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The TECL 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.

Planning for success — A Look at Talquin and Seminole's fuel mix in 2018

At the beginning of each year, people across the world create "New Year's Resolutions" or set goals to complete throughout the year. Whether the resolution is to walk two miles every day after work or start saving for a dream vacation — most resolutions are planned for a successful outcome.



Carrie Durden
Board President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

Similar to a resolution, Talquin Electric Cooperative has an ongoing commitment — to provide our Members, like you, at the end of the line, with safe, affordable, and reliable electricity. To do this, Talquin works hand in hand with its wholesale power provider, Seminole Electric Cooperative. Seminole is a generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative that is partially owned by Talquin and eight other distribution electric cooperatives in Florida. Collectively, approximately 1.6 million people and businesses in parts of 42 Florida counties rely on Seminole's Member cooperatives for electricity.

In order to meet the electricity demand of 1.6 million Floridians, Seminole has owned and purchased generation — including coal, natural gas, solar, and other renewable resources.

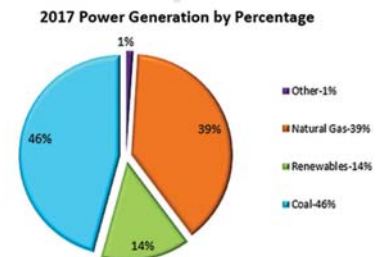
Seminole's primary energy resources include the Seminole Generating Station (SGS) in northeast Florida and the Richard J. Midulla Generating Station (MGS) in south central Florida.

Located in Putnam County, just north of Palatka, SGS has two 650-megawatt coal-fired generating units that began commercial operation in 1984. Seminole recently announced that they are removing one of their coal units from service approximately five years from now.

To replace that energy source, Seminole will build a new plant on property with SGS — a combined-cycle natural gas facility that will provide approximately 1,050 megawatts of reliable electric generation.

MGS, located on the Hardee/Polk county line, is an 810-megawatt facility that uses natural gas as its primary fuel. Seminole's newest source of generation is Cooperative Solar, a 2.2-megawatt solar facility, located adjacent to MGS.

For Talquin and Seminole, the reliability of the energy you use is essential to the electric cooperative business. Whether you need to light a room, charge your phone, or cool a room by a ceiling fan — Talquin and Seminole are working around the clock to ensure that energy is available when you need it — not only in 2018, but for many years to come.



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COMING SOON IN 2018!!

We have a couple of very exciting things right around the corner, so be on the lookout for more details:

PrePaid Electric Service:

Pay WHEN you want and no late fees! Your Power,
Your Plan, Your Choice.

Talquin Mobile App:

Report an outage, pay a bill, and much more.
The easy way to manage your account!

A few of the many ways YOUR cooperative is looking out for you!

Convenient Payment Options

Talquin offers many different options to pay your electric or water bill. Find the method that works best for you.

To pay Talquin directly with no added convenience fees:

- In person at any of Talquin's five Member Service Offices



- Over the Phone: (850) 627-9666 (English or Spanish)
 - available 24 hours, 7 days a week



- automated payment system (no live operator)
- account number will be required to make a payment
- credit cards & e-checks accepted
- Mail (PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353)
- Automatic bank/credit card draft
- Online - <https://billing.talquinelectric.com/talq/login.jsp>



There are also third party sites available; however, you should know that there may be fees associated with the use of these sites, and payments made via third party sites may be delayed and take a few days to be credited to your account.

In order to be added to the ballot for trusteeship, interested parties must submit petitions with 15 signatures, no sooner than **Monday, January 29** and no later than **Wednesday, March 14**.

Districts 1, 4, and 7 are up for election.

The present incumbents are:
 District 4 - Carrie Durden
 District 1 - William VanLandingham
 District 7 - David Miller



This map is provided as a general guide only and can also be viewed online in greater detail at www.talquinelectric.com/about/board-districts-map/. Precise lines are determined by those printed in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3, OF THE By-laws.

BY-LAWS PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND TRUSTEE SELECTION

ARTICLE III Meetings of Members

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the members shall be held once each calendar year at a time and place in the service area of the Cooperative as shall be selected by the Board of Trustees and designated in the notice of the meeting, for the purpose of electing Trustees, passing upon reports for fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to only one vote. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these By-laws. No voting by mail or by proxy shall be permitted.

ARTICLE IV Trustees

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS AND TENURE. To become or remain a Trustee, a person must meet the qualifications listed in the By-laws approved and amended effective April 29, 2017.

