email. You can cast your vote either online or by mailing in your completed ballot. Please note: All election-related emails and ballots will come from our trusted partner, Survey & Ballot Systems. The email will be sent from CMEC Election Coordinator using the address [noreply@directvote.net](mailto:noreply@directvote.net)

### Reminder: Proposed By-Law Amendments for 2025

CMEC has four proposed amendments to our by-laws. Members will have the opportunity to vote on these proposals either by mail or online during the upcoming election. Voting will take place from Sept. 9 to Sept. 30, 2025.

### Director Elections

Director districts to be elected in 2025 are one and seven. Both races are uncontested for 2025. District #1 is William "Ed" Voltenburg, and District #7 is Jeffery "Jeff" Hudson.



William "Ed" Voltenburg



Jeffery "Jeff" Hudson



*CMEC will be closed  
for Labor Day on  
Monday, Sept. 1st.*

## Home Serve Notice

CMEC will no longer be partnering with Home Serve as of September 2025. Home Serve will continue to honor the coverage for those members who are currently enrolled.

## DORM ROOM SAFETY TIP:

Prevent electrical fire hazards. Avoid overloading extension cords, power strips or outlets.



# Capital Credits


## 2024 Capital Credit Allocations

The 2024 Capital Credit allocations are printed on the bills mailed to members mid-September. CMEC is member-owned and not-for-profit. Any revenue earned above and beyond the cost of doing business is considered margins. We allocate those margins as capital credits to the members who purchased electricity during the year they were earned. These capital credits are an interest-free source of operating capital by you and the rest of our members, which allows us to finance operations with the intent to return the credits back to members later as the board of directors authorizes.

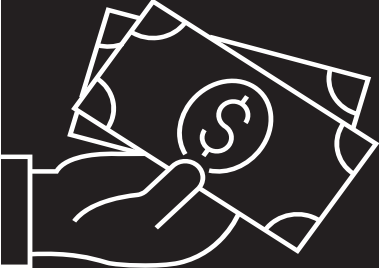


## Unclaimed Capital Credits Search

You or someone you know may have unclaimed Capital Credits. CMEC distributes Capital Credit checks when our Board of Directors determines it is feasible for our co-op. Former members cannot always be located if they have not kept their current address up to date. You can now search for your name on the list at our website, [cmec.coop](http://cmec.coop). Go to My Membership - Capital Credits - "How can I check if I have unclaimed capital credits?" in FAQs. These funds can be claimed by having the member or the member's family contact the cooperative and provide the proper paper work to claim the funds. Contact our office if you have any questions or find your name!




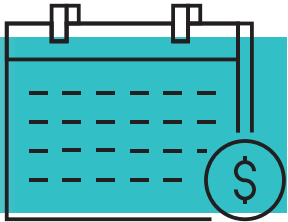
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Capital Credits  
to those who  
earned them!

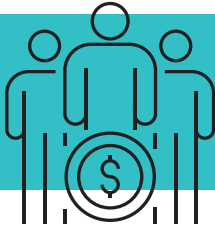



# HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK

Electric co-ops are not-for-profit and operate at cost. Capital credits are a financial benefit of co-op membership.

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1. Members pay their electric bills, and we track their business with us each month.
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2. The co-op pays operating expenses throughout the year and allocates any leftover operating revenue as capital credits.
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3. When financial conditions permit, the co-op board votes to retire (pay) capital credits to the members.
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4. We send members their share of capital credits as a check.



## A Special Thanks

### CMEC Helps with Mattoon Water Distribution



In July a group of CMEC employees helped with setting up the water distribution site at Williams Elementary School and distributing water to the citizens of Mattoon during the Do Not Drink Order due to an algae bloom. A huge thank you to the CMEC employees for helping and displaying one of our seven cooperative principles, Concern for the Community. Also, a huge thank you to Cat Miller and Scott Eggleston with The Fields Church for organizing this distribution site, keeping it running smoothly, and all of their hard work and long hours for the Mattoon community. **Larry Galloway**

*Pictured left to right are CMEC employees Devon Durbin, David Welsh, Steven Baldwin, Summar Smith, Hunter Rawlings, Koty West, Gavin Bennett, and Brock Cook.*



*Pictured left, Cat Miller and right, Scott Eggleston with The Fields Church*



#### LOOK UP

For overhead power lines when operating farm equipment.

Safe Electricity.org

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Take advantage of "shoulder months," which refer to the transitional periods between peak heating and cooling seasons. During the fall, these milder weeks typically occur between September and November. Shoulder months offer a great opportunity to reduce home energy consumption as the need for extensive heating or cooling is reduced. Look for simple ways to boost indoor comfort without running your heating and cooling system. Use ceiling fans and open windows on breezy days to ventilate your home. On cooler days, add a layer of clothing and avoid running the heat.

**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes can be viewed on our website: [cmec.coop](http://cmec.coop)**