

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

SERVICES FOR LIVING CONNECTIONS FOR LIFE

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We have been members for a long time. We have enjoyed it and pray for the safety of your workers! We appreciate all that y'all do!

- Stacy S.

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# MESSAGE FROM YOUR CEO

Dear Valued Members,

Welcome to the 86th Annual Meeting of the Membership. I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good spirits as we celebrate the achievements of the past year and look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for our cooperative.

As we reflect on 2024, it's clear that our ongoing commitment to being responsible stewards of funds and resources was crucial to the Cooperative's success. Despite challenges like rising costs and continued supply chain issues, we made strategic, intentional decisions that kept the Cooperative both financially and operationally stable. This allowed us to continue serving our members safely and effectively.

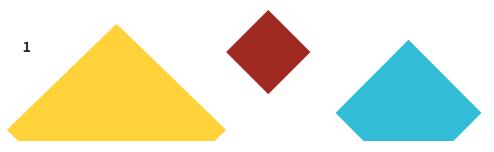
To offset the impact of inflation, we prioritized essential initiatives. One of the most significant hurdles we faced was the sharp increase in equipment costs, which surged 50% - 110%. In response, we implemented an electric rate increase — the first in over 8 years. However, I'm proud to report that we were able to keep this increase under 1% overall, demonstrating the Cooperative's commitment to providing affordable services for the membership.

Since 2017, we have been proud to offer high-speed fiber internet service, which has experienced significant growth. Throughout this expansion, we've managed to avoid implementing any rate increases. Our focus isn't just on growth, but on expanding in a way that benefits our members without unnecessary financial strain.

In 2024, we also focused on enhancing the backbone of the Cooperative's electric infrastructure. We trimmed trees and cleared 600 miles of line while performing essential maintenance to ensure that our system remains safe, efficient, and ready to meet future demands. These efforts will continue in 2025 as we remain dedicated to improving the reliability and performance of our system.

Looking ahead to this year, we're setting our sights on a few key projects to continue building on the foundation we've established. We've seen the impact of tree overgrowth on our lines and have developed a comprehensive tree trimming plan to address these concerns headon. By implementing this plan, we'll not only enhance safety but also improve the overall reliability of our system.

Additionally, we're in the process of energizing additional substations and improving existing ones to ensure that we have the capacity to continue growing and increase reliability. As our community expands, we are positioning the Cooperative to support that growth with the reliable service you expect from us. Maintaining our connections and developing new ones will be even more important with the anticipated growth



in our area. These connections will help direct our system planning efforts.

Continuing our relationship with Golden Spread Cooperative, our Generation and Transmission (G&T) partner, is another priority for us in the coming year. Their support is critical to our ability to serve you, and we remain committed to this strong partnership that has been vital in helping us achieve so much as they generate electricity to distribution cooperatives, like Taylor Electric Cooperative. G&Ts own and operate power plants and transmission lines to provide wholesale electricity to the distribution cooperatives, which then in turn deliver electricity to individual members. The relationship between the distribution cooperative (us) and Golden Spread Cooperative (them) is essential for ensuring a reliable, costeffective power supply. In short, Golden Spread Cooperative helps ensure that cooperatives, like Taylor Electric, have access to the electricity needed to meet the demands of our members.

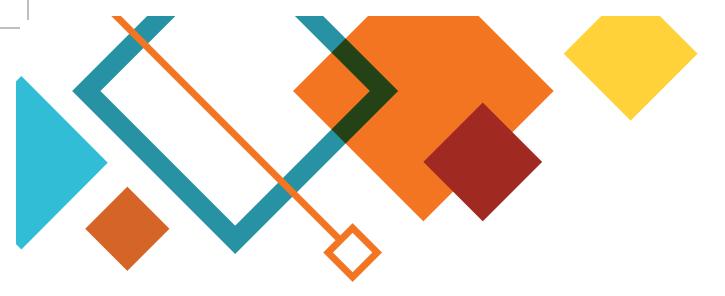
Taylor Electric's success is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our extremely talented employees who work hard to keep the lights and fiber on and the unwavering support of our Board of Directors. Their commitment allows us to continue serving you, in the way you've come to expect. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors for their leadership and direction and thanks to the many employees that

work all hours of the day and night to support the members. At the heart of everything we do is our deep commitment to the core values and culture that make us who we are as an electric cooperative. We'll continue working internally to ensure that these values are not just upheld but ingrained in every decision we make. Our goal is always to provide you with the best service possible, with integrity, and a focus on the long-term well-being of our cooperative and its members.

