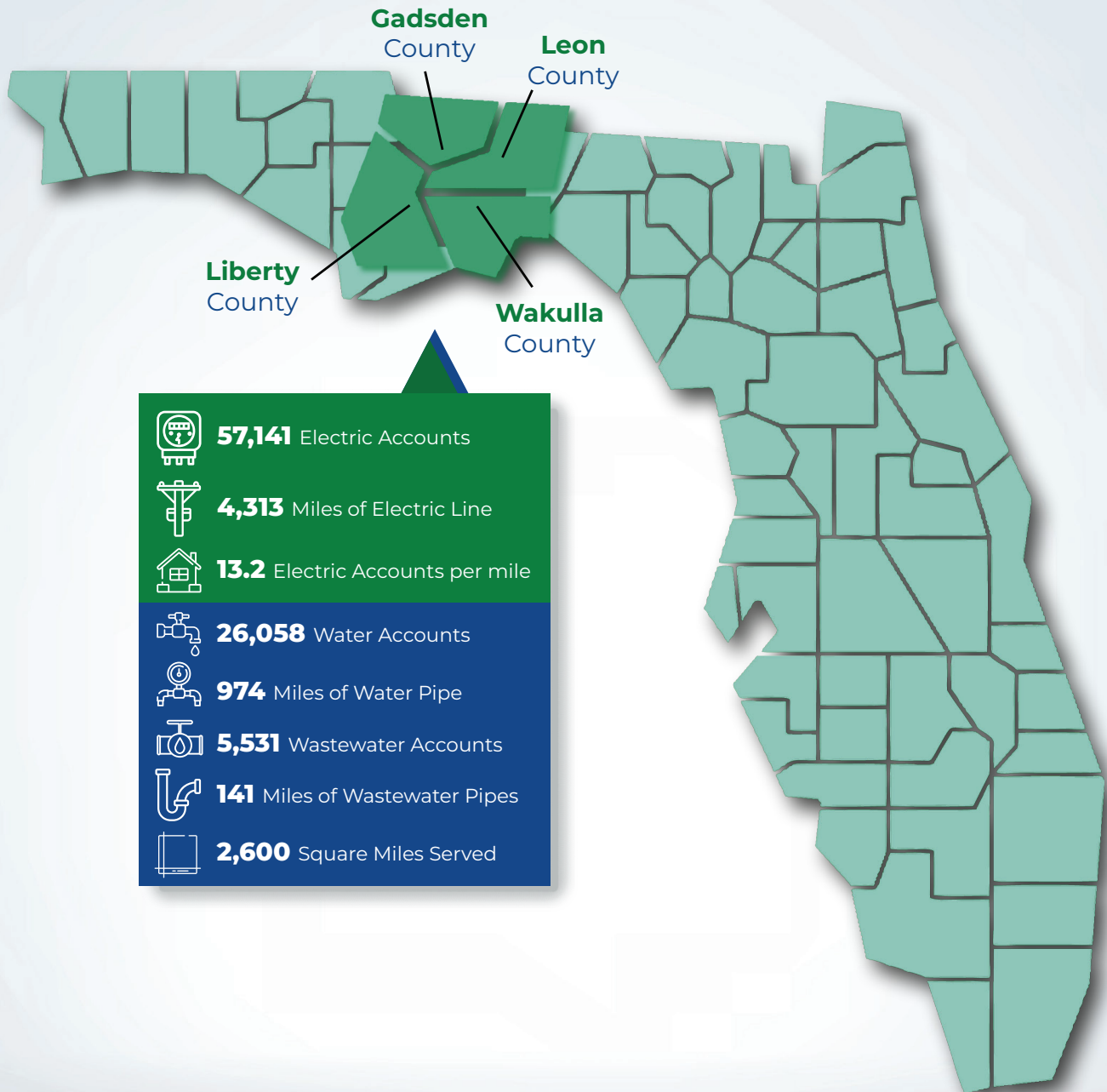


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Powering Our Community for 85 years – Safely, Affordably, & Reliably



Joe Alexander
President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

For 85 years, Talquin has stayed true to its mission: to provide **SAFE, AFFORDABLE**, and **RELIABLE** utility services to Member-owners. Thanks to the dedication of Talquin's Trustees, employees, and engaged Member-owners, that mission continues to thrive across the services Talquin provides.

How does Talquin ensure its services are provided **SAFELY**?

Safety is at the core of everything we do. Our teams undergo regular emergency response plan training and uphold a strong cybersecurity framework to protect critical systems and data. Talquin also invests in replacing aging infrastructure and vegetation management to reduce electric hazards. From safety education to internal planning and training and our commitment to clean energy, we are committed to protecting Member-owners, employees, and the environment.

In addition to electric services, Talquin operates extensive water and wastewater infrastructure across the four counties we serve. Our six wastewater treatment plants process approximately one million gallons of effluent daily, protecting communities from exposure to raw sewage and safeguarding groundwater. We also deliver about 6 million gallons of clean, safe drinking water each day to more than 27,000 services—helping to protect public health and ensure reliable access to safe water.

What does Talquin do to help keep utility rates **AFFORDABLE**?

