



# watts working

The Monthly Newsletter for Members of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation

## Your Hometown Co-op



by *Bob Wright,*  
*Randolph EMC*  
*Board President*

Our community has changed over the years. You may remember as a kid buying groceries or hard-

ware at mom-and-pop stores. Most are now long gone, driven out by national retailers.

It seems everything's today has become a bit generic, focused more on profits than people. Yet it's nice to know we still have locally owned and controlled businesses we can count on—such as Randolph EMC.

By receiving electricity from the co-op, you're a member—an owner, really—of the business. You have a say in how the co-op's run. Your voice rings loud and clear every year at the Randolph EMC Annual Meeting. That's where you join other members to elect folks, like us, to represent your concerns on a daily basis.

Your Board of Directors are members, just like you — farmers and business owners,

fathers and mothers — and are elected by you to manage the cooperative. We want what you want—affordable energy bills and the comfort of knowing lights will turn on when you flip a switch.

With those goals in mind we work throughout the year to invest in our electric system and keep power reliable. We focus on educating members how to use energy efficiently. We talk to you in the grocery store and on the street, listening to your concerns and ideas.

The board's role is a simple one—we look out for your interests because, quite frankly, we share them. This issue of *Watts Working* includes information about our upcoming board elections, which will take place at the annual meeting on June 15, 2012. Each of our nine board members serves for a three-year term, and three seats are up for re-election every year.

I encourage you to learn more about each board member online at [RandolphEMC.com](http://RandolphEMC.com) and to participate in the annual meeting in June. We look forward to seeing you there!

This spring, REMC will conduct a customer satisfaction survey.

You may be contacted by phone and asked to participate. Thank you for sharing your views!

Randolph Electric offices will be closed April 6 for Good Friday.

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# District Nominating Committees, Elections & Credentials Committees Appointed

Pursuant to Section 3.03. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, the Nominating Committees for Districts 5, 8, and 9, from which Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting, have been appointed. The members that have been appointed to serve on those respective Nominating Committees will meet at the Asheboro headquarters office of Randolph EMC, located in Asheboro, N.C., at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012, to nominate a candidate who will run for the Board of Directors from each district. All three District Nominating Committee meetings will be held on the same evening. The Elections and Credentials Committee, pursuant to Section

2.08. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, will also meet on Monday, May 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of Randolph EMC in Asheboro, N.C. It is the duty of the Elections & Credentials Committee to establish and approve the manner of conducting member registration and voting, to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members, count all ballots cast in any election, rule on the validity of any ballots cast, and to rule upon any other questions, protests or objections affecting the results of the election.

DISTRICT 5: CRANFORD	DISTRICT 8: HARRIS	DISTRICT 9: MANESS	2012 ELECTIONS & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	
Harold Cagle	Clara Bernicken	C. Lowell Russell	Bobby Ray Atkins	Dale Gaddy
Robert Callicutt	Terry Cheek	Brady Dickson	Bernard Beck	Foy Gann
Andy Garner	Ricky Flinchum	Sally Morris	Jeff Brantley	Gary Loy
Larry Furr	Richard Seawell	William Lee Stafford, Jr.	Mary Priscilla Clay	Jeffrey Sugg
Baxter Surratt	Thomas McInnis	Barry Wright	Joe Fowler	Donna Vaughn

## SWAPSHOP

### For Sale

Craftsman GT 14 Garden Tractor, 14 H.P. Tecumseh cast iron extra long life engine, 3 speed gear box w/ vari-speed control, equipped w/ 55 lb. rear wheel weights \$475. 32" Craftsman lawn sweeper \$90. 30" lawn aerator \$30. 40" adjustable disc \$50. 910-690-1424.

Generac generator, PTO operated, mounted on trailer, 20 KW run, 40 KW surge, wires to connect to panel included \$1,000. 336-685-4510.

MacGregor Left-handed Golf Clubs w/ Tees, Balls & 10 1/2 size shoes. X Sports bag w/ 3 wedges, 2 putters & 6 irons \$300. 919-663-3011 or 919-799-6707.

