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Bennie Robert (Bob) Paulling

Bob Paulling has served as President and CEO of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MCEC) located in Lexington, South Carolina since January of 2013.

He grew up in St. Matthews, SC and attended Clemson University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1985. He was also a student athlete at Clemson playing both football and baseball. Paulling was a member of the 1981 National Championship football team.

He has been in the electric cooperative arena his entire career. Paulling began his career at McCall-Thomas Engineering, where he designed substations and other power distribution systems. He spent several years in powerline equipment sales and support. Paulling served as system engineer and operations engineer before spending his last 19 years as CEO.

Holding several leadership positions, Paulling currently serves as a board member of the following organizations: Central Electric Power Cooperative, The South Carolina Power Team (Past-Chair), Cooperative Electric Energy Utility Supply (Past-Chair), Line Equipment Sales (Past-Chair), Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina (Past-Chair), NiSC (National Information Solutions Cooperative) and the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

Paulling was instrumental in the founding of CarolinaConnect Internet Cooperative in 2016 to provide high speed internet service to the members of Mid-Carolina Electric and other cooperatives across South Carolina. He currently serves as board secretary.

Paulling has been married to Dale Paulling for 43 years. They have one daughter, Brittany Sanders, a son-in-law, Jason, and two grandsons, Jake (13) and Brody (8).