Affordability has been part of our DNA from the beginning. In 1957, Talquin began purchasing low-cost energy from the Jim Woodruff Dam—saving Member-owners about \$2 million annually. In 2023, Talquin invested in solar energy, and that investment has already led to a \$340,000 savings for Member-owners in 2024 alone.

We also empower Member-owners to save with tools to help make your bills more affordable. These tools include our Smart Thermostat Program, with savings through bill credits; Energy Audits for a no-cost review of usage and facilities; usage monitoring via the Talquin Website and Mobile App, empowering you with tools for better energy management; and Levelized Billing, a 13 month rolling average that removes the seasonal ups and downs of your electric bills.

How does Talquin provide **RELIABLE** utility services?

Reliable service means keeping the lights on and water flowing—no matter what. That's why we maintain and upgrade infrastructure, manage vegetation, and build system redundancies like back-feeds for faster restoration.

We also advocate at the state and federal levels to ensure legislation and regulation supports rather than hinders reliability for the electric, water, and wastewater services we provide.

At Talquin, providing Member-owners with **safe, affordable**, and **reliable** utility services is not just a goal; it is our mission and at the heart of everything we do.

2025 TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS:

District 2, Tony Miller (Unopposed)

District 5, Carla Pararo (Unopposed)

District 8, Clifford Bristol (Unopposed)

To access the Annual Meeting video, please visit our website, www.TalquinElectric.com, or our Facebook page.



District 1 Billy VanLandingham, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. VanLandingham is the Trustee from District 1, southern Gadsden County. He is a lifelong resident of the Juniper community and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance from Florida State University. He served as Vice President/Agency Executive with McGriff Insurance Services in Tallahassee and retired after 41 years. Mr. VanLandingham is a Credentialed Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate with the NRECA. Mr. VanLandingham currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees. Mr. VanLandingham has been married to his wife, Vicki, for 45 years and they have two children, Allie and Russ, and one granddaughter.



District 2 Tony Miller

Mr. Miller is the Trustee for District 2, Northwest Gadsden County. A Gadsden County native, after graduating high school Mr. Miller earned a Bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems from FSU. He has worked for the same organization since 2001 and is currently working on the e-commerce side for Civitek Solutions in Tallahassee. Mr. Miller is a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) with the NRECA. Mr. Miller is married to his wife Jessica and they have 3 children, Anna, Owen and Marguerite (Meg).



District 3 Joseph Alexander, President

Mr. Alexander is the Trustee from District 3, central Gadsden County. Prior to his retirement, he served the State of Florida's Department of Children and Families as the Child Care Services Program Manager for the Northwest Region (a 16-county service area). Mr. Alexander is a Credentialed Director, holds a Board Leadership Certificate through NRECA, and is a graduate of Florida A & M University. Mr. Alexander currently serves as the President of Talquin Electric's Board of Trustees and is a Florida Electric Cooperatives Association Director.



District 4 Gregory Winter

Dr. Winter is the trustee from District 4, eastern Gadsden County and the Lake Jackson area of Leon County. He attended North Florida Christian School and Lincoln High School, before attending Florida State University and the University of Georgia, where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Upon graduation, Dr. Winter returned home to the Big Bend area where he has practiced veterinary medicine primarily in Leon and Gadsden Counties for the last 30 years and in 2000, he opened the Winter Animal Hospital. Dr. Winter is married to Amanda, a police officer, and they have two daughters, Lyla and Reagan.



District 5 Carla Pararo

Mrs. Pararo is the Trustee from District 5, northeast Leon County. She has lived in Tallahassee since 1964, graduated from Leon High School, and attended TCC with an emphasis in business. She retired as an independent contractor from the Social Security Administration in 2021. Mrs. Pararo has been a Talquin Member since 1992, and she served the Membership on the Talquin Election Committee for 12 years prior to her election to the Talquin Board of Trustees in 2016. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of Seminole Electric Cooperative, Talquin's primary generation and transmission provider. Mrs. Pararo is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



District 6 Jason O'Steen

Mr. O'Steen is the Trustee from District 6, southeast Leon County. A Tallahassee native, Mr. O'Steen graduated from Florida High and earned a bachelor's degree in business management from FSU. He later obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the Florida State University College of Law and currently works as a full-time civil mediator. Mr. O'Steen is married to Chasity and enjoys spending time with their two children, Jackson and Ava, on their small cattle farm just east of Tallahassee.



District 7 David Miller

Mr. Miller is the Trustee from District 7, eastern Wakulla County. He is a lifelong resident and third-generation Wakulla County educator. Mr. Miller dedicated 39 years to the Wakulla County school system, including 17 years as Superintendent of Schools, and was named Superintendent of the Year for the State of Florida in the 2003-2004 school year. He holds a bachelor's degree from FSU, a master's degree from FAMU, and a Doctor of Laws honor degree from Flagler College. While in college, Mr. Miller proudly served in the Florida Army National Guard. He is a Credentialed Director with a Board Leadership Certification through the NRECA and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association. Mr. Miller is married to his wife, Dolores, and is an active member of Crawfordville United Methodist Church. They have three children and eight grandchildren.



