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THOMAS GOLDEN

GRID MODERNIZATION FOR ENHANCED RELIABILITY

Grid modernization has become a bit of a catch-all phrase lately — and it's a term that often gets thrown around without much elaboration to it. To those who may need a refresher: Grid modernization refers to changes made to accommodate for advancements within electric generation, transmission and distribution. Said more simply, it's an effort to make our grids "smarter" by upgrading their technology and assets.

Initiatives like our Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Field Asset Inventory and Distribution Automation Switching have helped us increase meter reads to a 99.7% success rate over the past 20 months. These systems collect nearly 30 million data points a day to help us locate outages, ensure accurate billing and enhance reliability. We have been working on many of these upgrades for the last 10 years, starting with our original AMI project and continuing through today where we are installing remotely operated distribution switches utilizing our new AMI communication system. It's exciting to see the fruits of our labor and the benefit it continues to provide to our membership.

Current grid updates include replacing our electric poles to a sturdier, safer material for our neighborhoods and for our linemen. It's no easy task, but it's an investment that will lead to safer pole-top climbs and reduce the rate of incidents. You may even see this shift taking place as you drive around your community. And if you do, don't be shy about giving us a honk and a wave.

Of course, ensuring dependable energy is every electric company's goal. And our 99.99% reliability rating is proof that making these adjustments is vital to member satisfaction and quality power. As time goes on, there are sure to be even more innovations to grid modernization, and there's no question that we'll be here to implement them.

Sincerely,

Thomas Golden, CEO



811 DAY

811 day is celebrated on August 11 and serves as a reminder to make sure you take the step to call before digging. Doing so can help you avoid unnecessary outages, keep yourself and others safe, prevent damaged infrastructure, and of course, stave off the hassle of having a halted project on your hands!

Learn more at Call811.com



SAVE MONEY WITH **PEAK TIME PERKS!**

Our Peak Time Perks program is a resource that helps members avoid peak event prices by allowing EnergyUnited to adjust members' smart thermostats during a peak event. A thermostat will never be adjusted more than 4 degrees at a time, but this small adjustment can lead to big energy and cost savings. In addition to the cost savings that come with these thermostat adjustments, members will also be credited \$50 just for signing up and \$20 additional dollars every year following!



Be a part of the Peak Time Perks movement and enroll your smart thermostat today! **Learn more by scanning the QR code here!**



**CONGRATS TO THESE NEW
PEAK TIME PERKS MEMBERS**

The following members won a Visa gift card for signing up and sharing the benefits of Peak Time Perks during our spring giveaway. Thanks to all who helped us spread the word!

Brian Haggerty of Cornelius

Emily Chance of Statesville

Jonathan and Denise Foster of Taylorsville

Adam Stoltenberg of Huntersville

Jennifer Hraczo of Huntersville

Matt Hammill of Stanley

Tina Ash of Mooresville

Rob Bansek of Huntersville

Mary Ann Gallaher of Lexington

Susan Gilbert of Statesville

Casey Brown of Statesville

Dan Akers of Cornelius

MEET THE CANDIDATES

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

Part of being a member-owned electric services provider means that you have a voice in the leadership of our cooperative. This year we have two candidates running for a Board of Directors seat for both District 1 and District 3. It's an important time for our co-op and one we hope you feel compelled to be a part of and vote in this year's election.

Get to know the nominees on the following page for the upcoming Board of Directors election and cast your vote between August 10 and September 10, 2022, by 5 p.m. EST.



JERRY ANDERSON

District 1

Eligible for a three-year term

Jerry Anderson has served on the EnergyUnited board of directors since the cooperative was created in 1998 by the merger of Davidson EMC and Crescent EMC. Prior to that, Anderson had served on the Crescent EMC Board of Directors since 1984. During his tenure on the EnergyUnited and Crescent boards, Anderson has served as both secretary and treasurer.

In addition to his service to EnergyUnited, Anderson was a partner in CR Anderson Lumber Company. He is a member and past president of the North Davie Ruritan Club, a former trustee of the Davie County Hospital board of directors, served on the board of directors at Yadkin Valley Economic Development, and he is a former Davie County commissioner.

Anderson is a lifelong member of Sandy Springs Baptist Church where he is a deacon and a Sunday school teacher.

He is married to Dianne. They have two children and four grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys his grandchildren and classic cars.



ROBERT HERMAN

District 1

Eligible for a three-year term

Robert Herman lives in Bethlehem in Alexander County. He is a retired industrial engineer and vice president from the Von Drehle Corp. based in Hickory. Currently he is serving as a board member and vice president of the Newcomers Club of Catawba Valley where he leads the membership committee. Herman is running for the first time for the District 1 board seat of EnergyUnited.