I'm incredibly proud of the work we've done together in 2024, and I'm excited for what lies ahead in 2025 and beyond. Thank you for being a valued part of our cooperative family. Together, we will continue to build a bright, sustainable future.

Warm Regards,

**RYAN BARTLETT** President/CEO Taylor Electric Cooperative

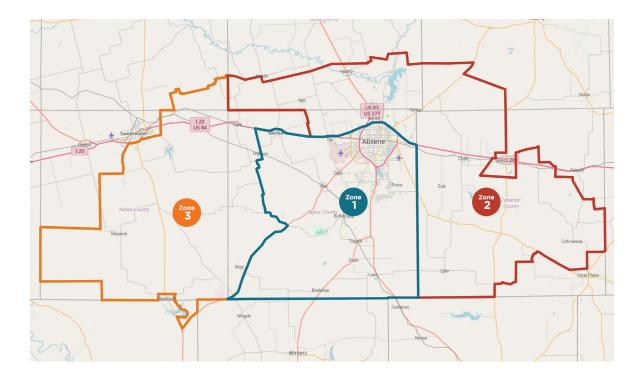


The operations at Taylor Electric are overseen by an elected Board of Directors. The seven directors meet monthly and work hand in hand with the CEO to provide efficient service and reliability to the membership.

Directors are required to attend trainings and obtain certifications for information and updates on local, state, and federal industry topics.

Training also ensures all directors are competent to understand and work within the national energy market. The members of the board are longstanding Taylor Electric members who have been elected by their fellow members.

The Taylor Electric service area is divided into three service zones by county for equal representation. Each zone is represented by two directors in addition to one at-large director. Directors serve three year terms.



## 2024/2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### ZONE 1



**Cecil Davis** Board Chairman

**Kathryn Rainey** 

Board Vice Chairman



**Craig Bessent** 

### **ZONE 2**

**AT-LARGE** 



**David McFall** Secretary/Treasurer



**Garland Carter** 

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### ZONE 3



### Gay Simmons



**Richard Petree** 

The Board of Directors returned **\$1 million in capital credits** to members in April of this year.



# FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dear Taylor Electric Cooperative Members,

As we reflect on the achievements of 2024, I am filled with pride for all that we, as a cooperative, have accomplished together. This year, we made significant strides in improving the services we provide and strengthening our commitment to the communities we serve.

In 2024, we exceeded our goal to connect 500 new members to our electric service, further expanding our reach and impact. Additionally, we expanded our fiber internet services, making ACCESS fiber internet available to over 8,590 members, bringing faster, more reliable service to our rural communities.

Supporting our community has always been at the heart of our cooperative mission. This year, we sponsored several initiatives that foster the growth and wellbeing of our members, further deepening our connection to the communities we serve. Our commitment to rural organizations, like local volunteer fire departments, remains strong through programs such as Operation Round-Up. Thanks to the generosity of Taylor Electric members, the Round-Up program distributed \$82,750 into our communities, helping volunteer fire departments across our service area maintain their crucial services to the rural surrounding areas.

As we look to the future, we continue to invest in the next generation of members. We remain dedicated to providing youth with opportunities to learn about the cooperative difference and to understand what it truly means to be part of such a vital organization in rural America. Through programs like Youth Tour and the Taylor Electric Scholarship fund, we can keep the spirit of the cooperative alive for generations to come. Together, we are working toward a future that is both vibrant and stable, ensuring that the efforts and dedication of everyone at Taylor Electric continue to guide us toward exceptional service.

It is an honor to serve alongside my fellow board members as we prioritize the best interests of our members.



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Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited about the possibilities. We are confident that the year will be one we can look back on with pride, knowing that the work we've done has laid a strong foundation for continued growth and success.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank each of you, our valued members, for entrusting us with your electric and internet service needs. We are proud to power your homes, businesses, and communities, and we remain committed to serving you for many years to come.