District 8 Clifford Bristol, Vice President

Mr. Bristol is the Trustee from District 8, Liberty County, and part of Wakulla County. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University and an M.D. Degree from the University of Miami. He completed a residency in Family Medicine and a fellowship in OB and Pediatrics from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. He moved to Liberty County and opened his medical practice in Blountstown in 1980, and retired after 36 years in practice. Mr. Bristol is a Credentialed Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate through the NRECA. He currently serves as Vice President of Talquin's Board of Trustees and is one of Talquin's representatives to Seminole Electric Cooperative's Board. He has been married to his wife, Lisa, for 40 years. They have two daughters, Natalie and Anna Jo, and three grandchildren.



District 9 Kelly Wiley

Mrs. Wiley is the Trustee from District 9, southwest Leon County. She holds both a bachelor's and master's degree from Florida State University and has spent over 25 years working in Information Technology for the Florida Legislature. She and her husband, Cliff, a Navy veteran and retired law enforcement officer, have raised their family in southwest Leon County. They are proud parents and grandparents, with deep roots in the district that reflect a long-standing connection to the people and places they call home.

Balance Sheets

Assets

Net Electric Plant (less Acc. Depreciation)	
Investments and Notes Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	
Materials and Supplies	
Other Current Assets	

\$260,399,240
\$91,635,791
\$15,972,045
\$2,261,424
\$1,577,012

\$239,036,219
\$87,408,709
\$20,089,504
\$2,166,331
\$1,830,007

Total Assets

\$371,845,512

\$350,530,770

Equities and Liabilities

Equities

Memberships
Patronage Capital
Other Equities

\$225,405
\$118,859,322
\$34,009,491

\$225,915
\$109,828,627
\$33,364,928

Total Equities

\$153,094,218

\$143,419,470

Liabilities

Long Term Debt
Accounts Payable
Members' Deposits
Other Current Liabilities
Deferred Credits

\$170,246,734
\$13,785,670
\$3,921,076
\$28,946,211
\$1,851,603

\$157,958,861
\$9,486,647
\$3,750,788
\$33,701,161
\$2,213,843

Total Liabilities

\$218,751,294

\$207,111,300

Total Equities and Liabilities

\$371,845,512

\$350,530,770

2024

2023

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Revenue

\$141,944,399

\$130,695,551

Expenses

Cost of Power
Operations, Maintenance and Admin.
Depreciation
Interest on Loans

\$76,925,951
\$42,406,290
\$11,038,236
\$6,003,231

\$74,015,130
\$38,997,062
\$10,651,123
\$5,221,581

Total Expenses

\$136,373,708

\$128,884,896

Operating Margins (Revenue minus Expenses)

\$5,570,691

\$1,810,655

G&T and Other Capital Credits

\$4,316,882

\$6,077,504

Non-Operating Margins

\$654,559

\$116,293

Total Margins

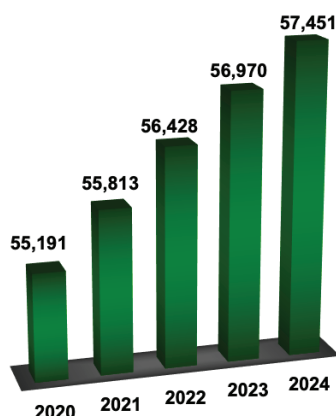
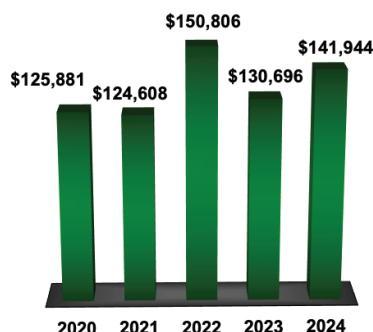
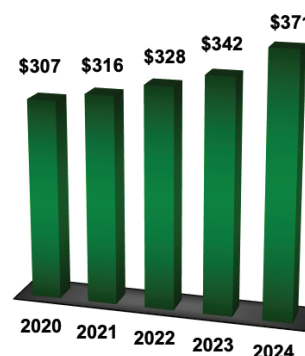
\$10,542,132

\$8,004,452

2024

2023

Electric Accounts

Total Operating Revenue-Electric
(in millions)Total Utility Plant-Electric
(in millions)

Balance Sheets

Assets

Net Water/WW Plant (less Acc. Depreciation)	\$82,356,306	\$75,109,522
Investments and Notes Receivable	\$7,600,417	\$6,573,662
Accounts Receivable	\$872,328	\$915,265
Materials and Supplies	\$898,394	\$1,047,254
Other Current Assets	\$2,395,794	\$2,335,225
Total Assets	\$94,123,239	\$85,980,928

Equities and Liabilities

Equities

Memberships & Patronage Capital	\$8,901,080	\$6,577,450
Other Equities	\$25,532,402	\$25,526,255
Total Equities	\$34,433,482	\$32,103,705

