



# WHY WALTON EMC HAS AN ANNUAL MEETING

## You have a voice and a vote in cooperative business

Walton EMC is owned and democratically governed by the energy consumers we serve. That's you!

Democratic member control is one of the seven cooperative principles that distinguishes our co-op from other utilities, companies and industries. The Second Cooperative Principle: Democratic Member Control spells out the membership benefit of having a voice and a vote in cooperative business. Each customer-owner of Walton EMC is entitled to equal voting rights upon joining the co-op.

The Walton EMC Annual Meeting, held on the third Saturday in June, is a primary way our customer-owners exercise democratic control. When members participate in the annual meeting, you ensure the co-op is guided by the people it serves.

### Four reasons the customer-owners of Walton EMC conduct an annual meeting:

#### 1 Elect board members.

The election of customer-owners to serve as directors is the most important facet of the annual meeting. Directors represent their fellow customer-owners in setting the policies and general direction followed by Walton EMC's management and staff. In this way, the co-op is democratically governed by its customers.

Walton EMC has nine directors who represent customers-owners and communities from different geographical districts throughout the co-op's 10-county service area. A director serves a three-year term.

Each year, three board seats are up for election. In a year when their district is holding an election, Walton EMC customer-owners can read board candidate biographies at [waltonemc.com/annualmeeting](http://waltonemc.com/annualmeeting) before casting a vote at the annual meeting.

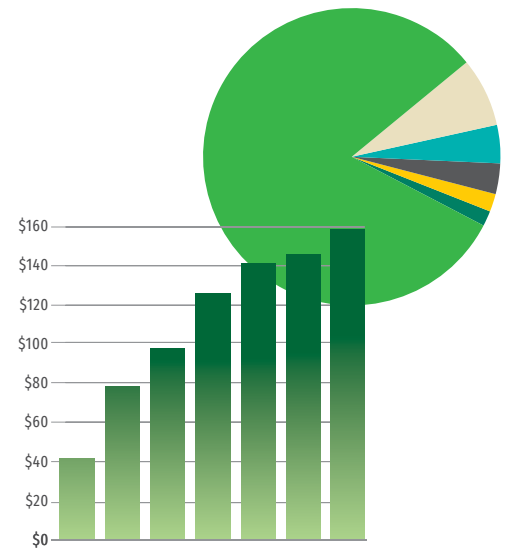


Meet Walton EMC's board of directors



## 2 Receive a business update.

During the annual meeting business session, Walton EMC leaders and management share reports that offer members insight into the performance, direction and stability of the co-op. This information about the financial and physical wellbeing of the cooperative and its assets helps our customer-owners understand not just how Walton EMC is doing now, but also how current conditions and activities connect to the past and the future.



## 3 Be heard.

Attending the annual meeting provides the opportunity for co-op members to personally engage with Walton EMC leaders and management. Members are encouraged to ask questions regarding decisions and policies. By expressing opinions and raising concerns, co-op customer-owners ensure that board members are representing their interests.



## 4 Engage with fellow members.

Walton EMC's annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. While safe, reliable and affordable electric power is crucial to the co-op's mission, improving the quality of life for all members is at the core of what we do every day.

The annual meeting provides an opportunity for neighbors to meet face-to-face and realize that Walton EMC connects you in more ways than just power lines. With door prizes, the traditional bucket of gifts and live entertainment, the in-person annual meeting also offers genuine old-fashioned fun.

As a customer-owner of Walton EMC, your voice and vote is important. Take the time to make your membership count by attending the annual meeting.



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