



Meet Your SEC Employee



Jason Babb
District Warehouse Clerk
17 years of service
Dinwiddie Office

Jason Babb's personal motto is "the simpler, the better." This philosophy works well in his responsibilities as the district warehouse clerk in Southside Electric Cooperative's (SEC) Dinwiddie Office. In order to run an efficient and organized warehouse, things need to be simplified.

Babb single-handedly keeps the warehouse organized and makes sure all line and construction contractor crews have the supplies needed for specific work orders.

A typical day involves placing orders, receiving deliveries, preparing supplies for crews, filling out paperwork and keeping up with supply and demand. He also keeps up with lead times for supplies, because, as he says, "Some items you can get quickly, but others you might have to wait for months to receive."

Babb has worked as the district warehouse clerk his entire SEC career. Before coming to work for SEC nearly 18 years ago, he worked for Richfood, Walmart and Brenco.

When he first arrived at SEC, he knew only one person. But soon, he grew to enjoy working with his "co-op family." He and his co-workers would cook breakfast together on designated mornings and enjoy a few minutes with each other before the work day began.

He had not been with the co-op long when an ice storm hit the area in December 1998. Employees worked for almost two weeks straight. He really enjoyed that experience. "I had been at the co-op long enough to make friends and everything was new."

Recalling how crews came to help from different parts of Virginia, and from out-of-state, Babb notes, "It's amazing the things we can accomplish when we come together to get things done."

Another fond memory came during a hurricane, when he weathered the storm by sleeping in his office. Having had a late night of work, he simply stayed put so he could begin again very early the next day. He laughs, "We had a brand-new generator on the building that we had never used before. We went out in the strong wind and rain to check the fuel level every hour — we didn't know at the time that it would have run for a week without needing fuel! I've had a lot of good times here."

Born and raised in Dinwiddie, he likes being able to work in his rural hometown. "We call the road that we live on 'Babb Island' because my dad and brothers live here, too," he adds. "I like being familiar with my surroundings."

He and wife Anissa have an 18-year-old son, Austin. Together, they have a bulldog named Angel. The family also has hogs, goats and chickens.

Babb grew up raising hogs with his grandparents and has decided to carry on the tradition with his son. He's built a smokehouse on their property and is learning the process from his father.

And Babb loves hogs, including his Harley Davidson "Fat Boy" motorcycle that he enjoys riding. He also likes to fish and float the river. "I like to keep everything simple."

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