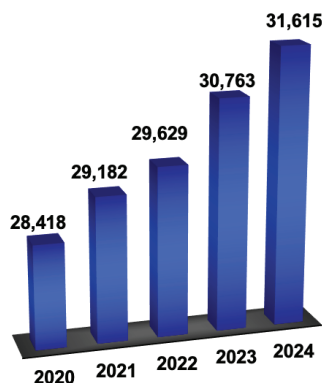
Liabilities

Long Term Debt	\$43,787,568	\$39,724,024
Accounts Payable	\$765,039	\$787,141
Members' Deposits	\$385,427	\$395,328
Other Current Liabilities	\$9,343,681	\$9,425,974
Deferred Credits	\$5,408,042	\$3,544,756
Total Liabilities	\$59,689,757	\$53,877,223
Total Equities and Liabilities	\$94,123,239	\$85,980,928

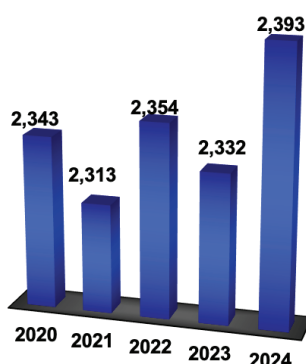
Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Revenue	\$17,273,221	\$16,592,680
Expenses		
Cost of Power for Pumping	\$990,593	\$915,541
Operations, Maintenance and Admin.	\$9,342,007	\$8,561,371
Depreciation	\$2,099,748	\$2,031,464
Interest on Loans	\$2,399,098	\$2,103,262
Total Expenses	\$14,831,446	\$13,611,638
Operating Margins (Revenue minus Expenses)	\$2,441,775	\$2,981,042
Non-Operating Margins	\$6,914	\$117,333
Other Capital Credits	\$288,424	\$355,900
Total Margins	\$2,737,113	\$3,454,275

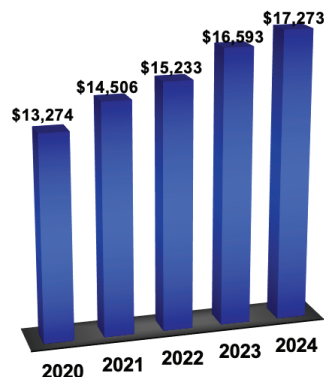
Water & Wastewater Accounts



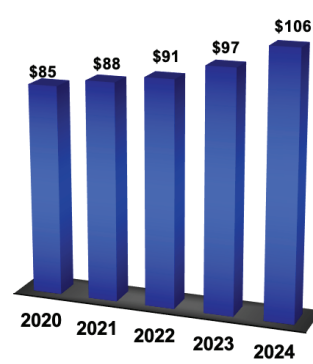
Annual Gallons Billed-TWWI (in millions)



Total Operating Revenue-TWWI (in millions)



Total Utility Plant-TWWI (in millions)





Happy Retirement!



Jeff Washington

Jeff Washington

Jeff Washington began his career at Talquin in 2001 as a Groundman and worked his way up to a Meter Shop Technician. Over the past 23 years, he has made a lasting impact across multiple departments, including Operations and Water Services. Jeff's contributions have not gone unnoticed and he will be missed at Talquin. As he enters retirement, Jeff looks forward to spending more time with his family and enjoying the next chapter of life. Thank you, Jeff, for your many years of service and commitment to Talquin!



Left to right: John Causey and Chris Ward

John Causey

John Causey began his career at Talquin in 1994 as a Groundman, where he would later enter the Apprentice Program and become a Lineman. He then transitioned to Substation Technician III and is retiring as a Substation Chief. John has delighted in providing excellent service to Talquin Members for the past 31 years, and will be missed dearly by his Talquin family. His leadership and dedication has inspired many at Talquin. John's retirement plans include traveling and enjoying life. Thank you, John, for dedicating 31 years of service to Talquin!

Leon Gramling

In 2002, Leon Gramling began his Talquin career as a Service Technician, where he progressed to Metering and Service Technician III. During his 23 years of service, Leon worked at various Member Services Offices, retiring from the Lake Jackson Office. He has been a tremendous asset to Talquin and will be deeply missed! Leon's retirement plans are to spend time volunteering, teaching at his church, and riding his motorcycle. Thank you, Leon, for providing excellent service to Members. Your commitment to Talquin has made a lasting impact!



Left to right: Lisa DiBartolomeo and Leon Gramling

Lisa DiBartolomeo

Lisa DiBartolomeo began her career at Talquin in October of 2004, where she started as a Member Services Clerk I at the Bradfordville Office. In 2008, Lisa was promoted to Office Manager at that location. She is retiring as Office Manager at both the Bradfordville and Lake Jackson Member Services Offices. Before moving to Florida, Lisa worked in the utility industry in Long Island, New York. After retirement, Lisa plans to join a local tennis league, spend time with her family, and travel. We will miss Lisa and her years of experience. Thank you, Lisa, for dedicating 20 years of service to Talquin— your leadership has made a lasting impact!