Riding lawnmower 28" cut, 12 HP, Runs & cuts good. \$239 OBO. 336-622-3690.

Upright 1976 Kimball Piano & cushioned bench in very good physical condition, needs tuning, you haul, need to sell immediately, \$1,000. Leave message at 336-266-7350 or email karent@email.unc.edu.

2500 series 4x4 white 2001 Dodge Laramie SLT pickup w/ heavy duty towing package, rails, bedliner, toolbox, flowmaster mufflers, EC, sheltered, must see to appreciate, \$8800. 336-879-3765.

7'x18' trailer 10,000 LB GWW, tandem axles, each w/ brakes, treated hardwood floor, electric brakes & lights, reflectors, reinforced mesh wire ramp, adjustable hitch, 2" treated wood sideboards, reinforced construction throughout, sheltered, must see to appreciate, \$4600. 336-879-3765.

2009 Kawasaki 900 Classic LT Motorcycle. Loaded w/ extras, 12K Miles, \$6000. BJ at 910-690-5680 or 910-948-3266.

Hay for cattle, \$1 per bale or all for \$.50 per bale, 3 years old. Bales of straw, \$2 per bale or \$1.50 per bale for all. Metal folding tree stand, \$50. 15ft round above ground winter pool cover, never used. \$25. 910-428-1105.

Warm Morning Propane Gas heater, works great. \$200. 910-673-0136.

Farmall Super A Tractor w/ equipment: Scoop Bucket, Cultivators, Bushhog, Turning plow, Harrow, Woodsaw & Push blade. \$5,000 919-663-3011.

1997 Dodge Van w/ handicap lift, raised roof, 4 new tires. Body condition very good. Excellent for Church or individual. Would also make a good work van. \$3,000 OBO. Electric Wheel Chair, new batteries, GC, very dependable. \$700 OBO. 336-381-3937.

50 lb bag feed wheat \$8.50 per bag. 336-622-2480.

Small horse, female, approximately 7 years old, child saddle & tack, in Uwharrie community, \$400. 910-572-2582.

1999 Ford Taurus stationwagon, seats seven, EC, well-maintained, new tires, alternator & battery. 187,000 miles. \$2,000. 919-663-4596.

Little Wonder Blower, three wheel, 9 HP Honda. Like new. \$695. 336-362-3342.

3,000 Red Sex Link pullets (young, laying age chickens), brown egg layers, vaccinated & debeaked. \$6 & up. 336-708-2998.

## APRIL SMART METER INSTALLATIONS



Crews will be installing smart meters in the highlighted area of Randolph and Moore counties during April.

Members email Swap Shop items to [General@RandolphEMC.com](mailto:General@RandolphEMC.com)

## CONTACT US

### Electric Service:

Asheboro .....(336) 625-5177  
 .....(800) 672-8212  
 Robbins Area: .....(910) 948-3401  
 .....(800) 868-7014

Power Failures: .....(877) REMC-OFF  
 (1-877-736-2633)

Bill Payments: .....(877) 534-2319

### Office Hours:

8:00 am – 5:00 pm | Monday–Friday

### Board of Directors:

Bob Wright .....President  
 Jerry Bowman .....Vice President  
 Sue Spencer .....Sec.-Treasurer  
 Tammie Phillips .....Assist. Sec.-Treasurer

James Andrews Billy Maness  
 Delbert Cranford Larry Routh  
 Steve Harris

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### Senior Staff:

Dale F. Lambert .....Chief Executive Officer  
 Bob Phillips .....Senior Vice President &  
 Chief Operating Officer  
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 Adam Hargett .....Vice President of Finance  
 Dennis Mabe .....Vice President of Operations  
 Fred Smith .....Vice President of Member  
 & Public Relations

Jill Vanness .....Public Relations Coordinator, Editor

# 5 Items to Add to Your Spring Cleaning Checklist

While you're scrubbing and inspecting your home this spring, check for energy-efficiency around the house. Making a few energy-related repairs could help lower your electric bill all year long.

