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The TECI and TWWI Board regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 6:30 p.m.

Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

What to Expect at the 2018 Talquin Annual Meeting

Each year in April, Talquin Electric Cooperative invites Members out for a day of cooperative business and family fun at the Talquin Annual Meeting. And let us not forget about all of the fantastic prizes that our Members can win!

Members have the opportunity to meet Talquin staff and hear from our experts on cooperative initiatives and programs. Here are some of the booths that will be at this year's meeting:

Talquin Assistance Program (TAP)

PrePaid Electric Metering

Vegetation Management

Mobile App

Capital Credits

Solar Generation/Energy Analysis

Seminole Electric Cooperative

Members can also meet with local agencies working in our community and learn about the different programs and services that they provide. Some of these agencies are:

Capital Area Community Action Agency FL Department of Finance

FL Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles

Florida Rural Electric Credit Union

Gadsden Co. Supervisor of Elections

The Annual Meeting also marks the time of our annual Board elections. Members eligible to vote cast in-person ballots at the Annual Meeting, and election results are announced during the event. This event marks the time when Members from all around our community come together and vote for the direction in which they would like to see the Cooperative move.

Save the Date & Join Us!

The 2018 Talquin Annual Meeting will be held **Saturday, April 28, 2018**, at Gadsden County High School (27001 Blue Star Hwy, Havana, FL 32333). Doors will open at 8:30 AM and the business portion of the meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. We cannot wait to see you there!



Carrie Durden
Board President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

Board of Trustee Candidates

Per the by-laws of the Cooperative, each Member shall be entitled to only one vote per District – for a total of three votes. Joint Memberships are allowed only one vote, whether separately or jointly. Only persons who are Members of the Cooperative are allowed to vote. A spouse or family member cannot vote in the place of the Member.

The following candidates have been nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees and will be voted on:



District One (1)
William VanLandingham
519 Telogia Creek - Quincy, FL 32352
(Incumbent)

Mr. VanLandingham is the Trustee from District 1, southern Gadsden County. He is Vice-President/Agency Executive with BB&T Landrum-Yaeger Insurance Services in Tallahassee. He is a lifelong resident of the Juniper community and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance from FSU. Mr. VanLandingham is a Credentialed Director through NRECA and currently serves as the Vice-President of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees.

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District Four (4) Carrie Durden
P.O. Box 541 - Havana, FL 32333
(Incumbent)

Mrs. Durden is the Trustee from District 4, eastern Gadsden County and the Lake Jackson area of Leon County. Her background includes 22 years representing Farm Bureau Insurance as a multi-line agent and Agency Manager, as well as community leadership in agriculture, youth, 4-H and Kiwanis. Mrs. Durden holds a Master's degree from FSU and a C.L.U.

(chartered life underwriter) designation. Her work on behalf of rural electric on the national level includes serving on the NRECA 21st Century Committee and earning the Credentialed Director and Board Leadership certificates. She currently serves as President of the Talquin Board of Trustees and is one of TEC's representatives on the Seminole Electric G&T Board of Trustees.



District Seven (7) David Miller
227 Buck Miller Road - Crawfordville, FL 32327
(Incumbent)

Mr. Miller is the Trustee from District 7, eastern Wakulla County. Mr. Miller, lifelong resident and third-generation Wakulla County educator, dedicated 39 years to the Wakulla County school system – 17 of

which was serving as Superintendent of Schools. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from FSU, Master's degree from FAMU, Doctor of Laws honor degree from Flagler, and is a Credentialed Director through NRECA. Mr. Miller has been married to his wife Dolores for 45 years and is an active member of Crawfordville United Methodist Church. They have 3 children, Derek, Danielle, and Dylan, as well as three grandchildren.