Left to right: Mark Gainous and Mike Grice

Mark Gainous

Mark Gainous joined the Talquin team in 2000 as an Apprentice, working his way up to Lineman, Crew Chief, and is retiring as a Superintendent. Prior to beginning his career at Talquin, Mark worked on the Talquin system as a contractor. Mark deeply values his time spent at Talquin and will cherish the friendships and memories made along the way. After retirement, Mark plans to spend time with his wife and family, fishing, traveling, and expanding his cattle farm. Mark, Talquin will miss you and your expertise; thank you for 25 years of service!



Left to right: Neil Gray and Gary Wallace

Neil Gray

Neil Gray has served Talquin Members for 54 years, beginning his service in 1963. Neil began working at the former Crossway Road Operations Office and is retiring from the Lake Jackson Water Services Office. During his two stints at Talquin, Neil has served in the following positions: Material Clerk, Office Supervisor, Staking Engineer, Water Services Operator II, Water Services Operator III, Chief Operator, Superintendent of Plants, and Superintendent of Water Operations. After retirement, Neil plans on traveling and relaxing. Thank you, Neil, for your service and dedication!

YOUR VOICE MATTERS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2024 MEMBER SURVEY



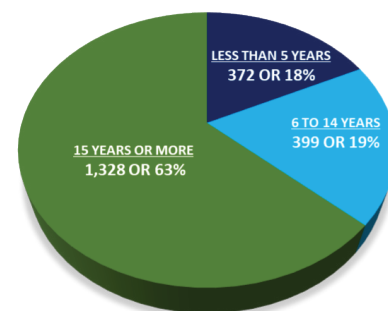
One of the core strengths of any Cooperative is the power of working together – at Talquin, that starts with listening to Members. Thanks to the 2,104 Members who participated in the 2024 Annual Member Survey, we gained valuable insight into what matters most to you. If you did not get a chance to weigh in, do not worry – another opportunity is coming later this year, along with a chance to win a prize!

Here is what we heard loud and clear:

- **Satisfaction continues to rise.** We are proud to report an overall satisfaction score of 8.79 out of 10, with high marks for meeting expectations (8.77) and measuring up to the ideal utility company (8.58). We are grateful for your trust and will keep working hard to serve you well.
- **You want more of what matters.** Popular newsletter topics include Talquin's commitment to the community, behind-the-scenes looks at our departments, how-to guides for our mobile app and website, and deeper insight into our history, mission, vision, and values. Longtime favorites like the Trading Post and seasonal recipes remain Member favorites, too.
- **Energy efficiency and operations are top of mind.** Many Members expressed interest in learning more about energy efficiency and to stay informed on what Talquin is working on throughout the year. Continue to keep an eye on our newsletter, website, and social media for tips, tools, and the latest news.



YEARS AS A MEMBER



Your feedback helps shape the way we serve you – thank you for being an engaged part of the Talquin community. We are always listening, and always working together to serve you.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At Talquin, we are dedicated to being an active voice and working alongside local and national leaders to create a positive impact in the communities we serve. Recently, our team had the opportunity to participate in important events that further strengthened our commitment to advocacy and collaboration.

In Tallahassee, Talquin joined fellow industry leaders at the Florida Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Legislative Cookout. We extend a special thank you to Governor Ron DeSantis for joining us in celebrating the power of Co-ops and recognizing the impact we have on local communities. Additionally, Talquin attended the Annual Rural Counties Day Reception, where key partners gathered to network and collaborate on shaping the future of rural Florida. These engagements are crucial to ensuring that we continue to support and uplift the areas that rely on our services.

Talquin's advocacy continued in Washington D.C. at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Legislative Conference. During this event, Talquin staff had the chance to discuss policies that affect electric Cooperatives and Members. We also had the privilege of meeting with Congressman Neal Dunn, Senator Ashley Moody and staff member Connor Tomlinson, and Senator Rick Scott and staff member Elisa Bouchard to share Talquin's legislative and policy priorities, reinforcing our commitment to advocating for our community at all levels of government.

We believe that by working together with local, state, and national leaders, we can ensure a bright future for the communities we proudly serve.



Back Row: Brent Holland, Lori Pilz, Mike Temple, Byon Smiddy, Melody Johnson, Sean Alderman; Front Row: Trustee David Miller, Trustee Carla Pararo, Elizabeth Hughes, Samantha Jessee, Ashley Fulton, Governor Ron DeSantis, Beatriz Tovas

Meet The Department:

Meet the Talquin Water & Wastewater Department! This Department ensures Talquin's water and wastewater systems are safe, dependable, efficient, and sustainable.

Talquin Water and Wastewater



John Hallas

This team works hard behind the scenes so that when you turn on the tap, clean, safe water is available. From building and maintaining water mains, performing daily water quality tests, to staying in full compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection guidelines, this team is always on the move. Leading these efforts is John Hallas, Ph.D., who serves as the Department's head. Dr. Hallas oversees 25 water systems, 46 well sites, and six wastewater treatment facilities with an extensive network of more than 900 miles of pipeline.

