

Director Candidate Statement – **Dan Chelko**  
District 10 Centerville – South Snellville



Walton EMC member since 1976

Member of the Board of Directors since 1993. Served as President of the Board of Directors, Secretary/Treasurer (current) and Vice President.

Member of the Walton Energy Board which oversees Walton Natural Gas and Walton Solar.

Walton EMC's representative at the Oglethorpe Power Company Advisory Board.

Credentialed by the NRECA as a certified Director with 60 hours of course credit. Additionally, I have 232 hours of Continuing Education credit by National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Former Assistant Principal at Brookwood High School for 32 years.

Former College, High School and Youth Soccer coach. Former USSF referee for 27 years.

“As you have heard in reports at previous annual meetings, Walton EMC is in the best shape possible to handle future challenges. As a Board member we have a fiduciary responsibility to you the members to meet our mission of having the ‘best possible service at the lowest possible price.’ This mission and keeping our responsibility foremost has allowed the Board to win contracts with Facebook, Amazon, and Nestle in recent years. It has also helped us to return over \$30 million dollars in Capital Credit refunds in the last ten years to you the members. Our summer and winter rates have moved below that of Georgia Power. We have become one of the flagship electric cooperatives in Georgia and in the South.

This responsibility is never to be taken lightly. It is a debt owed to previous generations of members and future generations as well. Much of the success of Walton EMC is due to the culture of 'family' within the Board, the staff and all the employees. Support for the employees is essential for our future.

I would like your vote to continue to represent you the members, to continue our mission, and to support our employees." Thank you.