Little Ocmulgee EMC



87th Anniversary
1938 - 2025

2025 Annual Report

87 Years of Providing Safe, Efficient Service

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General Manager..... Lewis Sheffield

Board of Directors

President	Carey Locke	*Wheeler County*
Vice President	Jim Knight	*Telfair County*
Secretary-Treasurer	Benny Evans	*Wheeler County*
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer	LaRue Fountain	*Laurens County*
	Ronnie Bates	*Laurens County*
	George Best	*Telfair County*
	Jimmy Grimes	*Wheeler County*
	Chris Milton	*Laurens County*
	Wesley Yawn	*Telfair County*

Nominating Committee Report

We, your Committee on Nominations, do hereby place in nomination the following candidates from each of the following districts for director of Little Ocmulgee EMC, to be considered at the 87th Annual Meeting of Members on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025:

District 1	(Laurens County)	**Dustin Jacob Savant**
		Tommy Thompson
District 2	(Telfair/Dodge counties)	**Wesley Yawn**
District 3	(Wheeler/Montgomery counties)	**Carey Locke**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

Official Notice of Annual Meeting

Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corp.

The 87th Annual Meeting of Members of Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corp. will be held at the Wheeler County School (old gymnasium) in Alamo on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETING IN THE GYM, PLEASE VOTE PRIOR TO ENTERING THE GYM. ALL VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN A DRIVE-THRU FORMAT. NO VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYM.



Financial Summary

Financial Statements

(For the years ended Dec. 31, 2024, and Dec. 31, 2023)



Balance Sheet

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Utility plant, less accumulated provision for depreciation	$ 68,175,646	$ 55,488,000
Other property and investments	$ 7,475,164	$ 7,260,222
CURRENT AND OTHER ASSETS		
Cash and temporary investments	$ 638,147	$ 460,031
Accounts receivable	$ 4,180,243	$ 1,203,837
Inventories	$ 1,849,073	$ 583,682
Other current and accrued assets	$ 1,096,626	$ 915,528
Deferred debits	$ 159,097	$ 43,700
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 83,573,996	$ 65,955,000
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Memberships	$ 40,330	$ 40,305
Member capital and margins	$ 28,526,846	$ 27,281,178
LIABILITIES		
Long-term debt	$ 28,761,720	$ 27,280,661
Current and accrued liabilities	$ 26,245,100	$ 10,352,856
Deferred credits and other liabilities	$ 0	$ 1,000,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	$ 83,573,996	$ 65,955,000

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Operating revenues	$ 26,943,749	$ 23,642,334
EXPENSES		
Purchased power	$ 16,058,596	$ 13,884,435
Operations	$ 453,178	$ 597,807
Maintenance	$ 2,773,003	$ 2,861,364
Consumer accounts and services	$ 830,295	$ 739,408
Customer service and informational expense	$ 25,709	$ 25,040
Administrative and general	$ 1,165,694	$ 1,227,034
Depreciation	$ 2,678,150	$ 2,572,011
Interest on long-term debt and taxes	$ 1,800,000	$ 1,100,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	$ 25,784,625	$ 23,007,099
PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND MARGINS		
Net operating margins	$ 1,159,124	$ 635,235
Nonoperating margins	$ 73,560	$ 43,330
Capital credits from associated companies	$ 333,637	$ 304,749
TOTAL PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND MARGINS	$ 1,556,321	$ 983,314

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Annual Meeting

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Annual Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025

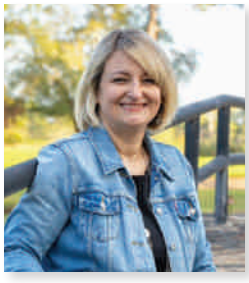
- Registration/health fair/vendor booths ....12:30 p.m.
- Entertainment–Jennifer Warren .....1 p.m.
- Business Meeting.....2 p.m.

Invocation
Welcome/announcement of quorum
Reading of Notice of Meeting
Approval of minutes
Introductions/opening comments
Service awards
Unfinished business
New business
Drawing for prizes

Entertainment: Jennifer Warren

Little Ocmulgee EMC is honored to welcome Jennifer Warren as our entertainment during this year's Annual Meeting. She will be performing in the old gymnasium at Wheeler County Schools beginning at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025.