Keeping the Water Flowing: Construction and Maintenance

The Department's Construction and Maintenance team is key to keeping the water system running smoothly and efficiently. This dedicated group is always hard at work, managing the complex network of pipes, valves, and infrastructure that delivers water to homes and businesses. From quickly responding to water main breaks to flushing the system to maintain water quality, their efforts are crucial in ensuring Talquin's water operations flow seamlessly. They also play a vital role in building new infrastructure to support the growing needs of Talquin Members. Whether they are out in the field or addressing service issues, this team is always ready to take action. Leading the way is Dewey O'Conner, with a skilled six person crew, all of whom are dedicated to keeping the system running smoothly and efficiently.



Back Row: Dewey O'Conner, JW Ouzts, Will Poston;
Front Row: Jerrad Smith, Gene Reynolds,
Brandon Griffin, Mike Smith

Clean Water, Clear Solutions: Operations

The Water Operations team is essential to the seamless delivery of drinking water and effective functioning of the wastewater treatment plants. They are also tasked with maintaining critical systems, conducting regular testing of water and wastewater to ensure compliance with standards, and overseeing the daily operations of the plants. The team also includes in-house electricians who provide immediate support to troubleshoot and restore vital systems, as needed. Leading the Operations team is Gary Wallace, who guides a skilled team of 16. Together, they ensure the reliability and safety of Talquin's water and wastewater services.



Back Row: David Farrell, Felix Amaya, Chris Brown,
Hank Wiggins, Wade Nelson; Front Row: Gary Wallace,
Bobby Welsh, James Macon, Jed Phillips, Mike Dykes;
Not pictured: Shane Baxter, Dan Enfield, Clark Edenfield,
Trent Martin, Chris Ziegmont, Colin Wefing

Behind the Scenes: Administration, Engineering, Laboratory and Management

The Department's in-house team is crucial to supporting field personnel and maintaining the integrity of Talquin's vital water and wastewater systems. Jacqueline Noyes plays an essential role in overseeing water-related projects, including new services, backflow prevention, and contract management. Kevin Goff ensures that development and construction projects meet Talquin's high standards. Out in the field, Andrew Clark serves as the inspector, making sure those standards are consistently met every step of the way. Rob Driver is responsible for conducting bacteriological testing, confirming that our drinking water remains safe and clean. Meanwhile, Chris Colson handles regulatory compliance, offering key support to both the Construction and Operations teams and ensuring everything runs smoothly.



Chris Colson, Jacqueline Noyes, Andrew Clark,
Rob Driver, Kevin Goff

Be in the Know about Backflow!

Talquin is responsible for maintaining a Cross Connection Control Program as required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Federal Government's 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act. Talquin water service Members are responsible for having your backflow preventer tested and, if necessary, repaired. Backflow testing can reveal malfunctions or leaks. A leaking backflow preventer will add usage to monthly meter readings.

What is Backflow Testing? Backflow testing is a vital procedure aimed at safeguarding the integrity of our water supply system. It involves the inspection and assessment of backflow prevention devices. These devices ensure that water flows in one direction only, preventing any potential contamination from entering clean water supply.

Why is Backflow Testing Necessary? Regular backflow testing helps ensure that our water supply system meets the highest standards of safety and reliability. By identifying and addressing any issues with backflow prevention devices, we can mitigate the risk of contamination and uphold the quality of water delivered to your homes and businesses.

What do Members Need to Know?

- Check the mail! Backflow letters were mailed in April.
- The device is commonly located at your property line adjacent to your water meter above the ground.
- Blank backflow test reports and a list of testers can be found at: <https://www.talquinelectric.com/resources/documents/>
- For more information from the FDEP: <https://floridadep.gov/water/source-drinking-water/content/cross-connection-control-and-backflow-prevention-program>



For inquiries, please contact Talquin Water and Wastewater at (850)562-2115 or call 1-888-802-1832 for after hours and holidays. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to prioritize the safety and reliability of water supply systems!

TRADING POST MISCELLANEOUS

Yamaha C40 Gigmaker & Fender Malibu Guitars soft cases, straps, and tuners for both \$150 each or all for \$250. Call 352+584-5653 (Havana area).

Cadence 450 Electric Treadmill Exercise Machine \$150 Call 850 562-1008 m-sat 1:00-6:00 p.m. only

Beautiful, wooden, walnut color dog crate. Excellent Condition. Walls and Door, ½ spindles, 25 pounds or less. Asking \$80 call 850-877 1636 or 850-938 6346

Black Decker Electric Edger \$60. Two trimmers-two batteries & Charger per \$25 each – Rita 904-294-5712 call 9 am to 6:00

Echo backpack Blower Runs good \$250 Toro mower \$150 Pet Steps \$40 Two 6ft tall Lamps \$40 each Two stationary bikes good cond \$50 each 850-524-3852

For sale: Sole F63 treadmill in excellent condition. \$650. Call or text Gail at 850-544-9385.

Meade 8" LX90 ACF GOTO telescope. Like new used once. Includes several accessories. \$1050. Text (850)556-6078 for more information and photos.

