

TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
St. Matthews, South Carolina
Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting
November 15, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter called the Cooperative) was held at the headquarters office of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. in St. Matthews, South Carolina on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. The bu

President, Ida Dixon, called the 85th Annual Meeting of the Membership to Order. Following the Call to Order, Board Secretary, Jacqueline S. Shaw, introduced the National Anthem. Following the National Anthem, Board Member George Wilson gave the Invocation.

Ida Dixon then welcomed the members to the 85th Annual Meeting and introduced the board members and CEO. The meeting was then turned over to Attorney John Felder, who announced that a quorum was registered. The Notice of the Annual Meeting was posted in the *South Carolina Living* Magazine. The minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were posted on the Cooperative's website. There being no objections to the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes, the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of November 16, 2024 was waived and the minutes were approved.

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Shirley King, gave the 2025 Nominating Committee Report, which listed the following nominations by the Nominating Committee:

District 1 Section B	Barbara Weston
District 2 Section C	William Robinson
District 3 Section C	Jacqueline S. Shaw

Attorney John Felder stated that Trustees in District 1 Section B and District 2 Section C were running unopposed and were, therefore, Mr. Felder declared they were elected by acclamation. Mr. Felder then explained that according to Bylaws Section 5.05. #2, "Without regard to the actions of the Nominating Committee, Cooperative Members are also entitled to nominate additional individuals to run for election for any Trustee position for which Members are scheduled to vote at any Annual member Meeting ("Member Petition Nominations")." Mr. Felder reported that a member, David D. Hutson, did acquire sufficient signatures of Members on a written Petition and submitted the Petition to the Cooperative CEO by the deadline. The Member Petition was verified by the Credentials and Election Committee. As a result, an election for Trustee District 3 Section C was held and the Member's name was listed on the Ballot for Trustee District 3 Section C. According to S. C. State Law, early voting must be available in the event of an election, which is why the Cooperative held early voting in all three offices this past week. Members who did not participate in early voting could cast their vote at today's Annual Meeting.

Mr. Felder then announced that the results of the election for Trustee District 3 Section C: Jacqueline S. Shaw, Incumbent, received 212votes.

David D. Hutson, Petition Candidate, received 154votes.

Therefore, the winner of the election of Trustee District 3 Section was Jacqueline S. Shaw.

Mr. Felder then administered the Oath of Office to the Trustees.

Gary Geiger, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report.

John Felder then called upon Chad Lowder, CEO, to give the CEO's report. In his remarks, Mr. Lowder stated that the Cooperative is an important economic driver and is partnering with the counties to bring economic development to our area. He emphasized the need for more generation capacity in the State and reported that our area is growing dramatically. Mr. Lowder then talked about the fact that the way members sign up for service and pay their bills has changed over the years to where the walk-in traffic at all offices has greatly reduced while the other methods such as telephone and electronic means has greatly increased. As a result, the Cooperative needs to change how we do business in order to accommodate that. As of March 2, the District Offices in Richland County and Santee will close and those employees will report to the St. Matthews Office. A Call Center is being established to better serve the Members. Employees are still available to talk with Members directly. Also, new avenues for payment are available and were distributed to the Members during Annual Meeting Registration and will be published in the *South Carolina Living* Magazine. Mr. Lowder then expressed his appreciation to the employees and the board of trustees.

John Felder then expressed appreciation to the Board, Management, Staff, and Employees for their hard work.

There was no unfinished business and no new business. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Following adjournment of the business meeting, prize drawings were held. The complete list of prize winners will be posted on the Cooperative's Facebook page.

Jacqueline S. Shaw, Secretary

APPROVED:

Ida L. Dixon, President