## 1 While you're cleaning the windows, check for loose or leaky panes, and identify any single-paned windows.

These energy no-no's allow cool air to escape from your home during the summer and steal heated air during the winter. That can raise your utility bill no matter the season. Replacing old, inefficient windows now is an investment that will pay for itself in energy savings.

## 2 Light bulbs looking dim?

Wipe them down to remove excess dust, and trash those incandescent bulbs. Compact fluorescent bulbs come in almost every size and mimic the glow of incandescents while using less energy. They last up to 10 times longer, too.

## 3 Replace your dirty air filters.

Dusty filters make your air conditioning system work harder. Open the windows. If it's not warm enough yet to turn off the heat and enjoy the fresh air, install a programmable thermostat, which automatically adjusts the temperature so you use less energy to heat your home when no one is there. The device can save you up to \$100 a year on heating and cooling bills.

## 4 Vacuum under and behind the refrigerator to remove dust build-up that decreases efficiency.

If you use an extra fridge or freezer in the basement, turn it off when not in use. If you use it year-round, keep it stocked or fill gaps with extra jugs of water or trays of ice so it will operate more efficiently.

## 5 Check to see if your appliances are ENERGY STAR certified.

If not, consider upgrading—ENERGY STAR models use less energy and are worth the purchase price over time, even if your older, less-efficient appliance is still in working order.



## Know How to Survive Accidents Involving Power Lines

### Q What should I do if I am in an accident involving a power pole or power lines?

A Instincts tell us to flee danger. Unfortunately, in vehicle accidents that bring down power lines, these natural inclinations can lead to tragic results.

If your car hits a power pole, or otherwise brings a power line down, stay in your vehicle and wait until the local electric utility arrives on the scene and ensures that lines have been de-energized. If you come upon or witness an accident involving toppled power poles and lines, don't leave your vehicle to approach the scene.

According to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, tens of thousands of accidents each year occur when power poles are struck by cars or

large equipment. In the vast majority of those incidents, the safest place to remain is inside the car. Only in the rare instance of fire should

people exit a vehicle. Then, they must know how to do so safely—jumping free and clear, landing with feet together, and hopping away. It's difficult to get out without creating a path for current to flow, which is why one should get out only if forced to.



# BYLAWS Relevant to the Qualifications, Nominations and Elections of Members to the Board of Directors

## SECTION 2.04. QUORUM

Attendance in person of one hundred (100) members, or at least one per centum (1%) of the total members of the Cooperative, which ever is smaller, shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members, provided, however, where statute requires a specific quorum for transacting business on a specific matter, said statute will take precedence over the provisions of this section. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date at least twenty (20) days later and to any place within one of the counties named in Section 2.01; PROVIDED, that the Secretary shall notify any absent members of the new time, date and place of such adjourned meeting by delivering notice thereof as provided in Section 2.03. At all meetings of the members, whether a quorum be present or not, the Secretary shall annex to the minutes a list of those who were present in person.

## SECTION 3.02. QUALIFICATIONS

The persons named as directors in the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative shall compose the board of Directors until the first Annual Meeting or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any position of trust, in the Cooperative, who: (a) does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (b) does not have the mental and physical capacity to exercise the corporate standard for business judgment in discharging his/her duties in a manner to be in the best interests of the Cooperative under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (c) has not been a member of the Cooperative in the Directorate District for which such person seeks election and has received electric service there as his/her primary residential abode in such person's own name for at least one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days next preceding the date of the election; or (d) has, during the ten (10) years preceding the date of nomination, been a regular employee of the Cooperative or of a competing enterprise; or (e) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise; or (f) is engaged in the business of selling electric energy.

A director or director's company may be allowed to sell materials, supplies, equipment, or vehicles to the Cooperative only if at least three bids are submitted to the Cooperative for any such sale, and only if the director or his/her business has submitted

the lowest bid. Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for director lacks eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the chairman presiding at the meeting at which such nominee would otherwise be voted upon to disqualify such nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any person being considered for, or already holding a directorship or other position of trust in the Cooperative, lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause such person to be removed therefrom, as the case may be.

Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both may be elected a director; provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth.

## SECTION 3.03. NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected a district nominating committee for each directorate district in which directors are to be elected. Such district nominating committees shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members who shall be selected from the directorate district from which a director is to be nominated. No officer or member of the Board of Directors or close relative thereof shall be appointed a member of such Committee/ Committees.

The Committees shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors, but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committees is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the Notice of the Meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the

District Nominating Committees and the nominations made by petition if any. The members may at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

## SECTION 3.04. ELECTION & TENURE

At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members and, from among those members who are natural persons; PROVIDED, that when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected and if there is no objection, secret written balloting may be dispensed with in respect of that particular election and voting may be conducted in any other proper manner. Directors shall, unless the members determine otherwise in advance of the initial balloting, be elected by a plurality vote of the members. Drawing by a lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie votes.

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that, beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members of 1996, directors from directorate districts 2, 4, and 7 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; at the annual meeting of the members of 1997, directors from directorate districts 5, 8, and 9 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; and at the annual meeting of the members of 1998, directors from directorate districts 1, 3, and 6 shall be elected for three (3) year terms.

Beginning with the next succeeding Annual Meeting of the members, and at each such meeting thereafter, the same number of directors that corresponds to the number whose terms are expiring shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) consecutive years; PROVIDED, that a year as used in this section shall mean the period beginning with one Annual Meeting of the members and ending at the next; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that notwithstanding the terms for which they are elected, directors shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

## SECTION 3.05. DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

Directors shall// be so nominated and elected that the board shall be comprised of nine (9) directorate districts. A director of a directorate district must be a resident of, and make his/her primary residential abode, on a premises served by an electrical circuit

provided by the cooperative. All the cooperative's electrical circuits, as identified by circuit numbers on the cooperative's maps and records, shall be divided into nine (9) directorate districts. For the purpose of assuring equitable representation, additional circuit numbers may be added to or deleted from a directorate district. It shall be the duty of the board of directors to make such additions to and deletions from, the various directorate districts no later than April 1st of each year. Such additions and deletions, along with the existing directorate district circuit numbers, will be provided to the members. Each of the nine (9) directorate districts is:

District Number	Circuit Number
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 68
2	6, 7, 24, 25, 27, 30, 71, 73
3	9, 13, 14, 16, 67, 69, 70
4	10, 11, 15, 26, 75, 76, 77
5	17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 29, 60, 78
6	28, 31, 55, 72, 87, 88
7	33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 56, 80, 81, 83, 84
8	39, 40, 50, 51, 52, 53, 82, 85, 86
9	42, 43, 44, 61, 62, 63, 64, 89, 90

## Tornado Safety Tips

### Practice and Prepare

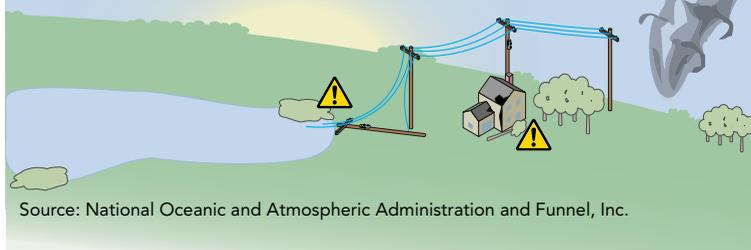
Know where you'll meet your family during the tornado (and after). Practice a tornado drill annually. Keep a weather radio in your storm shelter, along with safety supplies.

### Seek Shelter

Go to your basement, a small interior room, or under stairs on the lowest floor of the house. If you live in a mobile home, get out and look for a stable building. If outside, find low ground—away from trees and cars—and lie face down with your arms protecting your head.

### After the Storm

Stay away from downed power lines, and avoid flooded areas—power lines could be submerged and still live with electricity. Don't enter seriously damaged buildings and avoid using matches and lighters in case of gas leaks.



Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Funnel, Inc.



## RANDOLPH EMC KICKS OFF 19<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF GIVING TO SCHOOLS

*Teachers Can Apply Now for 2012-13 Bright Ideas Education Grants*

North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Randolph Electric Membership Corp., have earmarked more than \$600,000 for innovative classroom-based projects through the Bright Ideas education grant program. Teachers may begin applying this month for grants of up to \$2,000. To learn more about the program and start an online application, visit [www.NCBrightIdeas.com](http://www.NCBrightIdeas.com).

"Randolph Electric is proud to promote creativity and enhance learning in North Carolina by giving teachers new tools to create memorable classroom experiences," said Jill Vanness, public relations coordinator for Randolph EMC. "Last year, the cooperatives collectively funded 580 grants benefiting more than 140,000 students through the program statewide."

The deadline to submit applications for the 2012-2013 school year is Sept. 21. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline of Aug. 17 will be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 Visa gift card.

Since 1994, Bright Ideas has awarded Tar Heel teachers more than \$7.9 million to fund 7,700 projects benefiting 1.4 million students. "We have the utmost respect for teachers in our state and look forward to continuing to do our part to improve their jobs and invest in the future of our state through the Bright Ideas program," Vanness said.

This year's online application includes an explanation of the creative project and its potential benefits to students. Examples of past projects and grant-writing tips are available on the Bright Ideas website. Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ncbrightideas](http://www.facebook.com/ncbrightideas) for regularly updated information regarding the program.

# Randolph EMC Service Territory

## Directorate Districts



**Larry Routh**  
District 3



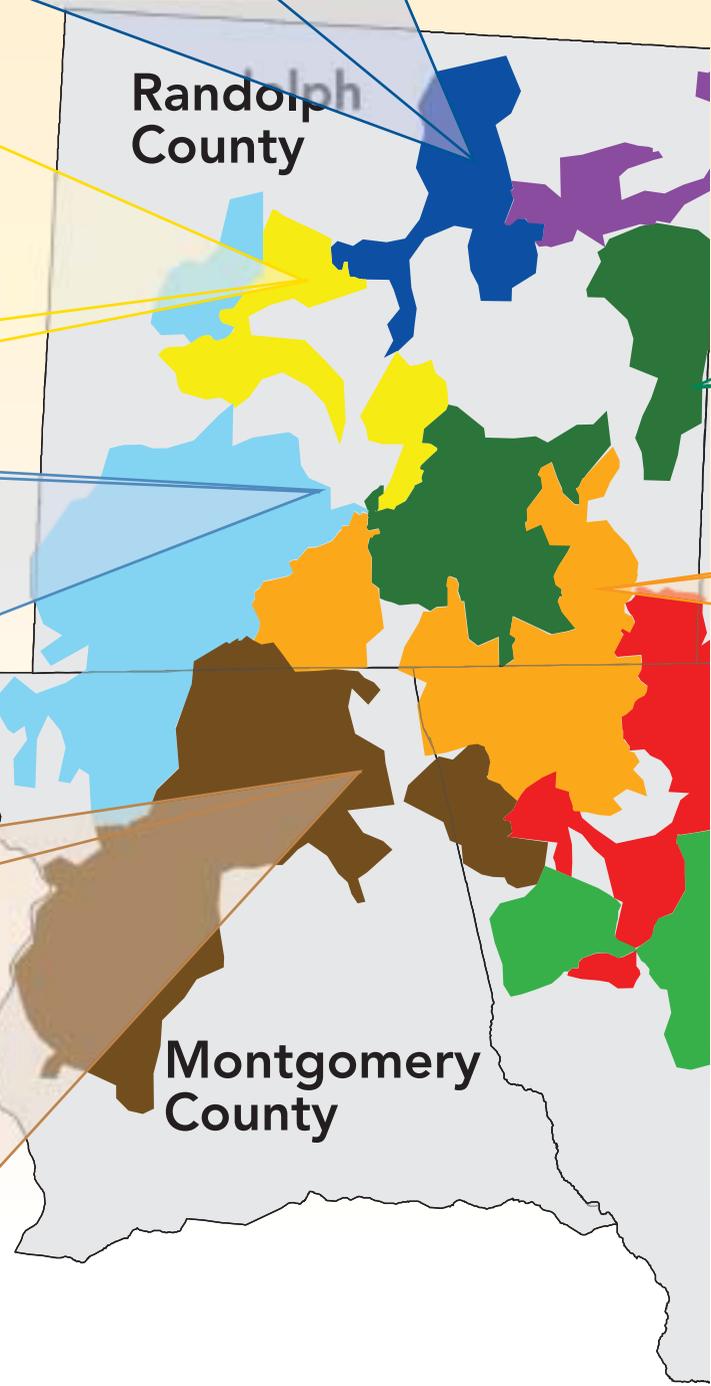
**Jerry Bowman**  
Vice President  
District 4



