



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Annual meeting changes

It seems by now that summer is approaching the halfway mark, and Guernsey-Muskingum will be having our annual meeting for the first time in two years. This event will be much different than our normal fun-filled day as in the past. First, it is in July; second, it will be held at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds' grandstand; and finally, there will be no vendors, no food, no entertainment, no door prizes ... just "all business." You may wonder why the change in venue, and all I can say is it is pandemic-related, and your safety and our employees' safety are second to none. Even though the health mandates have been lifted, it is still wise to be careful as we get things reopened. We plan to hold the business portion of our annual meeting so that you the members can participate in the governance of your electric cooperative. Our meeting will be at 6 p.m. on July 13 at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds. We will register you as you come into the fairgrounds in your car, and the meeting will be in the grandstand. We hope this meeting will provide you information regarding the business year of 2020 and will also look forward to new things in 2021 and beyond.



Brian Hill
GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Annual meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

NEW LOCATION: Guernsey County Fairgrounds
335 Old National Road, Old Washington, Ohio, 43768

NEW TIME: Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.
Business meeting begins promptly at 6 p.m.

You have an opportunity as an owner of your electric cooperative to directly participate in shaping the future. Join your fellow members/owners in electing three members to two-year terms and two members to three-year terms to the board of directors, voting on proposed amendments to the Code of Regulations, and hearing firsthand updates from your cooperative leaders.

IT'S YOUR COOPERATIVE ... PLEASE JOIN US!
FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL 800-521-9879.

Jay K Gray, Chairman



Your rights and responsibilities

THE ANNUAL MEETING: Provisions regarding the annual meeting are in your cooperative's Code of Regulations, available on the cooperative's website at www.gmenergy.com or upon request. An annual meeting shall be held each year for the purpose of electing directors and transacting all appropriate and necessary business. Each member must be given written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: The provisions for electing directors to the board of directors also are included in the cooperative's Code of Regulations. Members are eligible for nomination to each available director position on the board. Nominees must reside in the cooperative district they are nominated to represent. All nominations are made from the floor at the annual meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CODE OF REGULATIONS: At this year's annual meeting, members will consider and vote upon three proposed amendments to the cooperative's Code of Regulations that are being recommended by the board of directors. Attached with this Official Notice is the proposed amendments and a discussion of the reasons for their adoption.

ELECTIONS

One director from each of the following districts will be elected for a two-year term:

District 2: includes Muskingum County townships of Adams, Highland, Monroe, Perry, Rich Hill, Salem, Salt Creek, Union, Washington, and Wayne; and Coshocton County township of Linton.

District 6: includes Guernsey County townships of Center, Jefferson, Londonderry, Madison, Monroe, Oxford, Washington, and Wills.

District 7: includes Guernsey County townships of Jackson, Millwood, Richland, Spencer, and Valley; and Noble County townships of Beaver and Wayne.

VOTING: Each member shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at the meeting. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting. The spouse of a member not present may vote on behalf of such member at the meeting.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Any person, whether a natural person or firm, association, corporation, partnership, body public or subdivision thereof, will become a member of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter called the "cooperative") upon receipt of electric service from the cooperative, provided that he/she has first: (a) made a written application for membership therein; (b) agreed to purchase from the cooperative electric power and/or energy as specified; and (c) agreed to comply with and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the cooperative and any rules and regulations adopted by the board of directors of the cooperative.

If you are disabled and need special accommodations at the annual meeting please call Kim Swinehart at 800-521-9879.

One director from each of the following districts will be elected for a three-year term:

District 1: includes Muskingum County townships of Cass, Falls, Hopewell, Jackson, Licking, Madison, Muskingum, Newton, and Springfield; Licking County township of Hopewell; and Perry County township of Madison.

District 4: includes Guernsey County townships of Adams, Cambridge, Knox, Liberty, and Westland.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF REGULATIONS GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

The Code of Regulations (the “Code”) for Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the “Cooperative”) sets forth the broad guidelines by which the Cooperative will be operated. The Code has been amended by the members of the Cooperative (the “Members”) several times over the years to keep its provisions current.

During the 2021 Annual Meeting of Members, the Board of Directors of the Cooperative (the “Board”) will recommend amendments to the Code. The proposed amendments are presented and discussed below. New language is underlined and language to be deleted is shown with **strikeouts**.

