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“OWNED BY THOSE WE SERVE”

**Romans 6:16-18 KJV**

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

# Nominations for OREMC Board Director

The following bylaw pertains to the nomination of directors:

*Article IV, Section 4.05. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members of the Cooperative who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director; who are not close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household thereof, and who are so selected as to give equitable representation thereon to the areas served by the Cooperative. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least one hundred fifty (150) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected, as it deems desirable. Any fifty (50) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominees, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. At the member meeting, no nominations may be made from the floor except that such nominations may be made and shall be allowed for any directorate to be filled for which there would not otherwise be any eligible nominee. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board of Directors after the election of directors.*

**Nominations and Election of OREMC Directors**

Directors are nominated and elected from three of OREMC's districts each year at the annual meeting of the members to serve for a term of three years. Terms expiring this year are:

- District 3 - East Brantley and Wayne Counties, GA
- District 7 - Charlton County, GA
- District 9 - Southeast Camden County, GA

Okefenokee REMC's Board of Directors, in accordance with Bylaw Article IV, Section 4.05, has appointed the following members to the 2025 Nominating Committee:

**Jerri F. Canaday**  
6066 Harry Rewis Rd.  
Macclenny, FL 32063

**Dorothy Ruis**  
4967 Bailey Haddock Ln  
Hilliard, FL 32046-6317

**Pam Herrin**  
6643 Browntown Rd.  
Waynesville, GA 31566-3201

**David Moody**  
1601 Saddle Club Rd.  
Hoboken, GA 31542

**James Everett Griffin**  
857 Russton Dr.  
Waycross, GA 31503

**Dusty Copeland**  
5397 Dover Bluff Rd.  
Waverly, GA 31565-2253

**Donald R. Morrison**  
130 Morrison Ln  
Folkston, GA 31537

**Judie Woodcock**  
110 Denmarks Crossing  
Brunswick, GA 31525

**Jacob R. Paulk**  
133 Paulk Place  
Woodbine, GA 31569

If you live in one of the three districts noted above that are up for election this year and wish to be considered for nomination to represent your district, you may contact a committee member. Nominations by petition will also be accepted (see bylaws, Article IV, Section 4.05 for details).

According to OREMC bylaws, if any nominations are made by petition, petitions must be received in the Law Office of J. Patrick Brooks, P.C. at 3794 Main Street, Folkston, GA 31537, no later than Friday, May 15, 2026, at 5 p.m. (See By-law Section 4.05 for details concerning nominations by petition).

OREMC bylaws are available at any OREMC office and online at oremc.com/about. For suggested forms for nomination by petition contact Patrick Brooks at 912-496-3231.

Results of the Nominating Committee meeting and, if applicable, a listing of nominations made by petition, will be reported in OREMC's July/August 2026 member newsletter. Procedures for voting in the election will also be included in that newsletter.

**A tentative date of Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. has been set for the Nominating Committee to meet. The tentative location of the meeting is OREMC's headquarters office in Nahunta, GA. For confirmation of meeting date, time and location, you may contact Kimi Harris at 800-262-5131 ext. 1111.**



## Lineworkers are Ready When it Matters Most

In April OREMC will celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day. We take time to pause and recognize the brave men who make it possible to power your lives every day—our lineworkers.

When storms impact our communities and outages occur, many people experience the inconvenience, but our lineworkers see a call to action. Our crews are always ready when it matters most—leaving family dinners, working through the night and heading into challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. That readiness is not accidental. It comes from rigorous training, deep experience and a shared commitment to serving others.

What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is that they aren't just restoring power to a system—they're restoring power to their own communities. They live here. They raise their families here. They understand that electricity is more than a convenience; it's essential to daily life, to local businesses, to schools, farms and emergency services. Powering the places we call home is personal to lineworkers.

OREMC was built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, and our lineworkers embody that spirit every day. They are the first to respond and the last to leave, often working long hours behind the scenes. At times, serving our neighbors means going beyond our own service territory through a process known as mutual aid. During major outage events, OREMC crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops--sometimes close to home, and sometimes across state lines--to help restore power. This spirit of mutual aid strengthens all cooperatives and ultimately benefits the members we serve.

We understand any time the lights go out can be frustrating, bringing everyday life to a halt. We are incredibly grateful to our members for your patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical, and at times, it can be dangerous. Our crews approach each job with a focus on safety and teamwork. They take pride in their craft and in the trust our members place in them.

**To our lineworkers:** thank you for your hard work, your readiness and your unwavering commitment to the communities we serve. We are proud to stand behind you and grateful for all that you do.



# The People Behind the Power

When you call in to OREMC to set up service, ask a billing question, inquire about your usage, learn about payment options, or one of many assorted other questions, the first person you are going to speak with is a Member Services Representative (MSR). Meet three of our newest MSRs working out of our Nahunta office: Ellis Dean, Alicia Dean and Angela Mock.

**Ellis Dean** joined the OREMC team about a year and a half ago. He had been working at Bank of America on St. Simons as a relationship banker, but was looking for something closer to his home in Raybon. He had heard OREMC was a good place to work and focused on community, family and a positive work environment. He saw the job of MSR as inline with his skills at the bank—and as a paraprofessional at Waynesville Primary School and a customer service representative at Lowe's before that. His instincts proved correct.