SECTION 3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES (b) **Nominations.** Nominations for trustee shall be by Petition only. To be nominated and included on the ballot to represent one of the nine (9) geographic districts, a candidate for trustee must submit to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 a written Petition including the names, addresses, and verifiable signatures of at least fifteen (15) current

Cooperative members. All Petitions must be submitted to the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters prior to the deadline prescribed below and shall include the name of the nominee and his or her district. A member may sign the Petition of more than one candidate.

To be considered for inclusion on the ballot, Petitions must be submitted to Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351 by 5:00 P.M. E.S.T. not less than forty-five (45) days, but not more than ninety (90) days before the date of the Annual Meeting. A Cooperative designee with the assistance of the Cooperative's attorney shall verify the signatures on the Petitions and refer the names of those candidates who have satisfied the fifteen (15) signature requirement for qualification review in accordance with Article IV, Section 2.

Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall post the names of the qualified nominees for election at the Talquin Electric Cooperative Headquarters, located at 1640 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351. The Secretary shall mail with the Annual Meeting Notice a complete list of the names and addresses of all qualified nominees for election.

If any of the dates for compliance specified in this Article shall fall on a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday, then the next business day following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday shall be the day of compliance. All dates for compliance specified in this Article shall be posted on the Cooperative's website at least ninety (90) days before the deadline.

For a full set of By-laws or a petition form, contact (850) 627-7651 or download a copy at www.talquinelectric.com.

Water and Wastewater Rate Change

Talquin Water and Wastewater (TWWI) recognizes that our Members want their cooperative to have competitive rates while remaining financially stable so we can provide safe and reliable service. TWWI recently conducted a cost of service study. Based on those findings, we will adjust water and wastewater rates effective March 1, 2018. These changes do not affect Talquin's electric rates.

TWWI has not adjusted rates since September 2013. The average residential water account will see a rate increase of 0.8%, while the average commercial water account will see an increase of 2.7%. The average residential wastewater account will see a rate increase of 2.8%, while the average commercial wastewater account will see an increase of 5.1%.

The table below shows the current and revised changes:

Water Rate Structure

Meter Size	Current Facility Charge	New Facility Charge
0.75	\$17.83	\$17.85
1.00	\$27.96	\$28.55
1.50	\$44.00	\$44.65
2.00	\$65.94	\$67.85
3.00	\$112.18	\$117.80
4.00	\$170.23	\$178.50
6.00	\$330.61	\$348.10
8.00	\$520.56	\$548.00

Water Consumption (per 1,000 gallons)	Current Rate	New Rate
First 5,000 gallons	\$1.4645	\$1.5000
Next 15,000 gallons	\$1.8870	\$1.9000
Over 20,000 gallons	\$2.1000	\$2.2500

New Meter Service Connections-Water

Water Fees	Current Rate	New Rate
System Fee (3/4" meter)	\$470.00	\$600.00
Connect Fee (3/4" meter)	\$340.00	\$450.00

No changes for other size meters

Wastewater Rate Structure

Meter Size	Current Facility Charge	New Facility Charge
0.75	\$38.74	\$38.75
1.00	\$59.19	\$62.00
1.50	\$91.66	\$96.90
2.00	\$132.31	\$139.50
3.00	\$264.98	\$279.00
4.00	\$407.39	\$430.10
6.00	\$835.14	\$879.65
8.00	\$1,323.82	\$1,395.00

Wastewater Consumption (per 1,000 gallons)	Current Rate	New Rate
First 5,000 gallons	\$2.5500	\$2.8500
Over 5,000 gallons	\$3.3075	\$3.9000

New Meter Service Connections-Wastewater

Wastewater Fees

No Changes

A complete list of Talquin's rates can be found on our website at www.talquinelectric.com. If you have any questions about Talquin's rates, please contact us at (850) 627-7651.

Water Tip

Winterize your pipes. Preventing burst pipes and leaks is your best bet when it comes to conserving water in winter. On top of dripping your faucets, it is a good idea to make sure outdoor pipes, like the ones running to your backyard spigot, are wrapped. This way, when temperatures drop below freezing, they stay warmer than the air and are less likely to develop leaks or burst.