Proposed Amendment

Discussion of Proposed Amendment

The Code provides that written or printed notice of an annual meeting may not be delivered to a member less than 10 or more than 30 days before the date of the meeting. This short, 20-day period can present challenges in coordinating the publication of the Official Notice in the Cooperative Living magazine, where the Cooperative typically provides printed notice of the annual meeting, and arrival of such notice at a member’s home within the 20-day period. The Board believes that giving notice not less than 10 and not more than 60 days, or a 50-day period, prior to an annual meeting provides added flexibility to this process, in particular if unexpected circumstances arise in connection with the publication or mailing date of the magazine.

ARTICLE III

Meeting of Members

Section 3

Notice of Members’ Meetings

Written or printed Notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an Annual Meeting at which business requiring special Notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than ~~thirty (30)~~ sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, to each member. If mailed, such Notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his

address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive Notice of an Annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting. Notice of adjournment of a members’ meeting need not be given if the time and place to which it is adjourned are fixed and announced at such meeting.

Proposed Amendment

Discussion of Proposed Amendment

Payments of retired capital credits to a former patron that remain unclaimed for four years may be retained by the Cooperative as an irrevocable assignment or gift, but only after the Cooperative has given notice to such former patron by both mail and publication. The Board believes that two forms of notice are costly and redundant and that with today’s technology other methods of providing notice are more efficient. Accordingly, the following proposed changes to Article VII, Section 2, which only address the notice process to former patrons concerning payments of their retired capital credits, provides that payments of retired capital credits to a former patron that remain unclaimed for four years may be retained by the Cooperative as an irrevocable assignment or gift, but only after the Cooperative has given notice to such former patron by either first-class mail, publication in a newsletter or magazine distributed to the Cooperative’s members, or posting to the Cooperative’s website. The Board believes that such changes will provide a more efficient manner of giving notice to former patrons and will save money for current patrons.

ARTICLE VII

Non-Profit Operation

Section 2

Patronage Capital in Connection with Furnishing Electric Energy

In the furnishing of electric energy, the Cooperative’s operations shall be so conducted that all patrons, members and non-members alike, will through their patronage furnish capital for the Cooperative. In order to induce patronage and to assure that the Cooperative will operate on a non-profit basis the Cooperative is obligated to account on a patronage basis to all its patrons, members and non-members alike, for all amounts received and receivable from the furnishing of



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electric energy in excess of operating costs and expenses properly chargeable against the furnishing of electric energy. All such amounts in excess of operating costs and expenses at the moment of receipt by the Cooperative are received with the understanding that they are furnished by the patrons, members and non-members alike, as capital. The Cooperative is obligated to pay by credits to a capital account for each patron all such amounts in excess of operating costs and expenses. The books and records of the Cooperative shall be set up and kept in such a manner that at the end of each fiscal year the amount of capital, if any, so furnished by each patron is clearly reflected and credited in an appropriate record to the capital account of each patron, and the Cooperative shall within a reasonable time after the close of the fiscal year notify each patron of the amount of capital so credited to his account. All such amounts credited to the capital account of any patron shall have the same status as though they had been paid to the patron in cash in pursuance of a legal obligation to do so and the patron had then furnished the Cooperative corresponding amounts for capital.

All other amounts received by the Cooperative from its operations in excess of costs and expenses shall, insofar as permitted by law, be:

Used to offset any losses incurred during the current or any prior fiscal year; and

To the extent not needed for that purpose, allocated to its patrons on a patronage basis and any amount so allocated shall be included as part of the capital credited to the accounts of patrons, as herein provided.

In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the Cooperative, after all outstanding indebtedness of the Cooperative shall have been paid, outstanding capital credits shall be retired without priority on a pro rata basis before any payments are made on account of property rights of members. If, at any time prior to dissolution or liquidation, the Board shall determine that the financial condition of the Cooperative will not be impaired thereby, the capital credited to patrons' accounts may be retired in full or in part. Any such retirements of capital shall be made in such order of priority as the Board may determine in the reasonable exercise of its discretion.