Sincerely,

### **CECIL DAVIS**

Board Chairman Taylor Electric Cooperative

# THE TEAM



President/CEO 10 Years



Sr. Member Service Representative 22 Years



Operations Controller 11 Years



PR & Communications Manager 1 Year



STEVEN GOODWILL JR.

Sr. System Control Operator 17 Years



JUSTIN HARRIS Sr. Fiber Technician

12 Years



Member Services & Communications Manager 4 Years



OJ CANO Journeyman Lineman 6 Years

**CHRISTIAN DEAL** 

Facility Maintenance

Personnel

New



JASON DEVANEY

Working Foreman 19 Years

SCOTT ADAIR

Senior Meter Technician

19 Years

MICHAEL BONNELL

Senior GIS Analyst

4 Years

JASON CANTU

Working Foreman

12 Years





PHILIP ADAMS

Automotive Mechanic 1

8 Years

TRENT BRAZELTON

Member Service

Representative (Level 3)

10 Years

BECKY CARROLL

Senior Financial

& Payroll Analyst

3 Years

TRAVIS DICKEY

Controller 16 Years



JAMES GRIMES Transportation Manager 19 Years



Director of Engineering 7 Years











Chief Financial Officer 10 Years



COLBY CATON Substation & Metering Manager 10 Years



Construction & Energy Services Representative



Working Foreman 10 Years



YOLI GRIMES AMI System Analyst 28 Years



System Control 19 Years



10 Years

TANNER BRYAN

Staking Technician III

7 Years

LEVI CLAYTON

Line Locate Technician

6 Years

RYDER DOTSON

Apprentice Lineman

(Level 3)

3 Years

19 Years

WYATT HAMILTON

Apprentice Lineman

(Level 3)

3 Years

MISTI HAYS

Accounting Manager

21 Years

KOLBY BARNHILL

Journeyman Lineman 8 Years



Apprentice Lineman (Level 3) 3 Years



DONNA COOKE Accounts Pavable 26 Years



**KYLE ELLINGTON** Apprentice Lineman

(Level 3) 3 Years



Apprentice Lineman (Level 1)



**RUSTY HARPER** Fiber Technician

(Level 3) 4 Years



Sr. System Control



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JEANIE GRAHAM

Executive Assistant 11 years



LISA HARRIS Accounting Clerk 30 Years











ALLISON GRIFFIN HR Manager

25 Years





Construction & Energy



Operations Manager













**REID WILSON** 

Apprentice Lineman (Level 2) 2 Years



RYAN WILSON System Control Operator (Level 2) 6 Years

(Level 1) New



Apprentice Lineman (Level 1) 2 Years

### EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS **30 YEARS**

12 Years

**25 YEARS** 

# **10 YEARS**

### **5 YEARS**

27 Years

Blake Whitener

# **CORE VALUES**



**RELIABILITY** System reliability means everything. It changes lives.



### INTEGRITY

Do the right thing all the time, every time.



### MEMBERS FIRST

Keep the members first and everything else will fall into place.



### SUCCESS

Deliver results and excel beyond greatness.





### **TEAMWORK** Unity in strength.

With teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved.



### ENJOYMENT

Revel in your work, play hard and play to win.



**SAFETY** Everyone goes home the way they came in; zero accidents. Taylor Electric has been **a great provider** for us with timely and fast responses to outages. They have been more than easy to deal with.

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-Greg H

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# ACCESS FIBER

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We love Taylor Electric! We've been members since 2020 and everything from their internet and electric to their member service has been amazing!! The internet speeds are amazing so that is a plus! Thanks Taylor Electric!

ELWATER

-Ashley S.

Members have ACCESS to Taylor Electric's fiber internet service

MERKEL

FORT PHANTOM HILL LAKE

ABILENE

# OPERATION ROUND-UP

Operation Round-Up is a shining example of the cooperative difference. The voluntary program directly affects the communities served by Taylor Electric Cooperative by giving back to local volunteer fire departments, the ones who never hesitate to rush to the membership during emergency situations.

