

OAKDALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MINUTES OF THE 87th ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Saturday, April 30, 2022

The 87th Annual Member Meeting of Oakdale Electric Cooperative was held at Recreation Park, Recreation Building, 1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI, on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Registration of members in-person began at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Richard Barrett, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Barrett welcomed everyone to the 87th annual meeting and shared the future is bright for Oakdale Electric Cooperative. He further stated the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19 are hopefully beginning to fade into our history, but we will never forget the powerful lesson it taught us: our members are an integral part of the cooperative business model. Mr. Barrett concluded by stating today's meeting will focus on conducting essential business. The Cooperative provided mail-in ballots for the director elections in advance of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Mr. Barrett led the pledge of allegiance. Director James Van Wychen offered the invocation.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Barrett introduced the Board of Directors: Gregory Eirschele, Robert Hess, Martin Potter, James Van Wychen and Jonathan Williams (Robin Craker was not present). He introduced OEC General Manager & CEO Christopher Tackmann and Attorney Mary Beth Peranteau. Attorney Peranteau will oversee the election of Board members. He recognized special guests: Representative Nancy VanderMeer and Julie Lund, WECA Director of News and Communication.

QUORUM

Mr. Williams, the Secretary, informed Mr. Barrett that 100 members had registered. Chairman Barrett declared a quorum present, in accordance with Oakdale Electric Cooperative bylaws Section 4, which provide that the number of members to constitute a quorum at a meeting of members shall be fifty. Mr. Barrett then declared the meeting officially in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, a Consent Agenda was approved and adopted by the members that included the following:

- 1. The proposed 2022 Annual Meeting Program Agenda was approved as mailed to the membership with the Notice of Meeting;**
- 2. The reading of the Notice of Meeting was waived.**
- 3. Reading of the minutes of the June 17, 2021 Oakdale Electric Cooperative Annual**

Membership Meeting was waived and the minutes were approved as posted on the cooperative's website.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Attorney Peranteau conducted the election of directors, for the term of three years to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Gregory Eirschele, District No. 3 and Jonathan Williams, District No. 6.

Attorney Peranteau described the process under Cooperative's bylaws by which the nomination and election of directors are conducted. She explained to the membership that under the Bylaws, directors are nominated by signature of 15 members from the district they reside. Each candidate present was given the opportunity to address the membership.

Consistent with the Cooperative Bylaws, the Board of Directors authorized voting for directors at this year's annual meeting to be conducted by mail-in ballots. Ballots to vote for directors were mailed to all Oakdale Electric Cooperative members who were in good standing as of the date of record, which was March 25, 2022. Ballots were required to be received at Oakdale Electric Cooperative no later than 4 p.m. on April 28, 2022 in order to be counted. Members who did not wish to vote by mail-in ballot were provided a ballot, upon registering for the annual meeting, to cast a ballot. The tellers were instructed to collect and count the marked ballots.

District No. 3 candidates were Todd Scholz and Gregory Eirschele. Jonathan Williams was uncontested for District No. 6.

The results of the director election are as follows:

District No. 3: Gregory Eirschele

District No. 6: Jonathan Williams

Each of these directors will serve for three (3) years. A signed copy of the teller report is included in the 2022 annual meeting file.

OFFICER REPORT

The report from the General Manager & CEO was given.

BALLOTS

Chairman Barrett asked for a motion to destroy the written ballots cast for director elections.

There was a motion, and a second to destroy all ballots. Motion carried.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION

There were several questions from the floor regarding the following topics: rates in comparison to other co-ops, clean energy, hydro expansion, and lithium shortage and battery disposal.

MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

The five members receiving \$100 credits on their electric bill were: Allen Pasch, Tomah; Ray Wadinski, Wilton; Tom Ewing, Tomah; Bruce Palamaruk, Kendall; and Vincent King, La Valle. Bags of cheese curds with beef sticks from Humbird Cheese was given out to members as door prizes. It was announced all members attending the meeting would receive gift certificate from member business Kentucky Fried Chicken as a thank you gift for attending the meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Barrett declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deana Protz, Assistant Secretary

Approved, _____, 2023

Jonathan Williams, Secretary