



BOARD MEMBERS UP FOR RE-ELECTION DURING THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING



JOHN BURKE

CECIL COUNTY

John Burke serves on the Board of Directors for Choptank Electric Cooperative, representing the members from Cecil County. His service began in March of 2010. John is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has a certificate for Board Leadership from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). He is also a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD).

John was elected Vice Chairman of the Choptank Electric Cooperative Board in 2018, having previously served as Secretary and Treasurer. He was also elected to the Board of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) in 2016, the energy provider serving Choptank and ten other Mid-Atlantic electric cooperatives.

John earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, where he majored in Industrial Relations and Organization Behavior. He attended graduate school at Temple University's MBA program with a concentration in finance. He served in the United States Navy from 1977 to 1981 and attained the rank of Quartermaster 2'd class.

John is an Associate Broker for Gunther McClary Real Estate, with offices in Cecilton and Rock Hall, conducting real estate brokerage primarily in Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties. He has served on several non-profit boards in Kent and Cecil counties with business, school, and community service focus. He and his wife, Terry, have two adult children, Christine and John III. They have lived in Warwick since 1993 and have been Co-op members since then. John and his family enjoy boating on the Chesapeake Bay and traveling.



JEFF RATHELL

TALBOT COUNTY

Jeff Rathell was elected Chairman of the Board for Choptank Electric Cooperative in April of 2018. He serves on the Board as the representative of Talbot County. Jeff maintains Gold Level credentials as a Cooperative Director and earned his Board Leadership certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Jeff also serves on the boards of Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Services for Aero Energy and Talbot County Farm Bureau. He has previously served on the Talbot County Solar Array Committee and the LEAD Maryland Foundation Board.

Jeff sells farm equipment and provides top-notch customer service for AG-Industrial, a farm and implement dealer with locations in Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. He was born and raised in Cordova, Maryland and grew up working in the family farm equipment business. After graduating from Easton High School, Jeff obtained an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, Maryland.

Community involvement is important to Jeff. He volunteers many hours each year at county fairs, tractor pulls and numerous other local events. Jeff also enjoys spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.



CRAIG MATHIES

SOMERSET COUNTY

Craig Mathies serves on the Choptank Electric Cooperative Board of Directors representing Somerset County.

Craig has been a county resident for over 50 years. Educated in the Somerset County Public School System, he graduated from Crisfield High School, and attended the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, receiving a Bachelor of Arts from Norfolk Theological Seminary. He received his master's degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in 2014, and his Doctor of Ministry from the Chicago Theological Seminary in May of 2022.

Craig is the Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Cambridge. He is also President of the Somerset County Commissioners, representing District 1. Earlier in his career, Craig worked in sales and finance in the automotive industry.

Active in many community and civic organizations, Craig is married to Clarice Mathies, a retired Somerset County educator. They have two children, Erica Mathies Jackson and Craig N. Mathies Jr. Craig's mother, Shellie Mathies, is also a retired Somerset County educator.



BOB THOMPSON

OCEAN PINES

Bob Thompson was elected to the Choptank Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in April of 2017 to represent the Ocean Pines community. Bob currently serves as the Chairman of the Strategic Risk and Issues Committee and Chairman of the Employee Benefits Committee. He is Choptank's voting delegate for the NRECA. He is focused on improving his knowledge through continuing education and training, obtaining his Credentialed Cooperative Director Board Leadership Certificate. Bob is currently working toward his Board Director Gold credentialing.

Bob is the Managing Partner and the CEO of D&B Construction and Development. The company specializes in Design-Build Construction for Commercial and Residential projects. A savvy, innovative C-Level Executive, Bob is recognized for his 30+ years of operations management experience, leadership and financial abilities. He has been selected by numerous organizations to integrate key changes and expand market presence. Throughout his career, Bob has earned the reputation as a strong, dynamic leader by managing and motivating teams to reach exceptional levels of performance and maximize operational productivity.

Chief Thompson also distinguished himself with over 22 combined years of military service in the United States Air Force/Air Force Reserve. He served in various capacities within the Civil Engineering/Emergency Services career fields where his discipline, drive and exceptional leadership quickly propelled him to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant (E9).

Bob has previously worked for CoreLife, the Ocean Pines Association, 1st Mariner Mortgage as well as Licensed Investment Advisor. As a committed member of the local community, Bob currently serves as Chairman for the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce.

Bob and his wife, Missi, have lived in Ocean Pines for over 33 years. They have three children – Rachel, Bobby, Nick and Son-In-Law Dan and the newest addition to their family is their granddaughter Caroline. Bob enjoys exercise, running, lifting, adventure racing and other recreational sports.