*care2.com

Effective March 1, 2018, Talquin Electric Cooperative will adjust the Wholesale Power Cost rate from a credit of -\$0.0030 to zero \$0.0000, resulting in an overall increase of 3 mills. Members who use 1,000 kWh per month will see an increase of \$3.00 in their monthly bill. Water and wastewater rates will not be affected by the WPCA change.

trading post

Miscellaneous

Funeral plots and vaults for sale in the Garden of Peace located at Abbey Funeral Home 4037 N Monroe St, Tallahassee. For a reasonable price. 544-1092 for more info

Couch & loveseat 1 ½ yrs old, color beige, cloth fabric, like new. Both \$400/negotiable; **Futon** – black \$25. 566-4095

King size bedroom suite \$500 OBO; **2 gas heaters** \$11 ea OBO. 556-6728 or 627-2275

Professional Female Caregiver w/ many years experience for men, women, or infirm of any age. References/background check, non-smoker. 728-2600

Handyman/Carpentry, painting, flooring, minor plumbing, woodworking, remodel, and much more. 25+ yrs exp. with excellent references. 566-5318 Reasonable rates.

Fresh Brown Eggs! \$3/Dozen or \$4.50/18 eggs washed and brought daily, convenient location! 21 E Jefferson St, Quincy. Call or text 879-2375

MISC ITEMS: HP PSC 750 w/booklet & 1 new bk cartridge \$25; black & decker elec. edger w/new blade exc cond. \$35 OBO; 19" sceptor monitor \$5; 3'x6' grey auto repl. carpet \$10; Bissell Proheat carpet cleaner \$25. 421-4691

Scaffolding w/ braces. 3- 4', 3- 5', and 2- 6', retired brick mason, \$300 OBO. 510-1249

Homeowners that would like an estimate for **Pressure Washing, Window Cleaning** inside & out, or simply would like their **Gutters Cleaned & Roof blown off** call 562-1399

Armadillo traps. Humane, 2 - door. Pressure treated wood construction, pre-scented, no bait or funneling required \$70. 383-6380

Tools: Craftsman 3-1/2 HP Air Compressor, 25 Gal, 125 psi 120 (or 240) volts \$125 OBO; Makita 14" Mitre Saw \$125 OBO; Milwaukee Hvy Duty Sawzall Mod 6509 w/ case \$90 OBO; Milwaukee ½" Super Hawg Drill Mod 1680 w/ case \$130 OBO. 770-856-7956

Viking 936 serger as/is, classes usage only,

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four times a year)
- Ads must be twenty-five words or less
- Must be typed or printed legibly in ink
- No registered businesses may run an ad
- No changes after ad submission
- Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)
- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

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case, cover stitch kit, feet, table, accessories, bag, owners/techniques books, originally \$2,000, asking \$800 OBO. 717-5427 M-F

Desk & bookshelf & matching dresser, excellent condition, all 3 \$150 OBO; **13 in. TV** \$25; old fashion **45 player & cassette** w/ cabinet & speakers \$50. 322-9578

Garage Sale Items: Antique dishes, new Ole Man tree climbing stand

Automotive

2009 Sunny Brook Edgewater travel trailer. Model 298BHE, sleeps 10, 1 slide, 1 owner, great condition. \$12k. 251-2229

8 ft x 4 ft utility trailer, very good condition. 877-1636

2001 Kia Sportage: Doesn't run but is fixable. \$500 OBO. 926-7986 after 5:00 pm. If no answer, leave message

Lincoln Continental 2000 4 door, 6 passenger luxury, 4.6L V8, very good interior & exterior, ivory color, need motor. \$6,000. Midway location 274-5517

Real Estate

Lake Talquin House and Adjoining Buildable

Lot: 200' waterfront, westward view, Lanier Ct. See complete information www.laketalquinfishing.com, \$400k OBO. 264-6476

REDUCED price on LAKE TALQUIN 3/2 with dock, boathouse, screened porch, BIG lake views nestled on quiet and private road & more. \$235k 408-0609

1/2 acre in SE Leon MH community. Paved street, septic, power pole. Covenants, HOA. \$22k. 294-9545 or 228-1406

Marine

1984 Lowe Pontoon houseboat, outboard motor w/ trailer, located on Lake Talquin \$15,000. 575-4976

2 dozen G&H Ringneck decoys, rigged & bagged, plus misc. others \$175. 893-8604

Wanted

AUTOMOBILE BODY in good condition, Car Body for 1987 or 1988 Buick Lesabre. 264-4523

Multiple Items Needed: 15 passenger/cargo extended 350-360 1 ton van; push & riding mower, wood splitter, chainsaw, auger, pressure washer, refrigerator, freezer IGC. 879-5509.