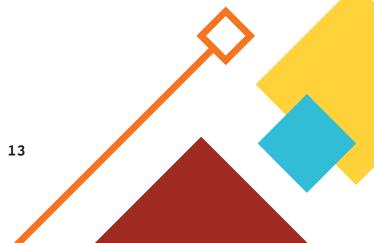
The round-up fund is created by rounding up member's monthly bills to the nearest dollar. The additional change is then collected to create the Operation Round-Up account.

### For example:

If a monthly billing statement is \$168.60, the member would be billed \$169.00 and the additional \$0.40 would be moved to the round-up fund. The annual average contribution to the individual member is small at approximately \$7.00 per year, but the cooperative effort is large!

Each April, checks from the round-up fund are presented to area volunteer fire departments. Since the inception of the Operation Round-Up program in 2014, Taylor Electric membership has donated over \$1 million to volunteer fire departments.

A total of 26 area volunteer fire departments will receive Round-Up funds; 11 VFDs will receive \$2,750 and 15 VFDs will receive \$2,750 plus an additional \$750 for being members.





Kathryn Rainey, board vice chairman, presents an Operation Round-Up check to Nick Dawson at the Texas Forest Service.

### The Volunteer Fire Departments receiving donations are:

Baird VFD Blackwell VFD Buffalo Gap VFD Clyde VFD **Cottonwood VFD** Cross Plains VFD **ECCA VFD Eula VFD** Hamby VFD

Hawley VFD Jim Ned VFD Lake Sweetwater VFD Lawn VFD Maryneal VFD Merkel VFD Moro/Bradshaw VFD Mulberry Canyon VFD Nolan VFD Oplin VFD Potosi VFD Putnam VFD Texas Forest Service Trent VFD Tye VFD View VFD Wingate VFD

Volunteer Fire Departments listed in bold are members of Taylor Electric.



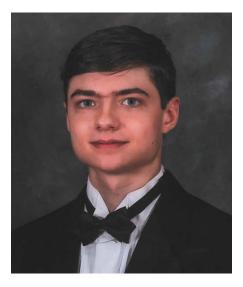
David McFall, board secretary/treasurer, presents an Operation Round-Up check to Shawn Hicks at the Tye VFD.



Richard Petree, board member, presents an Operation Round-Up check to Ricky Bishop at the View VFD.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

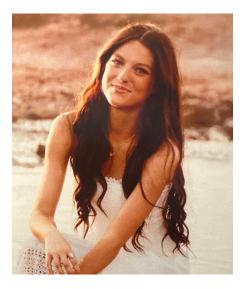
Taylor Electric Cooperative congratulates our 2024 scholarship winners. These ten students were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.



BRAYDEN BOIL Highland High School



**ABIGAIL BULLS** Wylie High School



**MCKINLEY CORLEY** Hawley High School



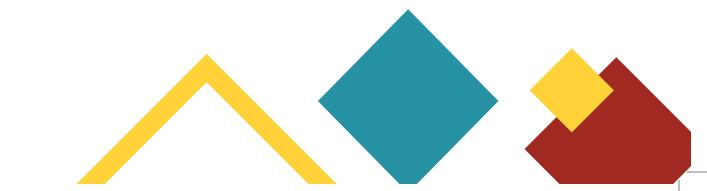
AUSTIN HENDRICKSON Abilene High School



**ETHAN HOGAN** Jim Ned High School



**EMILY JACKSON** Bronte High School





ALLISON FIKES Merkel High School



**RUFF GRAHAM** Merkel High School



**ELIANNA HARLE** Jim Ned High School



**ERIN JUSTISS** Merkel High School



**CADEN RAINWATER** Abilene High School



**SETH STEPHENS** Jim Ned High School





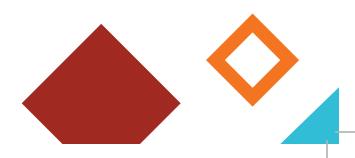
# YOUTH TOUR



For high school students who grow up in rural Texas, visiting a place like Washington, D.C., might sound like a far-away dream. But every year, more than 100 such students are given the opportunity to travel to the capital for an intensive weeklong tour.

In June, the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, sponsored by the state's electric cooperatives in conjunction with Texas Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, sends select students on a trip to the nation's capital. In Washington, tour participants get to see with their own eyes sights they may have only experienced in history books or on television.

