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Central Virginia Electric Cooperative Appoints Director for South District Seat

[Lovingston, VA] –During their November monthly meeting, the Board of Directors voted to appoint Dr. Brian D. Bates of Dillwyn, Virginia, to an open seat on the Central Virginia Electric Cooperative Board. The vacant Director position was the result of the unexpected passing of Robert M. Duncan on August 11 of this year.

Dr. Bates was selected from a strong group of potential candidates who met the Director qualifications outlined in the CVEC Bylaws and who expressed interest in the Director position. He will serve until the next Annual Meeting in June of 2018 and will be eligible for election to the Board by the CVEC membership at that time.

Bates has been a Professor of Anthropology at Longwood University since 1994 and served as Chair of the department for nine years through 2015. He was selected as the Executive Director and Senior Principal Investigator of the Longwood Institute of Archaeology in 2015. Bates attained his B.S. from Longwood College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of London.

Upon learning of the appointment, Dr. Bates shared his thoughts on his new responsibilities, “I look forward to serving the members in the South District and working with my fellow Directors to effect positive change in my community.” Brian Bates is a life-long resident of Buckingham County and has spent countless volunteer hours helping his community and those in need. Bates is a life member and current Chief of the Toga Volunteer Fire Department and operated the Caring Friends Food Pantry for 14 years. Bates also served on the County’s Board of Supervisors for 12 years and advocated for economic development in Buckingham in several capacities. He resides in the Toga area with his wife, Michele, and their young son, Henry.

Dr. Bates will represent members in the South District of the CVEC service territory, which includes portions of Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Campbell, Cumberland, Goochland and Prince Edward Counties. Central Virginia Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric utility serving more than 36,000 homes, farms and businesses in the rural portions of 14 Virginia counties. For more information, visit www.mycvec.com.

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