Storage Boxes, professional grade, black with yellow lid. Sell at Walmart for \$10 ea. Have 20,

\$5 each. Text 850-404-4570

Rockwell 11" bench drill press \$100, Craftsman 15" floor mount drill press \$200, Yeti 35 cooler \$100, Generac XP8000E generator \$500 Call 850-661-4957

Patio Table with 4 chairs, teak wood, stainless steel legs, made in Gloster England, \$450, Call 850-404-4570

2024-Recliners: 2 Lazy Boy leather rocker recliners in gray. Lightly used \$300. Call 850 509-8337

Old Country BBQ Pit Offset Smoker \$1200, Bayou Classic Fryer \$250, PTO Generator 15000W \$1900; obo. Call or text (850) 508-3193

Recliner like new and hardly used. Pet carrier for the plane used just one time, Make an offer call 850 980-4455

AUTO & IMPLEMENT

Fleetwood Fiesta motorhome for sale, 20,773 miles, good condition, garage kept, \$23,500, serious inquiries only. Call Ron 850-321-2687

REAL ESTATE

Mobile Home lot for rent Blue Gill Lane. Contact Pat Smith 850-933-3269.

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. Talquin provides "The Trading Post" ads for the convenience of our Members. Talquin is not responsible for the content of the ads. Talquin does not endorse or warrant the products or services offered in the ads. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- **Members may submit one ad per issue (six 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**
- **No event promotion of any kind**
- **No firearm sales of any kind**

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative, PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or email to: TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com

Rooms For Rent Available

June 1, 2025. Fully Furnished Room with Private Bath in a Beautiful Home! Large Closet/Walkin Closet, SAFETOUCH Security, Wifi, Utilities, Oak Floors, Linens, Shared Kitchen and Living Room! Rent based on single occupancy. Calls Only Please 850/284/4892! \$625-\$695 per month, \$65 app fee, 1 month security deposit! 1 year lease. Strong work history and references required.

Beautiful Office Space for rent intersection of Capital Circle and Thomasville Road call 850-508-3809 Beautiful Duplex lot off Crowder Road call 850-508-3809 Cheap acreage and lots in Leon and Gadsden and Leon counties for sale or lease call 850-508-3809

Fully Furnished Mother-In-Law Suite with private bath in a nice home with mini kitchenette and private entrance to park at front

door, utilities included in rent for \$800 Month-to-Month with (\$200 non-refundable) deposit. (NO CONTRACT) TEXT: 850-879-9074

Mack Isaac 49 Pride Ln, Gretna, FL 32332 850-694-6394 or 850-856-5068 \$700.00 monthly.

LOOKING FOR

Looking for Old Toy Trains: Lionel, MTH, American Flyer, Marx, HO & N gauges. Any amount or condition. Call 850-570-2801

Looking for pre 1980 sports memorabilia- old original sports photos/polaroids, etc baseball/football/basketball cards, autographs. Please text or call 850-508-8072.

Searching for an RV Lot for rent or sell. Please call or text 850-339-3700.

SERVICES

CARETAKER for your loved one. Experienced at personal caregiving for Parkinson, Alzheimer etc. Years

of experience and references. Avail: Mon-Fri. (850) 386-3562

Mobile Hair Service for Seniors providing experienced, compassionate, and personalized services without the hassle of travel. Serving the Gadsden County area with 30 years of expert hairstyling experience. Call Joni Elder for more information 850-329-0362

Well experienced carpenter and remodeler I do everything Tile, drywall, flooring, kitchen and bathroom renovations custom builds reach me at 8507408141

CEMETERY/BURIAL

(LAST) 2 "Garden of Prayer" Burial Plots (Completed). Cullley's MeadowWood, Timberland Rd. \$24,820. I pay fees. More information. 850-294-1200

Cullley's Meadowwood Cemetery Spaces, 6 spaces, \$5000 each. 2 Pairs of 2, 2 single spaces. Approximately \$1500-\$3000 below market value. 850-688-3799

Spring in a Bowl: Light, Bright, and Delicious

Springy Breakfast Salad

Recipe from Eating Well: <https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/281188/breakfast-salad-with-egg-salsa-verde-vinaigrette/>

Total time: 10 minutes | Yield: 1 serving

Ingredients:

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| 3 tablespoons salsa verde | 8 blue corn tortilla chips, broken into large pieces |
| 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided | 1/2 cup canned red kidney beans |
| 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro | 1/4 avocado, sliced |
| 2 cups salad greens | 1 large egg |

Instructions:

1. Whisk salsa, 1 tablespoon oil, and cilantro in a small bowl. Toss half the mixture with salad greens in a shallow dinner bowl.
2. Layer chips, beans, and avocado atop the salad.
3. Heat the remaining 1 teaspoon oil in a small nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add egg and fry until the white is completely cooked but the yolk is still slightly runny, about 2 minutes.
4. Serve the egg on the salad. Drizzle with the remaining salsa vinaigrette and sprinkle with additional cilantro, if desired.



ATTENTION TALQUIN FOODIES: WHAT'S COOKING IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are in the market for some of YOUR favorite recipes to be shared here in our bi-monthly newsletter. If you like to cook, bake, or have a scrumptious family recipe you'd be willing to share, please send it our way! Submit your culinary delights to us at TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com, drop them off at any of our Member Services offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.