Safety Tip

Portable electric space heaters can be a convenient source of supplemental heat for your home in cold weather, but they can also increase the risks of fire or electric shock if not used properly. Keep your home safe and warm this winter:

- Before using any space heater, read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully.

- Inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before each use. If frayed, worn or damaged, do not use the heater.



- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you are leaving a room or going to sleep, and do not let pets or children play too close to a space heater.

About Cover - photo was taken by Talquin lineman Keith Graham, while assisting GreyStone Power Corp. during a recent snow/ice storm.

Apple Crisp Pancakes

Streusel Topping

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 cup old-fashioned or quick-cooking oats

2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons cold butter

Pancakes

2 cups Original Bisquick™ mix

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 cup peeled diced Granny Smith apple (1/4-inch)

1 cup milk

2 eggs

Toppings, if desired: powdered sugar, real maple syrup, sweetened whipped cream

In medium bowl, mix brown sugar, flour, oats, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cut in butter using pastry blender or fork until mixture is crumbly. Set aside.

In large bowl, stir all pancake ingredients until well blended. Heat nonstick griddle to 350°F or 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. (To test griddle, sprinkle with a few drops of water. If bubbles jump around, heat is just right.) Brush lightly with vegetable oil or spray with cooking spray before heating to help prevent streusel from sticking to griddle.

For each pancake, pour 1/4 cupful batter onto hot griddle. Sprinkle each pancake evenly with scant 2 tablespoons and streusel mixture. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until bubbly on top and

dry around edges. Turn; cook other side until light golden brown around edges about 1 minute to 1 minute 30 seconds. Scrape off griddle between batches of pancakes if necessary.

Serve pancakes streusel side up and top as desired using any of the toppings listed.

**bettycrocker.com*





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Hosford Member Services Office

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 Tallahassee, Florida 32303
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Bradfordville Member Services Office

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Service Interruptions (Outages) Should Be Reported To

1-888-802-1832
 (live operator)

1-866-899-4832
 (automated systems)

Visit us and report and view outages on the Web at www.talquinelectric.com

Sign up for text outage notification at www.talquinelectric.com to report your outage quickly and to receive outage information.

Watts Happening

Leon County Senior Outreach: Explore "Lunch and Learn" to stay connected. No reservations needed to join the fun. Each event is from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 850-891-4065 for more information.

NO LUNCH AND LEARNS IN JANUARY

- February 1** Miccosukee Community Center
- February 8** Woodville Community Center
- February 14** Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
- February 15** Lake Jackson Community Center

Annual Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Giveaway: More than a thousand trees will be given away for FREE. The young trees are all pot-grown and several feet tall.

January 20 (starts 10 AM)
 Hudson Park - Crawfordville

The 2nd Annual Murder Mystery – Panacea Moose Lodge: The event will be held at the Moose Lodge in Panacea. Contact Kay Gay Cannon at 850-491-0587 or Moose Lodge 850-984-2510 for more details.

January 20 (6 PM) & **January 21** (2 PM)

Lion's Club Valentine's Celebration and Cupid Run: The Cupid Run/Walk takes place at 8 AM, sign in 7:30 AM at Hudson Park.

This event held by Wakulla County Lion's Club as a fundraiser in downtown Crawfordville allows families, clubs, churches, civic organizations and schools, as well as a variety of merchants and vendors from all over the region to participate in the fun and excitement. Come out and contribute in a very special way to the community's effort to raise money for Wakulla County charities. And do not forget to stick around and join Talquin at the parade that follows!

February 10

52nd Annual Wakulla Area Swine Show - Saturday, February 17: Anyone ages 5-21 (as of Feb 17) are eligible to show. There will also be an Adult Showmanship Jackpot Class. A \$25 entry fee will be collected from all adult (22 years & older) exhibitors. For more information call Mike Duncan at 850-300-0171 or 850-926-4677. Facebook: Wakulla County Swine Show. Email: wakullacoswineshow@gmail.com.

Friday, February 16

- 3 PM – 6 PM Receive & Weigh All Hog Entries
- 6 PM Swine Judging – Registration
- 7 PM Swine Judging Contest

Saturday, February 17

- 8 AM – 10 AM Receive & Weigh All Hog Entries
- 11 AM BBQ
- 12 PM Youth Swine Show and Adult Showmanship Jackpot Class (Auction to follow)
- 4 PM Awards, Pictures



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