District Seven (7)
Timothy J. Devlin
21 Equine Drive - Crawfordville, FL 32327

Mr. Devlin is a CPA and holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Florida. He was employed for over 35 years by the Florida Public Service Commission and held various positions there including

Director of Auditing and Finance, Director of Economic Regulation, and Executive Director. After his retirement, he worked with the Office of Energy within the Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services. Currently, he volunteers as a tax return preparer with the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation and as a driver for the Meals on Wheels program through the Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center.



District Seven (7)
Melanie Brown-Woofter
36 Edgewood Drive - Crawfordville, FL 32327

Ms. Brown-Woofter is a graduate of Wakulla High School, has a RN/BSN from the University of Florida and attended graduate school at the University of Texas. She is currently the Interim President/CEO of the Florida Council for Community Mental Health and was previously with the Agency

for Health Care Administration for 14 years, last as bureau chief. She is an active member of the Crawfordville United Methodist Church, Tallahassee Kiwanis Club, Wakulla Kiwanis Club, and Sigma Theta Tau. Ms. Brown-Woofter is a mom of three (Cole, Garrett, and Rachel) and is engaged to be married to Ray Gray of Wakulla.

No candidates are endorsed by Talquin Electric Cooperative. No campaign materials are furnished or paid for by Talquin Electric Cooperative.

Notify County Agency of Any **Special Needs** Registry is used for resource planning during emergencies

According to Chapter 252.355 Florida Statutes, "In order to meet the special needs of persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental or sensory disabilities, each local emergency management agency in the state shall maintain a registry of persons with special needs located within the jurisdiction of the local agency."

The Special Needs Registry Shelter Program is designed to provide hurricane or disaster related evacuation assistance and care for those without other alternatives. Anyone that needs transportation assistance or has a health/medical condition that requires medical attention while at a shelter should register for this program. Clients of a hospice or home health care agency should ensure that they have already registered into the system. This registration helps the local emergency management agency identify those in need of assistance and plan for resource allocation to meet those needs.

Persons with special needs may authorize emergency response personnel to enter their homes during search-and-rescue operations, if necessary, to ensure their safety and welfare following disasters.

This registration must be updated annually. Talquin Electric Cooperative helps local emergency management agencies get the word out about this program.

If someone has a special condition affecting eyesight, hearing, speech, walking, breathing or an emotional condition and would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering, they should contact their local emergency management agency.

The level of care given in special needs shelters goes above the basic first-aid care available to shelters open to the general population.

All information provided is kept strictly confidential.

Gadsden County: (850) 875-8642

Leon County: (850) 606-3700

Liberty County: (850) 643-2339

Wakulla County: (850) 745-7200

*All 67 counties in the state now utilize a new electronic format for the Special Needs Registry Shelter Program. Contact each agency to find out how to access this electronic form. Anyone can access the registry online at <https://snr.floridadisaster.org>. A login and password is needed to access the portal. Anyone with any questions or who does not have internet access should contact their local emergency management office.

PrePaid Metering

Talquin Electric Cooperative is now offering PrePaid electric service. Pre-Paid puts YOU in control of how much, when and how often you pay. With low deposits, no late fees, no disconnect or reconnect charges, PrePaid may be the option you have been looking for. Members can make a minimum \$20 payment or more at any time.

To learn more about this new service, visit our website at www.talquinelectric.com, pick up a brochure at any of our Member Service Offices or contact a Member Service Representative today.

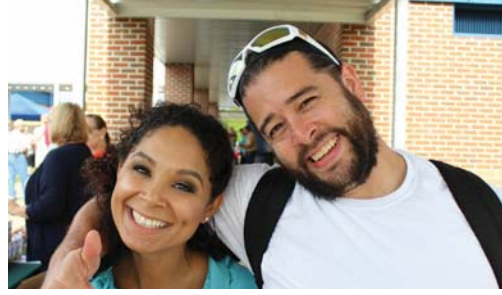
*The PrePaid option is not available in all areas due to lack of service availability.