Storm Cost Recovery Surcharge

Effective June 1, 2025, a Storm Cost Recovery Surcharge (SCRS) will be added to electric bills. This charge recovers \$8 million of non-reimbursed expenses resulting from severe weather events, including Hurricane Debby, Hurricane Helene, Winter Storm Finn, and Winter Storm Enzo. Thank you for your understanding and support as we rebuild our system together. For Residential Service (RS) rate accounts, the estimated monthly impact will be \$9.42 for 1,000 kWh. The SCRS will be in effect for twelve months (12).

For more information about the SCRS, please visit www.TalquinElectric.com under Services, then Rate Schedule-Electric.

Residential Rate: \$0.00942/kWh

Estimated Monthly Impact 1,000 kWh: \$9.42

Notice: WPCA Adjustment

Effective June 1, 2025, Talquin Electric will increase the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) from \$.0020 to \$.0045, resulting in an overall increase of \$2.50 per 1,000 kWh. This change does not impact water and wastewater charges.

**QUINCY
MEMBER SERVICES
OFFICE**
9AM to 2:30PM

**CRAWFORDVILLE
MEMBER SERVICES
OFFICE**
9AM to 2:30PM

**LAKE JACKSON
MEMBER SERVICES
OFFICE**
9AM to 2:30PM



**JOIN TALQUIN AND ONEBLOOD FOR OUR UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE,
AND HELP SAVE A LIFE!**



Downtown Sidewalk Sale
June 28 | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Downtown Havana, FL

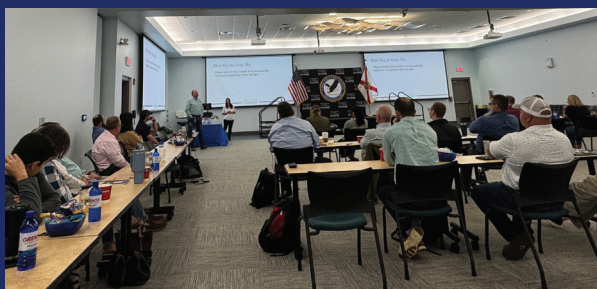
St. Marks Lighthouse Keepers' Quarters Open House

May 30 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**St. Marks Lighthouse
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge**

The keeper's quarters are open on Fri., Sat., and Sun., from 11 am to 3 pm. Call the Visitor Center for the latest schedule, 850-925-6121. No climbing the tower at this time.

Storm Season Starts with Preparation



In April, Talquin held its Annual Storm Response Training to ensure our team is ready to respond safely and quickly when severe weather strikes. The training focused on outage management, safety procedures, communication strategies, and our emergency response plan.

A key part of the training highlighted the importance of documenting storm restoration efforts for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Florida Department of Emergency Management to qualify for the most reimbursement available. Storms and restoration cost a lot of money.

We believe in preparing for gray skies on blue sky days. That mindset ensures we are fully equipped to support Members and communities, no matter what the forecast holds.

Be on the lookout for the July/August Storm Edition of The Current for more information about storm preparation!

Advancing Innovation

On February 6, 2025, Talquin decommissioned a legacy operations system, which had been used to monitor electric, water, and wastewater operations. This system served Talquin well for many years, but the system became outdated, and a more modern solution was necessary. With the new system in place, we have enhanced network resiliency, improved visibility, increased data rates, and strengthened security. Above all, we expect these upgrades to lead to fewer service outages and more efficient system operations for Members.

Congratulations to the team who put many hours of hard work into this extensive project!



Left to right: Nathan Sutfin, David Kennedy, Randy Peevy, Juris Pumpurs, John Hallas, Shawn McGregor, Terrance Roberts

TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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(850) 627-7651

Quincy Member Services Office

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Quincy, Florida 32351
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Crawfordville Member Services Office

681 Wakulla Arran Road
Crawfordville, Florida 32327
(850) 926-7422

Hosford Member Services Office

20557 NE Cooperative Way
Hosford, Florida 32334
(850) 379-8679

Lake Jackson Member Services Office

4808 Portal Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
(850) 562-0125

Bradfordville Member Services Office

6724 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32312
(850) 893-6853

Full Service Drive Thru Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM,
Closed for Lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

In-person appointments available by
calling in advance to schedule

Report an Outage

Via Mobile App

Via Text

Text #OUTAGE to 85700
to report electric outages.

If not registered, visit our website at
www.TalquinElectric.com

Via Phone

Automated System:
1-866-899-4832

Live Operator:
1-888-802-1832



Water Quality Reports Coming to Your Mailbox Soon!

Water Service Members: Be on the
lookout for your annual Water Quality
Report that will be mailed in late June.

May is Electrical Safety Month!

May is Electrical Safety Month! While we expect warmer weather to inspire spring cleaning and the occasional rain shower, it is important to remember that water and electricity never mix. Keep electrical appliances and devices away from water sources to avoid shocks and short circuits, and never touch electrical devices with wet hands.



HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Talquin offices will be
closed on Monday, May 26,
in observance of
Memorial Day. We will
reopen on Tuesday, May 27.

Talquin offices will be
closed on Friday, July 4, in
observance of
Independence Day. We will
reopen on Monday, July 7.