Capital credited to the account of each patron shall be assignable only on the books of the Cooperative pursuant to written instruction from the assignor and only to successors in interest or successors in occupancy in all or a part of such patrons' premises served by the Cooperative unless the Board, acting under policies of general application, shall determine otherwise.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code of Regulations, the Board at its discretion, shall have the power at any time upon the death of any patron, if the legal representatives of his estate shall request in writing that the capital credited to any such patron be retired prior to the time such capital would otherwise be retired under the provisions of this Code of Regulations, to retire capital credited to any such patron immediately upon such terms and conditions as the Board, acting under policies of general application, and the legal representatives of such patron's estate shall agree upon; provided, however, that the financial condition of the Cooperative will not be impaired thereby.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code of Regulations or other provision of the membership certificate, if any patron or former patron fails to claim any cash retirement of capital credits or other payment from the Cooperative within four (4) years after payment of the same has been made available to him by notice or check mailed to him at his last address furnished by him to the Cooperative, such failure shall be and constitutes an irrevocable assignment and gift by such patron of such capital credit or other payment to the Cooperative. Failure to claim any such payment within the meaning of this Section shall include the failure by such patron or former patron to cash any check mailed to him by the Cooperative at the last address furnished by him to the Cooperative. The assignment and gift provided for under this Section shall become effective only upon the expiration of four (4) years from the date when such payment was made available to such patron or former patron without claim therefor and only after the further expiration of sixty (60) days following the giving of a notice by first-class mail, publication in a newsletter or magazine distributed to the Cooperative's members, or posting to the Cooperative's website that unless such payment is claimed within said sixty (60) day period, such gift to the Cooperative shall become effective. ~~The notice by mail herein provided for shall be one mailed by the Cooperative to such patron or former patron at the last known address and the notice by publication shall be two (2) consecutive insertions in a newspaper circulated in the service area of the Cooperative, which may be the Cooperative newsletter. The sixty (60)-day period following the giving of such notice shall be deemed to terminate sixty (60) days after the mailing of such notice or sixty (60) days following the last date of publication thereof, whichever is later.~~

The patrons of the Cooperative, by dealing with the Cooperative, acknowledge that the terms and provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations

shall constitute and be a contract between the Cooperative, and each patron, and both the Cooperative and the patrons are bound by such contract, as fully as though each patron had individually signed a separate instrument containing such terms and provisions. The provisions of this Article of the Code of Regulations shall be called to the attention of each patron of the Cooperative by posting in a conspicuous place in the Cooperative's office.

Proposed Amendment

Discussion of Proposed Amendment

The 2020 Annual Meeting of Members was not held because of governmental orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that restricted the holding of large in-person gatherings. Because no 2020 Annual Meeting was held, no director elections were held. The Board believes that having annual director elections is important to members and, should another pandemic or similar event occur in the future, having the flexibility to adopt and implement alternative procedures for director elections improves the governance practices of the Cooperative. Accordingly, the following proposed amendment to the Code provides the Board with emergency powers to adopt and implement

an alternative procedure for the election of Board members should circumstances make it impracticable or impossible to hold an Annual Meeting. The Board believes that such changes will provide a method to maintain the governance practice of having annual director elections.

ARTICLE III

Meetings of members

Section 7 (NEW)

Emergency Powers

If the Board determines that, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Cooperative, it is not practicable or possible to hold an Annual Meeting at which all member may attend in person by the end of April of any year, and such circumstances make it uncertain as to whether a special meeting, in lieu of such Annual Meeting, may be held at which all members may attend in person by the end of August of such year, then the Board shall have emergency powers and authority to adopt and implement an alternative procedure for the election of Board members, including election by mail-in ballots in accordance with such procedures as the Board may determine, in its discretion.

Play it safe around power lines

Summer is a popular time to do some outdoor maintenance on your home and property. Be cautious, though, if your project takes you near power lines. Overhead power lines aren't insulated and carry enough energy to cause serious injury or death. In fact, contact with overhead power lines is a leading cause of electrical-related fatalities.

Safety guidelines for working around power lines

- Check for power lines before doing any work
- Call 911 immediately if you see a downed power line
- Maintain a distance of at least 20 feet
- Call the utility company before digging
- Keep all equipment away from power lines
- Familiarize yourself with local and state laws

Ladders and scaffolding

Aluminum ladders conduct electricity, and even nonmetallic fiberglass ladders can conduct electricity if they're dirty or wet. When working with a ladder, keep it

at least 20 feet away from power lines. When carrying a ladder, keep it level to avoid hitting a power line.

Underground power lines

Underground power lines pose the same hazards as overhead lines. Call 811 at least 48 working hours in advance of any excavating or digging, so that underground utility lines can be located and marked. Once marked, use appropriate equipment to maintain the required clearance from the power lines.

