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Hart EMC to Have Drive-Thru Annual Meeting

Out of an abundance of caution for our members and employees, the Hart EMC Annual Meeting has been changed to a Drive-Thru Annual Meeting:

Hartwell office

1071 Elberton Hwy
Thursday, July 23, 2020
9 a.m.-11 a.m.

The safety and well-being of our employees and members is our ultimate priority. We do not want to place anyone at risk unnecessarily. Members are asked to come to our Hartwell office, where Hart EMC employees will direct you. You may come at any time between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Members must stay in their vehicle. There will be no entertainment or refreshments and no restrooms available. Every member who attends will receive a \$25 credit

on their August electric bill, plus a special gift. In addition, members who attend will be included in the grand prize drawings; the winner will be notified shortly after the meeting.

On page 18C, please see the minutes that will need to be approved at the meeting. The following persons have been nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve as indicated:

District 1 (Elbert and Madison counties): To succeed himself, Galen Mills (three-year term)

District 3 (Franklin and Banks counties): To succeed himself, Guerry Hall (three-year term)

Please fill out the registration form at the bottom of this page and bring with you to the meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Hart EMC's Annual Meeting, please call 1 (800) 241-4109.

HART EMC ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Account Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "YES" to approve the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting as seen in the July 2020 Hart EMC newsletter.

YES

NO

Director Election

Vote "YES" to elect the candidate to a three-year term or "NO" to vote against the candidate.

YOU SHOULD VOTE IN BOTH DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT 1 (Elbert and Madison counties): **Galen Mills**

YES

NO

DISTRICT 3 (Franklin and Banks counties): **Guerry Hall**

YES

NO

The above candidates are running unopposed.



Teachers, Need Money for Your Bright Ideas?



The Hart EMC Foundation is offering grants through the Bright Ideas program to educators serving grades K-12 in public schools within the Hart EMC service area. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for innovative classroom projects that benefit students and would not otherwise be covered by school budgets.



Bright Ideas grants will fund a variety of hands-on projects, including music, art, history, language, reading, science, math and information technology. Proposals can come from any area of the curriculum.

Applications for a 2020 Bright Ideas grant are available at hartemc.com/community-involvement/hart-emc-foundation/bright-ideas. Completed applications should be submitted by Aug. 26, 2020.

Hart EMC awards \$25,000 in Bright Ideas grants each year. Close to \$250,000 has been awarded since the program began in October 2010.

Nominating Committee Report

On May 4, 2020, the Nominating Committee met and elected Dan W Stroud Chairman and George K. Scarborough Vice Chairman. This is the committee's report:

We, the Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Hart Electric Membership Corporation, do nominate the following to be elected as Directors of the Hart Electric Membership Corporation at the Annual Meeting on July 23, 2020, for three-year terms as specified in the By-Laws, in accordance with the balloting procedures set forth in the By-Laws.

From District 1
(Elbert and Madison counties)

Galen Mills

From District 3
(Franklin and Banks counties)

Guerry Hall

The Nominating Committee members were as follows: Edward Banister, Annette H. Collins, Benjamin Fortson, David A. Roberts, George K. Scarborough, Larry Skelton and Dan W. Stroud.

Hart Electric Membership Corporation

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 25, 2019

Angie Brown introduced Flat Rock CME Praise Team, who provided the entertainment.

Jeffrey W. Murphy led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance before the invocation given by Chad Smith, Lead Pastor of The Pointe Church.

The meeting was called to order by Galen Mills, Chairman of the Hart EMC Board of Directors. Mr. Mills welcomed all members and guests and introduced members of the Hart EMC Board of Directors and the Hart EMC Foundation.

Pam Gordon, Vice Chairperson of the Hart EMC Foundation, gave a report.

The general counsel of Hart Electric Membership Corporation, Walter J. Gordon, presided over the Business Session. Mr. Gordon acknowledged Secretary Jerry Snow's certification that there were more than 150 members present, thereby constituting a quorum according to the Bylaws. Mr. Gordon recognized that an Official Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members was published in the June 2019 issue of *Along These Lines*. Mr. Gordon read the Mailing Certificate, which was signed by Gayle Hartman, Production Coordinator for Georgia EMC. It stated that 26,005 pieces of mail were sent through *Georgia Magazine* by Hart Electric Membership Corporation, containing notices to all members of the Annual Meeting to be held on July 25, 2019.

Mr. Gordon entertained a motion and second from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting; the motion was passed without dissent.

Ronald D. Ward gave a report from the Nominating Committee. He announced the committee's nominations for the three Board of Directors positions up for election in 2019 as follows: Donnie Cordell, District 1 (Elbert and Madison counties); Jerry M. Snow, District 2 (Hart County); and Kay Reed, District 4 (Stephens County). Walter Gordon reported that no petitions

were filed with the cooperative in accordance with the Bylaws.

Mr. Gordon introduced the members of the Credentials and Elections Committee. The members of the committee are Chairperson Larry J. Fleming, Chris Camp, Ken Taylor, Vinson Brown, Edward Allen, Jason Grafton, Beth P. Moore and Bruce M. Brown.

Mr. Gordon recognized the nominees: Donnie Cordell, District 1 (Elbert and Madison counties); Jerry M. Snow, District 2 (Hart County); and Kay Reed, District 4 (Stephens County). Mr. Gordon called for a motion that Donnie Cordell, Jerry M. Snow and Kay Reed be elected by acclamation to serve three-year terms on the Hart EMC Board of Directors. The motion was made, seconded and passed by the members without dissent.

Mr. Gordon introduced members of the Nominating Committee. Afterward, Jeffrey W. Murphy presented the President's Report.

Following the President's Report, Mr. Gordon asked if there was any old business to be brought before the body. There was none. Mr. Gordon asked if there was any new business to be brought before the body. There was none.

Keith Brown conducted the drawing for door prizes. Caleb Smith, 7-year-old son of Josh and Amanda Smith, drew the numbers for the many valuable prizes that were given away.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Galen Mills, *Chairman*



Jerry M. Snow, *Secretary*



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home.

Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started.



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365 days a year

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Hart Electric Membership Corporation is a member-owned electric cooperative serving more than 35,500 meters in Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Stephens, Madison and Banks counties.

Hart EMC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Hart Recipe of the Month

Key Lime Cake

Submitted by *Mae L. Brown, Elberton*

Ingredients

- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 2 packages lime Jell-O (for a lighter green color, use only 1 box)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup orange juice
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup canola oil



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, add all ingredients; mix well, scraping sides of bowl. Pour into greased and lightly floured cake pans. Use three 8-inch pans or a 9-by-13-inch cake pan. Bake 25-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Frost with cream cheese frosting.



Planned Maintenance

July 2020

Tree Trimming and Bush Hogging—Aquila, Lavonia and Sandy Cross

Spraying—Heardmont and Reed Creek

Pole Inspection—Reed Creek



- **Operation Round Up applications: Aug. 7**
- **Bright Ideas grant applications: Aug. 26**