

BOARD MEMBERS UP FOR RE-ELECTION DURING THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



AMY BRANDT

CAROLINE COUNTY

Amy Ireland Brandt, a true local of Caroline County, graduated Valedictorian from North Caroline High School. As a junior at NCHS, she participated in Choptank Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour, a week-long summer leadership program in Washington, D.C. designed to educate young adults on the cooperative business model as well as the legislative process of our government. Amy went on to earn her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Maryland, College Park.

As a Certified Public Accountant with over 30 years of experience in public accounting, Amy is a partner in Accounting Strategies Group, LLC in Preston, Maryland. She oversees the accounting and auditing divisions as well as the firm's quality control.

Amy serves on the Board of Directors for Queenstown Bank and Aero Energy. She lives in Denton with her husband Nick and three daughters. Amy enjoys spending her time with family, watching her children participate in their many activities and attending a variety of sporting events.

As a lifelong resident of Caroline County, Amy learned from a young age about the cooperative principles and its business model, which gave her first-hand experience in the Co-op world. She sees the importance of the cooperative to this community and would like to be a part of its continued success on the Eastern Shore.



DONNA WEST

WORCESTER COUNTY

Donna Richardson West was appointed to represent Worcester County on the Choptank Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in September of 2018 and was elected to a full term in April of 2019. She was also elected to the Board of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Broadband Cooperatives in December of 2020.

An Eastern Shore native, Donna is embedded into the local community. As the daughter of Fay and Roger Richardson, she has worked on her family's farm her entire life and has seen all aspects of the business, where she provides support for daily operations. Donna is the Treasurer for Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church and is on the Board of Directors for Snow Hill Christian Nursery School.

Donna graduated from Snow Hill High School and attended Wor-Wic Community College.

Engaged to Kenneth Lambertson Sr., she has three grown children and nine grandchildren. In her spare time, Donna enjoys being with her family, on the water either boating or jet skiing, traveling and watching sporting events.



MATT HOLLOWAY

WICOMICO COUNTY

The incumbent Choptank Electric Cooperative Board member for Wicomico County, Matt Holloway, was born and raised in Salisbury, Maryland. He attended Wicomico County Schools, graduating from Parkside High School in 2000. He went on to attend Virginia Tech and graduated in 2005 with a degree in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences with a focus in Turfgrass Management.

In 2002, Matt and his brother and his father started Quantico Creek Sod Farms Inc., with over 100 employees and nearly 5,000 tillable acres today. In 2010, Matt successfully ran for the Wicomico County Council where he served for 8 years. In 2011, Matt and his wife, Kate, started Baywater Greens LLC, a greenhouse that produced hydroponic lettuce and field grown heirloom vegetables for local restaurants and grocery stores.

In 2023, Matt sold his interest in Quantico Creek Sod Farms and Baywater Greens and started a new venture. Baywater Seafood, based out of Baywater Landing Marina, is an aquaculture farm in the Chincoteague Bay that specializes in Live Bay Scallops and Seaside Oysters. Baywater Landing Marina is a 36 slip marina that hosts commercial and recreational vessels as well as Airbnb houseboats.

Matt was also the Wicomico representative on the Critical Areas Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays for seven years and was the Agricultural representative for the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission. More recently, he was appointed to the Governor's Workforce and Development Board and is the Agricultural representative for the state of Maryland on the Career and Technical Education committee. He enjoys sailing and all things outdoors.