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## Georgia co-ops participate in USDA conservation program



ABOVE: Lucius Adkins Jr., chairman of the Mitchell EMC Board of Directors and a member of the Georgia Farm Bureau Board of Directors, left, and Tony Tucker, president/CEO of Mitchell EMC, stand next to a center-pivot irrigation system on Adkins' farm in Elmodel in Baker County.

### By Jenna Saxon

Water and energy are two of the most critical requirements for agricultural operations in Georgia. Recently, three of Georgia's electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) committed to an innovative program to conserve these vital resources.

Last fall, Tucker-based Georgia EMC was contacted by the Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District and invited to participate in a grant program called the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The proposed RCPP project, led by the Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District, would develop innovative approaches to conservation, with a focus on water and energy. One of these includes a pilot program with EMCs in South Georgia that encourages the use of energy- and water-efficient irrigation on cropland. The program activities occur while implementing best management practices for irrigation and energy through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Altamaha EMC in Lyons, Mitchell EMC in Camilla and Planters EMC in Millen agreed to participate, and the grant was awarded in late February. These EMCs will disseminate information about energy- and water-efficient

irrigation and promote its use for the next three years.

The project focuses on South Georgia below the Fall Line, a geographic boundary marked by a significant difference in soil type between the Coastal Plain and Piedmont regions. Most irrigation takes place south of the Fall Line, where major underground aquifers are accessible.

Several river basins and watersheds in this region will benefit from more widespread use of energy- and water-efficient irrigation. The project targets the Chattahoochee, Flint, Suwannee, Ochlockonee, Satilla, Ocmulgee, Altamaha, Ogeechee and Oconee river basins, where center-pivot irrigation systems are powered by electric motors.

The RCPP provides a unique opportunity to formalize a public-private partnership that will enhance water-use efficiency, improve energy efficiency and support renewable-energy initiatives. This nontraditional approach to conservation, with grassroots local leaders at the helm, will positively affect the natural resources, agricultural producers and rural communities of South Georgia.

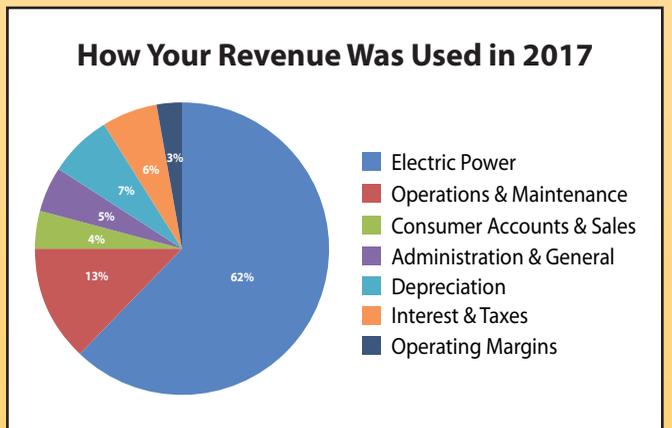
*Jenna Saxon is a government relations representative with Tucker based Georgia EMC.*

## 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting Highlights



**Grand Prize Winners (L to R):** Charles Gilbert, Mitchell EMC Safety and Loss Prevention Manager; \$300 Bill Credit Winner Kelley Ball, Mitchell EMC Member from Dougherty County; \$400 Bill Credit Winner Betty White representing Albany Baptist Church Mitchell EMC Member from Dougherty County; and \$500 Bill Credit Winner Mrs. Ross Dorothy Jean, Mitchell EMC Member from Camilla.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2017	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Utility Plant</b>	
Electric Plant in Service-At Cost	\$158,627,805
Construction Work in Progress	918,795
Gross Utility Plant	159,546,600
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(35,067,000)
	<u>124,479,600</u>
<b>Investments in Associated Organizations</b>	<u>25,170,836</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,230,033
Accounts Receivable	6,655,828
Materials and Supplies	1,274,945
Other	62,493
	<u>10,223,299</u>
<b>Deferred Debits</b>	<u>1,299,245</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$161,172,980</b>