Herman has served on several boards and councils, including Iowa State University Industrial Engineering Advisory Council and as the Iowa Interdenominational Reconciliation Liaison for the Promise Keepers organization. He was a unit commissioner in the Boy Scouts of America, Smokey Mountain Council, and has attained his Eagle Scout. He has also served on the board of directors of his family restaurant business, functioning as treasurer and chair of the Compensation Committee.

Herman is a graduate of Purdue University in Industrial Management and has an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University. He has attained certifications as a Six Sigma Black Belt and Senior Professional in Human Resources as well as in Production and Inventory Management. During his free time Herman enjoys hiking, gardening and boating with his granddaughter on Lake Hickory.



CRAIG BLACK

District 3

Eligible for a three-year term

Craig Black graduated from East Davidson High School and earned a degree in Marketing and Operations Management at UNCC. He lives in Mooresville with wife Kathy and daughters Abby and Maggie, and is a member of Mooresville High Athletic Boosters, a trustee at Central United Methodist Church, and a member of Top of the Lake Rotary Club.

Black's 31-year career in the printing industry has focused on strategic planning. His many achievements have produced significant results.

Black has completed 120+ hours of education through national cooperative organizations, designed to equip directors with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in today's rapidly changing electric utility industry. Black has earned the title Credential Cooperative Director and been awarded the Board Leadership Certificate. He is currently finalizing the Director Gold Credential, the highest level of director certification.

Black served as a director during the cooperative's recent governance review and helped develop and execute the cooperative's strategic plan, which includes many projects and processes that focus on providing safe, reliable energy at competitive prices, while offering more information for members to better manage their energy spending.

Black supports EnergyUnited's rural economic development initiatives as well as the EnergyUnited Foundation, which has given millions to charity.



MARTIN OAKES

District 3

Eligible for a three-year term

Martin Oakes recently completed terms on the Lincoln Economic Development Association (LEDA) board, the Centralina Council of Governments board, the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization board and as a Lincoln County Commissioner. Martin actively helped recruit a new County Manager at Lincoln County and chaired the search committee for a new CEO at Centralina. Martin currently serves as a board member and treasurer in four other groups at various levels.

Martin retired eight years ago from his own business, Byte Design, building computer business models for large (>\$500M sales) corporations, including Boise Paper, International Paper and MacMillan-Bloedel. Prior to that, Martin was CFO and VP of Sales at several IT startups.

Martin has a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, summa cum laude, from McMaster University (Canada), with IT specialties. He and Elsie attend Salem United Methodist Church in Denver, NC, and enjoy free time with their two grown children and five grand-daughters.



RONNIE HARRISON

District 2

Duly elected to a three-year term

Ronnie Harrison, an incumbent, was the only person nominated to serve as a Director in District 2. In accordance with EnergyUnited's bylaws, Board President Max Walser dispensed with balloting and declared Ronnie duly elected to a three-year term. Congratulations, Ronnie! Dispensing with balloting in uncontested elections reduces election-related costs and helps EnergyUnited provide its members with safe, reliable power at the lowest possible cost.

DISTRICT 3

VOTING PROCEDURE

There are two ways to cast your ballot.



EMAIL

If we have your email address, we will email you a ballot on August 10, 2022.



U.S. MAIL

If we don't have your email, we will send a paper ballot to your registered address on August 10, 2022.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

THOMASVILLE

Welcome to Thomasville, North Carolina, where there is something for everyone! Located in the heart of North Carolina, this beautiful town established in 1852 is easily accessible from the I-85 corridor with plenty of lodging options for you and your family. Here you can find a wide variety of antiques, interesting shops and incredible food. Thomasville is home to the largest Memorial Day Parade in the Southeast, many enticing murals, an affordable public golf course, Civil War Trail landmarks, North Carolina's longest-running street festival "Everybody's Day" and some of the best train watching in the country!

The Big Chair: Thomasville Furniture Industries (TFI) was started here in 1904 as a chair company before becoming a furniture manufacturing company in the 1960s. The Big Chair, located in the heart of downtown Thomasville, is a 30-foot replica of a Duncan Phyfe armchair and the city's most recognizable landmark, and why Thomasville is also known as the "Chair City." In 1960, the Thomasville Chair gained national attention when vice-presidential hopeful Lyndon B. Johnson stopped to greet local supporters from atop the chair while on a campaign whistle-stop.

A place in history: Thomasville is located on a main Norfolk Southern railway system between Charlotte and Raleigh. Its prime location in almost the center of the state led the founder, John W. Thomas, to establish the city in 1852. During the Civil War, Thomasville became a place for refugees and a hospital for injured soldiers. Thirty-four of those soldiers were buried in the Thomasville City Cemetery, making it the only known burial site of both Union and Confederate soldiers together.

