

Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting Of Members

The 77th Annual Meeting of Members of Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. was held at the Western Cooperative Electric office in WaKeeney, Kansas, on May 11, 2022.

Following Pastor Jon Anderson's Invocation,

the members enjoyed a meal served by the

Western employees and prepared by Main Dish Hometown Catering.

Former General Manager Dave Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Craig Crossland called the meeting to order and introduced the board members and their spouses, distinguished guests and employees.

Upon introducing the legislators in attendance, President Crossland offered them the opportunity to address the membership. Sen. Rick Billinger, Rep. Barb Wasinger and Rep. Jim Minnix spoke on issues facing Kansans.

Legal counsel, E. Jay Deines of Deines & Deines reported that 71 members were present; thus, a quorum was in attendance. Deines confirmed the Notice of the Meeting and Postage Statement from QuikPrint, Topeka, provided the members with proper notice of the meeting as required in the bylaws.

The minutes of the 76th Annual Meeting held on May 12, 2021, were approved as printed by a vote of the members present.

President Crossland introduced General Manager Tom Ruth. Ruth, in turn, introduced guest speaker Stuart Lowry, CEO of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. Lowry addressed the membership on various topics of Sunflower Electric.

Ruth reported on the current status and operation of Western Cooperative Electric.

The treasurer's report was presented in the annual report and approved as printed by the vote of the members present.

Attorney Deines introduced the Nominating and Credentials Committees appointed by the board pursuant to the Western bylaws.

Deines announced the election results of three districts. Susan Rohleder, Frank Joy and Nick Zerr received the most votes, and were elected to three-year terms.

President Crossland acknowledged former trustee Charles Luetters for his 16 years of service. Luetters addressed the membership.

President Crossland asked the members if there was any old business. Hearing none, President Crossland moved on to new business.

Under new business, the proposed bylaw amendments were presented. There was a member objection to Article XIV Amendments, allowing for electronic voting on future bylaw changes. Following the

discussion, the membership voted to approve all bylaw changes as written. A copy of the bylaw amendments can be found attached hereto.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Door prizes were then announced and distributed.