Warren was born and raised in McRae-Helena, where she was also saved at the age of 9 at a youth revival. She began singing in her local church, and at 16, she started singing with her family group, ISRAEL, which included her mother, father and brother, and did so for almost three decades. In 2005, she felt the nudge to do solo ministry.



Jennifer Warren

In 2008, she married Randy Warren Jr., and they have two children, Abby (15) and Trey (7). Abby was diagnosed at 7 with a rare genetic disorder called Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, which affects the 18th chromosome and impacts normal human development like walking, talking and caring for oneself. Abby is nonverbal, but never without something to say! Walking through Abby's journey has taught the Warrens much about God's mercy, grace and unconditional love. God has truly blessed their family, allowing them to travel and tell their story.

"Our message?" Warren asks. "Tell your story and God will get the glory! It may just be the answer that someone has been praying for."

Committed to Service

Dedicated employees and directors are the strength of any organization. This year, Little Ocmulgee EMC proudly recognizes 160 years of distinguished service from the following personnel:

40 years: **Kevin Cheek**
35 years: **Anthony White**
20 years: **Amie Evans, Jordan Floyd and Christy Watts**
15 years: **Wesley Yawn**
5 years: **Garrett Bennett and Trent Wood**

Little Ocmulgee EMC Office Hours

For your convenience, we offer two locations to better serve you:

26 W. Railroad St.
Alamo, GA 30411

2337 U.S. Highway 441 S.
Dublin, GA 31021

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Toll-free Georgia:
(800) 342-1290

Pay your bill online at *www.loemc.com* or by accessing the free mobile app.

Notice to Members

If you have a disability or handicap that requires assistance while attending your annual meeting, please contact our office prior to the meeting or see one of the employees at registration.

Thank you!

Attention:

1. Members will register at the Wheeler County Recreation Department, then may drive over to the school gymnasium beginning promptly at 12:30 p.m. **ID WILL BE REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION.**
2. Cooperative employees will be on hand to conduct registration and direct members.
3. Each registered member will receive a ticket for the door prizes to be given away.

IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE, PLEASE DO SO AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO ENTERING THE GYMNASIUM.

District 1
Board of Directors Candidates

Dustin Jacob "Jake" Savant



My name is Jake Savant, and I am proud to call this community home. I am married to Ericka Savant, and together, we are blessed with three children. Family is at the heart of everything I do, and it's one of the reasons I care so much about serving and supporting our community.

I earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, but my true calling has always been farming. I'm a third-generation row crop farmer, following the path of my grandfather, Larue Fountain. Farming has been part of my life for as long as I can remember, and it has taught me the value of hard work, perseverance and working together for a common goal.

Over the years, I've also had the opportunity to serve on the FSA county committee and currently serve as treasurer for the New Farmers Peanut Co-Op. These roles have given me valuable experience in leadership, financial management and decision-making—all skills that I believe can benefit Little Ocmulgee EMC.

I am also an active member of Rentz Baptist Church, where my faith continues to guide my family and me in our daily lives.

If elected to the Board of Directors, I will work hard to:

- Represent the interests of EMC members with honesty and fairness.
- Help ensure reliable and affordable electricity for all families.
- Use my farming and business background to support smart, practical decisions that strengthen our cooperative for years to come.

I believe in the values that built this community—faith, family, hard work and cooperation—and I will do my best to carry those values into serving the members of Little Ocmulgee EMC.

Tommy Thompson



Hello, my name is Tommy Thompson. I am honored and excited about the opportunity to serve as your Director at Little Ocmulgee EMC. I am a lifelong resident of Laurens County and grew up in the rural area farming alongside my dad. Just like many of you, I know how it feels to work hard, long hours for my pay and still struggle to pay bills. I have the utmost respect for all the employees at Little Ocmulgee EMC who are working hard to keep the co-op running smoothly and to keep electricity flowing to each household. I am dedicated and committed to providing our members with safe and reliable electricity for many years to come.

I am married to Tori Mimbs Thompson, and we are blessed with a beautiful daughter. I have worked in the farming industry for many years producing crops to serve many families. I am currently farming for Bill Barrs Farms and successfully started the operation of my own farm business, Tommy Thompson Farm, in 2017. I have also served as a volunteer member of the Laurens County Fire Department for the past eight years.

During storms or natural disasters, I work with the electricity crews and linemen to help clear trees, roadways and debris so they can restore your power as quickly as possible. I respect and appreciate these linemen due to seeing them work long hours to serve their communities. Hard work has never scared me, and I understand the value of helping neighbors, friends and strangers in times of need.