"My banking experience provided a good foundation to be prepared for the financial responsibility, accuracy and member satisfaction of the MSR job here at OREMC," Ellis noted. "It has been eye-opening to learn a whole new industry . . . there is so much involved. But I enjoy the integrated processes and the many hands involved in powering members' lives."

Ellis says he enjoys working in his own community, and the satisfaction that comes from making things easy for people and being of service. He takes pride in being a resource and working to provide each member a good experience.

When he is not working at OREMC, Ellis enjoys being out in nature, walking trails, visiting the swamp, fishing, ATV riding and spending time with family.

**Alicia Dean** came to OREMC a year ago after working for 17 years at Pet Supplies Plus in Brunswick. Having an interest in being a vet technician, she began working there as a



cashier during her senior year in high school. She worked her way into the fish department—which included reptiles and their food supply— then began training for a management position, leaving as store manager to work at OREMC.

Looking to be closer to home and work more traditional hours, Alicia heard about the MSR job opening from her sister who knew people who worked at the co-op and talked about it being a good place to work.

"I am happy with my decision," said Alicia. "Everyone has been welcoming, friendly and easy to work with." While she does sometimes miss "being out in public" she is representing OREMC at the Brantley County Chamber and excited to be more involved in the community.

Being closer to home also gives her more time with family and her seven-year-old son. Alicia also enjoys camping, flower gardening and the family's monthly adventures noting, "We are adrenaline junkies, so we like amusement parks—riding an alpine coaster on the side of a mountain was pretty exhilarating. But we also look forward to taking a train to New York City and seeing the Rockefeller Christmas Tree and the 9/11 Memorial."

"I never realized there were so many reasons to call the power company," **Angela Mock** said as she reflected on her orientation as an MSR a year ago. "I had worked at the same place for 30 years, and when the MSR position came open I thought it would be a chance to do something new."



Learning a whole new industry has definitely given her a new perspective on OREMC and all there is to learn so she can best serve the members and answer questions. Prior to coming to OREMC, Angela worked at Unison Behavioral Health, most recently as an executive assistant. Over her tenure she moved through several different departments: overseeing residential homes, day services, pharmacy and then administration.

Angela had always heard OREMC was a good place to work, and felt the opportunity to grow into the MSR position would give her new learning opportunities. "It is good to get out of my comfort zone," she noted.

She says OREMC has lived up to its reputation as a family-oriented atmosphere. She likes helping the members and learning all that OREMC does to support the community. When not at the office, Angela likes spending time with her grandchildren (and grown children), going to the beach and being on the water in a boat.



## Making an Impact

Now entering its fifth year, the OREMC Foundation is living up to its mission of being a community development initiative aimed at supporting documented educational, outreach, economic development and health/life safety needs throughout the OREMC service area. Nearly \$800,000 has been awarded to local organizations working to address a host of issues, as reflected in the most recent round of grant awards.

- Families with food insecurity is a significant challenge across the OREMC service area, and with costs continuing to rise, so too are the number of families needing assistance.
- Providing necessities, comfort items and a bed of their own for children entering the foster care system are critical needs during a period of significant emotional trauma.
- Supporting our veterans and their families during difficult times, or providing at-risk youth opportunities for safety, security and a loving, supportive environment.
- Making necessary healthcare accessible and affordable.
- Enhancing agricultural education and development of presentation skills.
- Supporting visually impaired youth and adults with camp opportunities that promote adventure, camaraderie and personal development in a safe and nurturing environment.

Receiving Organization	Program
Adventure Bags, Inc.	One Bag at a Time
Anointed Boxing Fitness Outreach	Community Outreach
Called to Care, Inc.	Beds and Bedding
Camden County 4-H	Project Achievement and Summer Camp
Charis Eating Disorder Care	Recovery Retreat
Charlton County Extension/4-H	Project Achievement
Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.	Camp Scholarships
Hospice of the Golden Isles, Inc.	Uncompensated care
Morningstar Children and Family Services, Inc.	Educational Enrichment & Life Skills Program
Operation Appreciation, Inc.	Serving GA Guard/Reserves Veteran Families
Ravens of Elijah Food Ministries, Inc.	Food Distribution

Equally impressive is the passion and commitment of the people behind all the organizations the OREMC Foundation has awarded grants to. They work tirelessly to make a difference, giving their blood, sweat and tears. Much of their work is often "behind of the scenes" as in many cases, if you don't need their services, you aren't looking for them. But for those that do, their helping hands, love and support are a blessing.

If your organization fits the profile, **the next grant application deadline is Friday, July 10.** Information on qualifying 501(c)3 organization and application can be found at [oremc.com/foundation](http://oremc.com/foundation). All funds used to award OREMC Foundation grants comes from unclaimed capital credits.



### Women Who Build

OREMC Foundation Trustees (and family) volunteered their time at the Habitat for Humanity Glynn County **Women Who Build** 2026 campaign back in February. The crew spent the morning painting one of the two homes currently under construction in Habitat's Century Place neighborhood. The OREMC Foundation had awarded HFH Glynn County a grant back in September and were thrilled to get more involved by participating in a build day.



### Church of the Month

#### Westlight Missionary Baptist Church

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P.O. Box 458 • Woodbine, GA 31569  
912-576-5508  
Pastor Joshua Davis

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.