**OAKDALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

 **MINUTES OF THE 88th ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING**

Saturday, April 29, 2023

The 88th Annual Member Meeting of Oakdale Electric Cooperative was held at Recreation Park, Recreation Building, 1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI, on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Registration of members in-person began at 8 a.m.

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

Mr. Barrett welcomed everyone to the 88th annual meeting and stated this past year the Cooperative was able to get back to a “new normal,” after two years of unprecedented changes. He stated change is often hard, but change is good. Change has encouraged innovation and growth, developed skills, and built resilience at the Cooperative. Mr. Barrett stated without the members’ support, feedback, and appreciation, Oakdale Electric Cooperative’s success would not be possible, no matter how much the Cooperative changes. Mr. Barrett concluded by stating today’s meeting will focus on conducting essential business. Survey & Ballot Systems provided members the option to vote either by mail-in or electronic 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: Robin Craker, Gregory Eirschele, Robert Hess, Martin Potter, James Van Wychen, Jonathan Williams. He introduced OEC General Manager & CEO Christopher Tackmann and Attorney John Behling. Attorney Behling will oversee the election of Board members. He recognized special guests: Representative Nancy VanderMeer, Dana Kelroy, editor, Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News, and Jeremy Browning, vice president, generation at Dairyland Power Cooperative.

### Quorum

Mr. Williams, the Secretary, informed Mr. Barrett that 172 members had registered. Chair 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 2023 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 April 30, 2022, Oakdale Electric Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting was waived, and the minutes were approved as posted on the cooperative’s website.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Attorney Behling conducted the election of directors, for a term of three years to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Robert Hess, District No. 1 and Robin Craker, District No. 7.

Attorney Behling described the process under the Cooperative’s bylaws by which the nomination and election of directors are conducted. He explained to the membership that under the Bylaws, directors are nominated by signature of 15 members from the district they reside in. 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 and or by electronic 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 31, 2023. Ballots were required to be received at Survey & Ballot Systems, PO Box 46430, Eden Prairie, MN 55344 no later than April 27, 2023, to be counted.

Electronic ballots to vote for directors were enabled online on March 31, 2023, at 8 a.m. Broadcast emails were sent to Oakdale Electric Cooperative member’s email accounts who were in good standing and active on March 31, April 10, and April 24, 2023, with online voting options. Electronic ballots to vote for directors were closed online on April 27, 2023, at 4 p.m.

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. 1 candidates were Robert Hess and Patricia Stanislawski. Robin Craker was uncontested for District No. 7.

The results of the director election are as follows:

District No. 1: Robert Hess

District No. 7: Robin Craker

Each of these directors will serve for three (3) years. A signed copy of the teller report is included in the 2023 annual meeting file.

OFFICER REPORT

The report from the General Manager & CEO was given.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Barrett introduced the guest speaker, Jeremy Browning from Dairyland Power Cooperative. Mr. Browning gave an overview of Dairyland Power Cooperative. He explained the generation mix and diversification plans.

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: energy mix, large scale storage, the MISO market, and battery storage.

MEETING ATTENDANCE Prizes

The member receiving a $250 credit on their electric bill was: Robert Troka, Lyndon Station. The five members receiving $100 credits on their electric bill were: Pat Johnson, Warrens, Raymond/Shirley Russell, Finley, Joan Burkhalter, Tomah, Richard Raith, Mauston, and Robert Pedersen, Warrens. The five members receiving a weekend Tesla rental were: Ray Drew, Fond Du Lac, Pat Johnson, Warrens, Kanda Vopelak, Necedah, Lawrence Hagemann, Mauston, James Phillips, Tomah. The two members receiving a tree planting were: Pat Johnson, Warrens, Nan Griffin, Tomah. It was announced all members attending the meeting would receive gift certificate and frozen custard from member business Culver’s 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 10:34 a.m.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Deana Protz, Assistant Secretary

Approved, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

Jonathan Williams, Secretary