**Delbert Cranford**  
District 5\*



**Billy Maness**  
District 9\*



\* Election for Directorate Districts 5, 8, and 9 will be held at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

**Alamance  
County**



**James Andrews**  
District 1



**Bob Wright**  
President  
District 2

**Chatham  
County**



**Sue Spencer**  
Secretary-Treasurer  
District 6

**Moore  
County**



**Steve Harris**  
District 8\*



**Tammie Phillips**  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
District 7

# a word about Randolph Electric

by Dale Lambert



## Cooperative Values & Principles

Dear Members,

Cooperatives are certainly not new business models. The concept of a cooperative business model can be traced back to 1752, when Benjamin Franklin focused his attention on the threat and prevention of fire in Philadelphia. Because the homes were built almost entirely from wood and were located close together, when one home caught fire, many times it led to the destruction of whole neighborhoods.

To address the need of fire protection for homeowners, Mr. Franklin rallied a group of concerned citizens and the first mutual insurance company in the United States was brought into existence.

What's considered the modern cooperative movement, began in Rochdale, England in 1844, when a group of cotton weavers, working for very low wages and unable to afford the high prices for food and household goods, pooled their resources together to open a shop where they could access these basic needs at a lower price. Every customer of the shop became a member and had a stake in the success of the business.

Today, the cooperative business model is stronger than ever. Knowing we are owned and controlled by our members drives us to strive for excellence in all that we do. The only reason for the existence of Randolph EMC is for the benefit of our member-owners.

### CORPORATE VALUES

Our corporate values continue to guide us in all our endeavors. They are:

**Integrity:** We will adhere to high moral principals and professional standards.

**Accountability:** We will be accountable to our member-owners in all of our actions and decisions.

**Innovation:** We will be innovative and use proven technology to provide excellent service and efficient operations.

**Community Involvement:** We will cultivate a strong relationship with and assist in developing our communities.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

There are seven Guiding Cooperative Principles that we operate under. The roots of these principles can be traced back to the formation of the weaver's cooperative in 1844. They are:

- 1) Voluntary and Open Membership
- 2) Democratic Member Control
- 3) Members' Economic Participation
- 4) Autonomy and Independence
- 5) Education, Training and Information
- 6) Cooperation among Cooperatives
- 7) Concern for Community

### THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPERATIVES

Last year, in order to recognize the immense contributions of cooperatives to our society, the United States Senate, acting upon a similar action at the United Nations, designated 2012 as International Year of Cooperatives. The theme that was adopted for this celebration is, "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World."



Cooperatives are very diverse and offer many different products and services. According to the Washington, D.C.-based National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA), more than 29,200 cooperatives nationally employ 2 million Americans. One in every four Americans is a co-op member.

Because our member-owners in Randolph, Moore, Montgomery, Alamance and Chatham Counties continue working together to deliver safe, reliable and affordable power, they contribute to building better communities and a better world.

From your Board of Directors and employees, we appreciate the opportunity to work for you each and every day.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert  
Chief Executive Officer