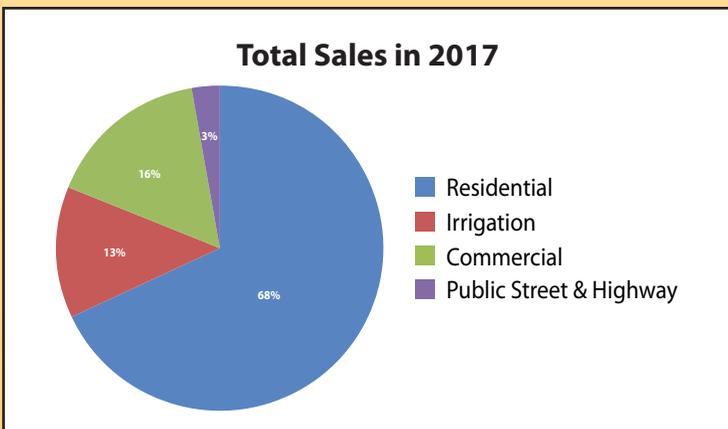




MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	
<b>Members' Equity</b>	
Patronage Capital	\$ 64,952,208
Other Equities	18,096,342
	<u>83,048,550</u>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>	
Long-Term Debt	46,954,072
Accumulated Provision for Post-retirement Other Than Pension	13,744,486
	<u>60,698,558</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Mortgage Notes-Current Portion	2,262,000
Accumulated Provision for Post-retirement Benefits Other Than Pension-Current	498,000
Accounts Payable	3,004,148
Consumers' Deposits	1,105,211
Accrued and Withheld Taxes	177,433
Other	2,391,085
	<u>17,425,872</u>
<b>Total Members' Equity and Liabilities</b>	<b>\$161,172,980</b>



STATEMENT OF REVENUE & PATRONAGE CAPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017	
<b>Operating Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$61,523,285</u></b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Cost of Power	37,969,588
Distribution Operation	2,485,930
Distribution Maintenance	5,715,805
Consumer Accounts	1,987,734
Consumer Service and Sales Information	245,921
Sales	205,625
Administrative and General	3,210,653
Depreciation	4,139,327
Taxes	986,346
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>56,946,909</u></b>
<b>Operating Margins Before Interest Expense</b>	<b>4,576,376</b>
<b>Interest Expense</b>	<b>2,450,356</b>
<b>Operating Margins After Interest Expense</b>	<b>2,126,020</b>
<b>Non-operating Margins</b>	<b>92,906</b>
<b>Generation and Transmission Patronage Capital Allocations</b>	<b>925,477</b>
<b>Other Capital Credits and Patronage Capital Allocations</b>	<b><u>573,018</u></b>
<b>Net Margins plus Patronage Capital</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,717,421</u></b>



# Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

## SUMMER FUN WORD SEARCH



Summer is the best time of the year! Can you find all the words associated with summer fun in the puzzle below? Use the word bank for help.

T U O K O O C P V R I K P G N  
 X G H M C W Y E H C U A S K F  
 S E T G I C X L E J P S A S Q  
 Y A E E Q D I C G F I J F H Q  
 N B O H F I R Q N M V O I C Y  
 V Z P J S E H W O W T T R A I  
 L R K P A U O X D W D Z E E U  
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### WORD BANK

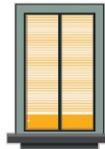
BEACH  
 COOKOUT  
 FIREFLIES  
 ICE CREAM

PICNIC  
 SUNSCREEN  
 SWIMMING POOL



# Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



### NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



### LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

**Laundry Tip:** Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



**Note:** If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

## Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applicants for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D

# WATT'S COOKING



## Southern Mexicorn Dip

### Ingredients:

- 2 cans mexicorn
- 2 cups shredded pepperjack cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 jar of jalapenos, optional

Mix corn, cheese and mayonnaise.  
Place in casserole dish. Top with single  
layer of jalapenos if you like it hot, then  
bake on 350° for 30 min.

*Thanks!*

to

**Keri Phillips**, Lee County, GA,  
for sharing this recipe.

## *Share & Win!*

Send us your favorite quick and easy  
dinner recipes. If your recipe is chosen  
for print, you can win a  
**\$25 credit**  
on your next Mitchell EMC bill.

**Send recipes to**  
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