I am a member of Little Ocmulgee EMC and know they have a great group of employees. I hope to bring experience and knowledge to the co-op to keep it operating successfully as it has for many years. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to run for the Board of Directors, and I am dedicated to keeping it operating smoothly and serving all of you in our rural communities.

I humbly ask for your vote for the Board of Directors and greatly appreciate your support. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can between now and the upcoming Annual Meeting on Nov. 12. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (478) 231-6193, and I would be happy to talk to you. Again, thank you for your support!

Annual Meeting
Letter of Authorization

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

For Churches, Clubs or Organizations

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(Name of secretary of church, club or organization, or other designated official)
has been appointed to represent

_____

(Name of church, club or organization)

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(Address of church, club or organization)

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Account No.

as its voting delegate at the Little Ocmulgee EMC Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025.

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(Signature of secretary of church, club or organization, or other designated official)

Witnesses:

_____ _____

(If you are to be the representative of your church, club or organization at the Annual Meeting, please have this form completed and bring it with you to the meeting.)



Little Ocmulgee EMC to Hold Drive-Thru Registration and Voting



The Annual Meeting entertainment and business meeting will take place in the old gym at Wheeler County Schools. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. **Please register at the Wheeler County Recreation Department prior to coming to the gymnasium.**

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025
7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wheeler County
Recreation Department
125 Snowhill Baptist Church Road
Alamo, GA 30411

Members are asked to come to the Wheeler County Recreation Department Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., and Little Ocmulgee EMC employees will direct you. Please enter Snowhill Baptist Church Road to register and vote.

Members must stay in their vehicles during the entire process. Each member who participates in the drive-thru registration and voting will receive an attendance gift.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Lewis Sheffield at (800) 342-1290, ext. 201, or *lewiss@loemc.com*. We look forward to seeing you there!

Restoring Power: Behind the Scenes During and After a Storm

When a storm hits, power outages can be more than an inconvenience—they can disrupt lives and raise serious safety concerns. At Little Ocmulgee EMC, restoring power quickly and safely is a responsibility we take very seriously. While many people see the lights go out and later come back on, there's an entire process happening behind the scenes to make it all possible.

The process of power restoration begins well before the storm arrives. Our team monitors severe weather systems and takes steps to prepare in advance, placing line crews on alert, fueling trucks, stocking supplies and reviewing emergency response plans. This preparation ensures that we can respond swiftly and safely.

When a storm moves through, safety is always our first priority. High winds and downed trees often bring power lines to the ground, creating hazardous conditions for the public and our employees. We urge members to stay far away from any downed lines and report them immediately; always assuming they are energized and dangerous.

When the height of the storm passes and it's safe for our crews to work, restoration efforts by our crews begin immediately by assessing the damage. This is a critical step. We inspect substations, transformers, poles and lines to identify the cause and scope of the outages. In many cases, we use outage-management systems, digital maps and drones to evaluate damage more quickly and accurately.



Power restoration follows a carefully planned sequence. Repairs begin at the source—our substations. These facilities feed electricity to thousands of homes and businesses, so restoring them brings power back to the largest number of members. From there, we move on to main distribution lines, which carry electricity from the substations to communities. Finally, we address tap lines and service drops that bring power to individual homes or smaller groups.

This tiered system ensures the fastest and most efficient restoration possible. While it may be frustrating to see a neighbor's lights return before yours, it's often due to where your service falls in this restoration order.

During widespread outages, Little Ocmulgee EMC may receive help from other electric cooperatives or contract crews through a mutual aid system. These partnerships allow us to scale up quickly and shorten the time it takes to bring everyone back online.

Communication is also a key part of our storm response. We provide updates through our website, social media, outage maps and mobile alerts. While estimated restoration times may change as crews discover new issues in the field, we work hard to keep our members informed throughout the process.

Once the initial power restoration is complete, our job isn't finished. Crews continue to make permanent repairs, replace damaged equipment and clear debris to ensure long-term reliability.

Restoring power after a storm is a challenging task that requires teamwork, coordination and a deep commitment to our community. From our field crews and dispatchers to our support staff and cooperative members, everyone plays a role.

At Little Ocmulgee EMC, we are proud to serve our members with safe, reliable power, especially when you need it most.