	Billed Monthly	PrePaid
Rate	Same	same
Administrative Connection Fee <i>New Accounts</i>	\$25	\$25
Deposit Required	\$250 minimum	\$50
Minimum Initial Prepayment Balance	\$0	\$20
Late Payment Charge	5% of unpaid balance up to \$10	\$0
Reconnect Fee	\$25	\$0
Disconnect Fee	\$25	\$0
After-Hours Charge	\$60	\$0



April Showers Bring...digging! Whether it is a small project or a large home improvement project, National Safe Digging Month is a way to remind us all to **Call 811** before starting any digging project. Know What's Below, Call Before You Dig.





2018 Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 28th
 Doors Open: 8:30 – 10:00 AM
 Meeting Starts: 10:00 AM

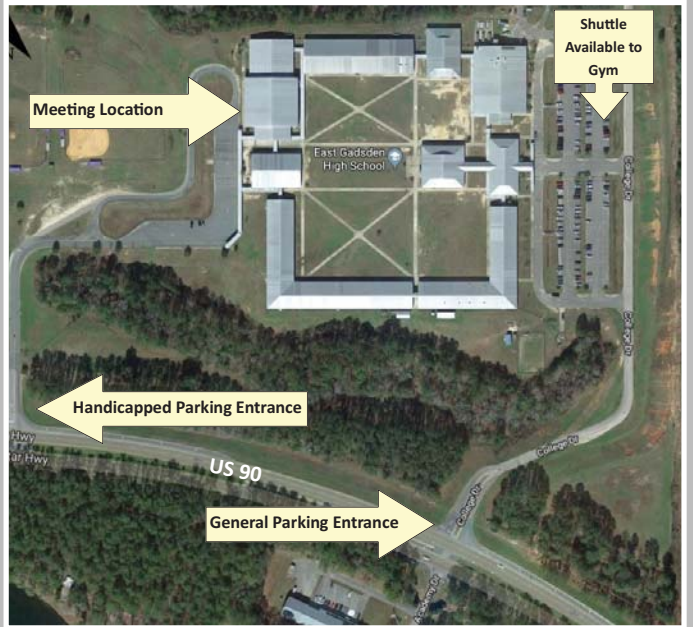
Every Member that registers receives a \$10 bill credit, a FREE gift, and one raffle ticket to win one of many great prizes!

- \$500 and \$250 Bill Credits
- LED TVs
- Amazon Echo Dots
- Multiple \$150 Gift Cards
- Igloo 60 Qt. Wheeled Cooler
- Garmin Nuvi GPS Navigator
- Amazon Fire Tablet
- Fitbits
- Men's Watch
- Apple iPad
- George Foreman Indoor/Outdoor Grill
- Xbox One
- Digital Cameras
- Multiple \$50 Gift Cards
- Bushnell Digital Game Camera
- Wet/Dry Shop Vac
- Black & Decker Cordless Drill/Driver
- Video Cameras
- Black & Decker 20V Project Kit
- Keurig Single Serve Brewer
- Coolers
- Beats by Dre Headphones
- GoPro Camera
- AND MUCH MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

VOTE, WIN, AND BE ENTERTAINED!!

JOIN US

Gadsden County High School Gymnasium
 27001 Blue Star Highway
 – Havana (Midway area)





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 your outage quickly and to receive
 outage information.

Energy Tip

– This month's tip is a reminder that there are a lot of recipes that do not require the use of your oven, stove, or even your grill. You can get creative, save energy and eat well...all at the same time!

No Bake Strawberry Cheesecake Bites Recipe

- 1 pound of strawberries**
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened**
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar**
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract**
- graham cracker crumbs or crushed graham cracker**

In a bowl, combine the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla with an electric mixer.

Fill each strawberry with the cheesecake filling using a spoon, knife, or a piping bag.

Dip the strawberry, cheesecake side down, into the graham cracker crumbs.

Keep refrigerated until served.

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Cut off the tops of the strawberries and hollow out the inside with a paring knife.

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