General safety recommendations

Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Avoid downed power lines
- Refrain from attaching anything to energized power lines or electrical equipment
- Never climb power poles or other electrical equipment
- Don't attempt to remove objects tangled in power lines
- Never touch someone who has come into contact with a power line
- Avoid working in stormy, icy, or rainy weather



Welcome TO THE TEAM

Cooperative welcomes new employee



Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative welcomes new employee Judy Thompson. Judy was hired in May 2021 as a part-time member accounting specialist. She is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School and Zane State College. She brings work experience from the Cerner Corporation. She resides south of Cambridge with her husband, Jerry, and their three very spoiled dogs.

Welcome, Judy!

New lineman joins cooperative



Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative welcomes new employee Adam Young. Adam was hired in May 2021 as a second class lineman. He is a graduate of Zanesville High School and the Southeast Lineman Training Center in Georgia. He brings work experience from New River Electrical. Adam resides east of Zanesville with his wife, Lauren.

Welcome, Adam!



Ray Crock

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Should outbuildings be insulated?

Many members have outbuildings on their property that they use as workshops or for additional storage. Maybe you even have a man cave or a she shed! An uninsulated outbuilding can be quite expensive to heat or cool during the extreme temperatures of winter and summer — is the cost worth the benefit?

The cost to heat or cool your outdoor shed varies by time of year and outside temperatures. The size of the outbuilding has a significant impact, but a quick calculation shows that heating an uninsulated 6-foot by 8-foot shed could cost twice as much as heating an insulated 900-square-foot home.

Some members heat their buildings on an as-needed basis, for example, with a radiant heater directed at the work area, perhaps in front of a workbench. But if you decide to keep an outbuilding heated around the clock, you should definitely insulate it.

An important consideration is the effect moisture can have in an outbuilding. Moisture enables rot, insects, and mold to wreak havoc on your structure and rust to degrade tools and other metals. Heating and insulating

an outbuilding, if done right, can reduce or eliminate a moisture problem. But insulation installed incorrectly can trap moisture and foster mold growth.

Moisture in an outbuilding is usually caused by three things: leaks where water can get through (typically through the roof, windows, and doorway); seepage through floors and walls; or condensation when nighttime temperatures drop. To prevent moisture buildup, you need to eliminate moisture sources and prevent condensation.

As air cools, it cannot carry as much moisture, and condensation occurs, usually on the coolest object at hand. Insulating walls and ceilings can keep the interior wall or ceiling surface from getting cold enough for condensation to occur. Insulated wall or ceiling cavities need to be carefully air-sealed so that condensation does not occur inside the cavity.

Only you can decide if the value of heating and cooling your outbuilding is worth the cost and effort to properly insulate and seal. Even if your shed is not heated or insulated, it's worth keeping an eye out for mold and mildew.



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat (like clothes dryers and dishwashers) during the evening when it's cooler. This will minimize indoor heat during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest. Save even more by using a solar clothes dryer (clothesline) and opening the dishwasher to allow dishes to air dry.



Source: www.energy.gov



July 4th

W E E K E N D

Guernsey-Muskingum
Electric Cooperative
will be closed July 5.

We wish our members a safe
and happy holiday weekend!



Is your name and account number here?

If it is, call the cooperative's office and receive a FREE home change-out to LED lightbulbs (limit six bulbs). Thanks for reading the local pages of *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

#31-0235-10-10 Jason R Gilder
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Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ELECTRIC RATES

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1*
Service Availability Charge — \$24/mo.
First 500 kWh/month — 12.669¢/kWh
Over 500 kWh/month — 11.345¢/kWh

Net Metering Residential R-1 NM*
Service Availability Charge — \$42/mo.
First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 11.145¢/kWh
Over 2,000 kWh/mo. — 11.345¢/kWh
Seasonal Residential Service rate schedule S-1*
Service Availability Charge — \$384/yr.
First 800 kWh/yr. — 20.269¢/kWh
800 to 6,000 kWh/yr. — 11.145¢/kWh
Over 6,000 kWh/yr. — 11.345¢/kWh
(Minimum annual charge — \$384/yr. for service between March 1, 2021, and Feb. 28, 2022)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1*
Service Availability Charge — \$26/mo.
First 1,500 kWh/mo. — 13.069¢/kWh
Over 1,500 kWh/mo. — 11.345¢/kWh

*Rider T — Kilowatt-Hour Tax applies to all rate schedules and must be added to the rates shown.

First 2,000 kWh/mo. — 0.465¢/kWh
Next 13,000 kWh/mo. — 0.419¢/kWh
Over 15,000 kWh/mo. — 0.363¢/kWh

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