



JAY STOWE

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, JEA

Jay Stowe was named JEA’s managing director and chief executive officer in November 2020. In his role, he oversees Florida’s largest community-owned water, wastewater, and electric utility, which employs approximately 2,000 team members and serves more than one million residents and businesses across Northeast Florida.

For more than 25 years in the not-for-profit utility sector, Mr. Stowe has held executive leadership positions and supported groups including: operations, finance, engineering, administration, human resources, and customer experience. Mr. Stowe is a visionary who focuses on elevating employee satisfaction, customer satisfaction, community engagement, and economic development, which he believes is critical to JEA’s ability to best serve its customers and community.

Prior to joining JEA, Mr. Stowe was CEO of Stowe Utility Group in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he provided consulting services in support of utility operations, business, and functional needs to community-owned utilities across the Southeast and Midwest. He served in senior vice president roles over distributed energy resources, and operations for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), developing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and electrification initiatives. Prior to TVA, he spent more than a decade at Huntsville Utilities, Alabama, where he served as VP of operations and COO before becoming president and CEO. Under Mr. Stowe’s leadership, Huntsville Utilities grew to become the 15th largest public gas system in the country, the 20th largest public electric system in the country, and one of the largest water systems in the Southeast. Earlier, he served as utilities director in Shelby, North Carolina, and director of Public Works and Utilities in Newton, North Carolina. He started his career working for private engineering firms in the Carolinas and Ohio.

Mr. Stowe earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University.

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