Business friendly: Thomasville is a city where you can find people who care — about their businesses, their products and their customers. They work hard to produce goods and services that cater to you. Most famous for its plethora of antique shops, Thomasville is home to "blasts from the past" that are sure to entice and entertain folks of all ages.

The hometown feel: There is something magical about this city — its hometown feel leaves you feeling warm and fuzzy. The center city area has landmarks and walking trails, there are tons of local shops, plenty of places to stay, beautiful venues, summer-league baseball and generally a wholesome, family-friendly atmosphere. This sense of community is at its peak during Christmastime, when the streets are festively lit, antique animatronic figures are brought back to life and even the Big Chair is adorned with a Santa hat and Merry Christmas pillow.

As a 2013 All-American City, Thomasville knows the importance of looking to the future, while maintaining its rich history. Come enjoy historic Downtown Thomasville, catch a HiToms baseball game, eat local cuisine and enjoy numerous shopping options from antiques to modern crafters.



FOOD, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

SIXTY SIX GRILL & TAPHOUSE

Sixty Six Grill and Taphouse is a Thomasville neighborhood favorite! They focus on the freshest ingredients and craft-worthy combinations that will tantalize your taste buds and treat you to a good time. With dog-friendly patio seating, outstanding service, and specialty drinks, it's always a good time at Sixty Six Grill and Taphouse! Don't believe us? Just check out these reviews!

KATRINA H. *The food is always good! Absolutely love their grilled chicken and chicken tenders. But tonight I was super impressed with our waitress Kelly. She took great care of us, anticipated our needs, and never let our drinks run out. It's been a while since we have had such great service, so I was very thankful tonight!*

NICKI M. *Best restaurant in Thomasville by far for many reasons, but most notably for the variety of items offered on the menu, the overall atmosphere of the restaurant itself, and also the great attitudes of the entire staff. Each staff member is friendly, attentive, and knowledgeable of the menu items including the daily specials and drinks offered from the bar.*

TAMMY B. *Thomasville has all kinds of restaurants but this is the best place to eat if you want a great steak and an adult beverage! Just make sure you go early or you will wait!*



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR **ANNUAL MEETING!**

Join us for the results of the Board of Directors election:



WHEN

September 15 at 5:00 p.m. EST and September 16 at 7:30 a.m.

WHERE

Facebook Live & WSIC Radio

DON'T MISS THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE FOR **BRIGHT IDEAS!**



Since 1994, EnergyUnited and the Bright Ideas program have funded more than 13,500 projects for local teachers across 19 counties in North Carolina, impacting over 2.8 million students. Teachers must explain their goals, creative elements, implementation and the budget of the project for the chance to receive a grant of up to \$2,000.

Apply by August 15 to take advantage of the Early Bird Deadline, and be entered to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

The final deadline to apply is September 15.



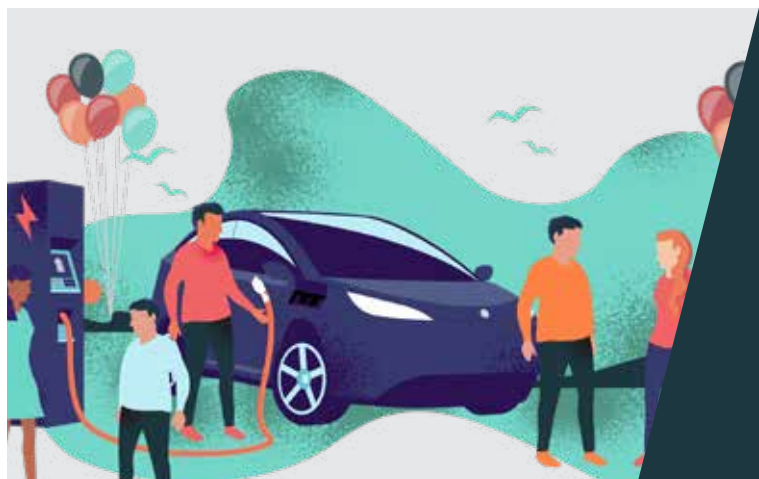
JOIN US FOR THE BEST **EVENT**

Curious to learn more about driving an electric vehicle (EV)? Join us this September for a chance to ask questions, ride in an EV, learn about the cost savings and even have a little fun!

WHAT: This event will feature electric vehicles on display, ride and drives, vendors, food and more!

WHEN: September 24, 2022, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Career Academy & Technical School (Troutman, NC)



Stay tuned, more information to come!