In addition to visiting monuments, museums, and historical sites that would be a part of any standard tour of the capital, the students also fulfill the ambition of then-U.S. Sen. Lyndon Johnson, who inspired the Youth Tour with his desire expressed in 1957 for young people to "actually see what the flag stands for and represents." Tour participants get to meet their members of Congress, hear inspirational speakers, and interact with other Youth Tour participants from across the country. Texas' students also have the chance to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, see the Sunset Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial. and visit the Supreme Court, the U.S. Senate, and House of Representatives' chambers, and the Library of Congress.



After an intense week of on-the-go traveling, eating, and touring together, many of the Youth Tour participants form fast friendships that continue after they return home. Inspired by their trip, some Youth Tour alumni have gone on to enter public service. Those who have gone on Youth Tour have called it "the trip of a lifetime."



Pictured above from left to right: JAILYN SMITH Wylie High School LAURA PRESTON Wylie High School FRANCIS PATANPATAN Hawley High School ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ Merkel High School TORI WOODS Merkel High School BENEDICT PATANPATAN Hawley High School



# BILLBOARD CONTEST



Taylor Electric enlisted the help of 5th graders from member schools (Abilene Christian, Hawley, Merkel, Trent and Wylie) to design a new billboard.

Ava M. at Merkel Elementary portrays the *Power of Power* with Taylor Electric. Her design was featured on a billboard in Merkel.

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# 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

I've been **thoroughly impressed** with Taylor from the beginning. Keep it up!

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-Scott D.

# 2024 USAGE



**Residential** 228,755 MWh



**Small Commercial** 79,117 MWh



**Large Commercial** 257,744 MWh



**Other Sales** 9,681 MWh



# HOW WAS YOUR DOLLAR USED?

**MARGINS** \$0.10

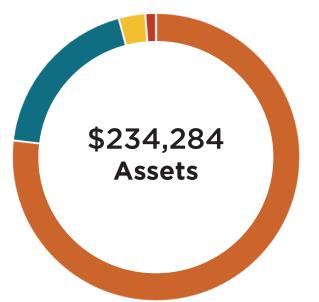
**INTEREST \$0.08** 

**DEPRECIATION \$0.13** 

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE \$0.24

**PURCHASED POWER** \$0.45

# 20 FINANCIAL 24 HIGHLIGHTS (in thousands)



- **77%** Utility Plant, Net
- 19% Investments & Cash
- **3%** Accounts Receivable
- **1%** Prepayments & Other Assets



- **40%** Total Net Worth
- **48%** Long-term Debt
- 9% Current & Other Noncurrent Liabilities
- **3%** Other Deferred Credits & Fees

# 20 BALANCE 24 SHEET (in thousands)

### ASSETS

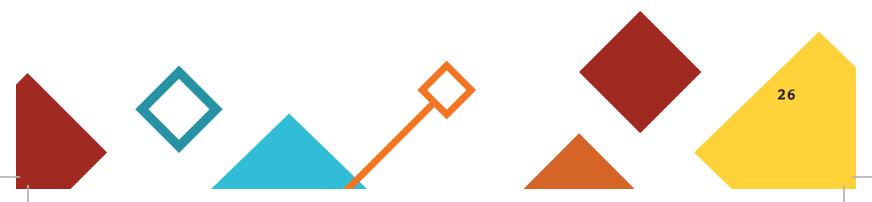
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# 20 REVENUES & EXPENSES (in thousands)

### REVENUES

Residential	\$35,657
Small Commercial	10,971
Large Commercial	13,844
Other Revenue	7,490
Total Operating Revenues	\$67,962
G&T and Other Capital Credits	\$2,547
Non-Operating Margins	394
Total Revenues	\$70,903
EXPENSES	
Purchased Power	\$32,065
Operations & Maintenance	17,004
Depreciation	8,923
Interest on Debt	5,727
Total Operating Expenses	\$63,718
Net Margins Including G&T and Other Capital Credits	\$7,186
Total Expenses and Capital Credits	\$70,903



# THE POWER OF **POWER** WITH **TAYLOR** COOPERATIVE

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One of the things I love about our co-op is that it is run by familiar faces our **neighbors, friends, and community members**. It's reassuring to know that the people keeping our lights on truly care about the community because they're a part of it.

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- Darbi P.

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