

# **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of Northfork Electric Cooperative, Inc. Sayre, Oklahoma**

Held on the 21st day of August 2021, at the Sayre City Park  
Sayre, Oklahoma

The 82nd Annual Meeting of the members of the Northfork Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Sayre City Park on Saturday, August 21, 2021.

Registration of members began at 9:00 a.m. Each registered cooperative member received a stainless steel knife and a Northfork cap.

Children through ten (10) years of age received a free one (1) dollar coin when registering at the Annual Meeting. Children ten (10) years old and under were put into a drawing for two girls' and two boys' bikes. (Parents must be members of NFEC.) The winners of the bicycles were boys: Collin Stuckey and Daniel Kite and girls: Khloe Harkins and Michelle Tidball. Teenagers ages eleven (11) to sixteen (16) were put in a drawing for a drone and a pair of beats headphones. The winner of the drone was Makayla Graham and the winner of the beats headphones was Emma Miller. Informational booths set up were NFEC's Smart Hub and health monitors, Western Farmers Electric, LifeSpring Home Health, and Air Evac. Others included various vendors coordinated through the Sayre Chamber of Commerce Vendor Fair.

A drawing for the grand prizes, a Kubota Z231KH Kommander from NFEC & Lindley Farm Equipment, and a \$1,000 cash prize from R&R Powerline was conducted and the names were held to be announced at the end of the business meeting. The winners of the grand prizes were:

**Kubota Z231KH Kommander-Tim Tutten**  
**\$1,000 Cash-Reydon Church of Christ, received by Chuck Milner**

Sons of the Sage provided entertainment during registration.

President Jimmy Taylor announced a quorum of the members were present (9:40 a.m.), having registered in sufficient number to call the Annual Meeting to order and to begin the transaction of business of the cooperative, pursuant to the notice given for the meeting.

Mr. Charles Hickey gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Meador welcomed NFEC members to the 2021 Annual Meeting. He spoke to the members regarding their ownership of the cooperative and his commitment to the co-op and its members now and in the future.

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Mr. Meador introduced his wife, Kassie, and children, Jill and Austin.

Mr. Meador recognized Chris Meyers, General Manager/CEO of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, and Gary Roulet, CEO of Western Farmers Electric Cooperative.

Representative Todd Russ – District 55, OK, Senator Brent Howard – District #26, and Johnathan Beck, Beckham County Assessor were recognized.

Mr. Meador expressed appreciation to Beckham County & Roger Mills Commissioners along with their employees for their willingness to always help out in storms.

Mr. Meador expressed thanks to Guy Hylton and the City of Sayre for preparing the park for the meeting as well as the Sayre Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Vendor Fair in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. He also thanked local caterers Blue Mountain Smoke and Screamin' Jacks BBQ for the great meal they provided.

Mr. Meador introduced the booths present: Air Evac, Western Farmers, and LifeSpring Home Health.

Mr. Meador reviewed the names of the Credentials Committee. He then introduced NFEC retirees, Retired Trustees, spouses.

Mr. Meador brought members' attention to the Sparks & Flashes newsletter inside the monthly Oklahoma Living magazine, encouraging members to keep up with his monthly column.

Mr. Taylor introduced the Board of Trustees and their wives as well as Wanda Patton, wife of former trustee, Lloyd Joe Patton.

Mr. Taylor entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the Notice of Meeting. Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to dispense with the reading of the Annual Meeting Notice.

Mr. Taylor called upon the members for consideration of the minutes of the August 20, 2020 Annual Meeting. Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried approving the minutes as prepared and drafted.

Mr. Brendon Atkinson reviewed the methods by which trustees are nominated and elected to their position. Northfork's board of seven (7) trustees are elected for a three (3) year term. The Nominating Committee's report was presented showing Place number six (6) Chris Mackey, and Place number seven (7) Charles Hickey were nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Atkinson explained that the duly appointed Nominating Committee which consisted of Greg Bachman, Johnny Brown, Mike McGuire, Brandon Easter, Jimmy Wayne Smith, Larry McConnell, and Jonathan Keahey met on May 21, 2021 for the Nominating Committee meeting. Mr. Atkinson stated Northfork's Bylaws require the Board of Trustees, at least ten (10) days before any meeting of the members, to appoint a Credentials and Election Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) Northfork members.

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Mr. Atkinson stated that, Leon Willsie, Robert Weeks, Kim Janes, Monte Tucker, Sandra Hunter, Brandon Hughes, and Monte Carlson were appointed to the Credentials Committee.

Mr. Atkinson stated that the nominees will be elected for a three (3) year term. Motion was made to elect the two nominees, seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Meador introduced Mr. Gary Roulet, CEO of Western Farmers. Mr. Roulet detailed NFEC and WFEC's efforts to reduce carbon. He told NFEC members that at least 40% of the power they use today comes from renewable energy. Mr. Roulet announced that Western Farmers has committed to build the largest solar farm in Oklahoma with plans to go online in 2023 and will also build the very first large commercial scale battery. By the end of 2023, one out of every two kilowatt hours used by consumers will be green. He stated that WFEC's interest is in helping Northfork to provide cost effective power to their members.

Mr. Taylor introduced Chris Meyers, CEO from the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Mr. Meyers reported on the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. He stated that the Statewide office provides information to Oklahoma cooperatives on the federal level and the state level. Mr. Myers spoke briefly on electrifying transportation, stating that automobiles are currently the largest emitter of greenhouse gases. Mr. Meyers said we are going to see more adoption of electric vehicles for three reasons: technology is improving, federal policy is changing in their favor, and most importantly, the automakers.

Mr. Meador returned to the podium and called all the NFEC employees to the pavilion. He expressed his appreciation for all their hard work, no matter the time of day or the weather.


A \$50 cash prize was given to the oldest member present. Brent Meador recognized Laverne Tucker as the oldest member present at age 98-years-old.

A prize drawing was held for forty-seven (47) more prizes.

Mr. Meador announced that a meal was provided by Northfork Electric Cooperative to all members and guests. Screamin' Jacks from Sayre and Blue Mountain Smoke from Elk City catered the meal consisting of brisket and sausage, beans, potato salad, and bread.

President Jimmy Taylor declared Northfork's 2021 Annual Meeting adjourned.

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**Larry Smith, Secretary**



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**James (Jimmy) C. Taylor, President**