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# ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

## CONDENSED MINUTES

**The Northwestern Rural Electric Co-operative Association, Inc.**

**August 3, 2024**

**The New Beginnings Church of God**

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The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Board Chair Lisa Chausse, at which time she declared a quorum was reached.

Board Chair Lisa Chausse gave the invocation. Then, the National Anthem was played. Board Chair Chausse then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then acknowledged the 2024 Northwestern REC NRECA Youth Tour students.

Board Secretary Marian Davis then read the Official Meeting Notice and the Proof of Mailing. Earl J. Koon, Board Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report, which summarized the financial condition of the Cooperative.

Board Chair Chausse thanked the members for viewing and participating in the Cooperative's 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. She then introduced the Board of Directors and announced to the membership that there will be a general capital credit retirement.

Then there was a Special Board Report segment with an interview of retiring Board Vice Chair, Kathryn Cooper – Winters. In her interview, Ms. Cooper – Winters highlighted the organizational and technological changes to the cooperative in her tenure. She commented on the progression of line worker safety, and the steadfast commitment of the employees, management and board of directors to the membership. Finally, a video montage of designated Northwestern REC and PREA stakeholders thanking Ms. Cooper – Winters for her service was played.

President & CEO, Ryan Meller, addressed the membership regarding the cooperative's dedication to safety and its evolution throughout the cooperative's history. Dr. Meller then detailed the advancement of tools focusing on drone technology, the three phase line rebuilding strategy, and provided an update on the Centerville and Oil Creek substation transmission delivery point project.

Lastly, Dr. Meller educated the membership about Voices for Cooperative Power and the negative impacts of the current EPA ruling on the national electric grid and industry.

Board Chair Chausse then informed the membership that the pre-recorded portion of the Annual Meeting had concluded and that the remainder of the Annual Meeting would be live.

A motion was made and supported to dispense with the reading of the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes. The motion was carried. A motion was made and supported to accept the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. The motion was carried.

A motion was made and supported to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was carried.

Board Vice Chair Cooper - winters recognized the members of the Member Panel on Director Elections and the nominees. The nominees were as follows:

District 3: Candy Brundage  
District 5: Kevin Cox  
District 10: Lanny Rodgers

Tom Sedlak, Vice Chairperson of the Member Panel on Director Elections, gave a complete report of the election results:

District 3:	Candy Brundage	862 votes
District 5:	Kevin Cox	846 votes
District 10:	Lanny Rodgers	830 votes

Tom Sedlak announced that the following directors had been elected:

District 3: Candy Brundage  
District 5: Kevin Cox  
District 10: Lanny Rodgers

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.