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

Held on the 20th day of August 2022, at the Sayre City Park Sayre, Oklahoma

The 83rd Annual Meeting of the members of the Northfork Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Sayre City Park on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

Registration of members began at 9:00 a.m. Each registered cooperative member received a stainless-steel knife and a Northfork Electric 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: Theodore Williams and Knox Taylor and girls: Olivia Gonzalez and Embry Thurmond. Teenagers ages eleven (11) to sixteen (16) were put in a drawing for a set of Apple AirPods. The winner was Stephanie Robinson. Informational booths set up were NFEC's Smart Hub and health monitors, Western Farmers Electric, Great Plains Kubota, 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 zero turn mower from NFEC & Great Plains Kubota, a \$1,000 cash prize from R&R Powerline, two Makita electric push mowers from NFEC and T&E, and a 65" Smart TV from Techline 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 zero turn mower-Sharon Ward \$1,000 Cash-Teresa Kilhoffer Makita self-propelled mower-Ed Davis Makita self-propelled mower-Richard Landers 65" TV-Bob Mackey

Sons of the Sage provided entertainment during registration.

President Jimmy Taylor announced a quorum of the members were present (9:25 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 thanked the members for coming out to the meeting and gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mr. Meador recognized Chris Meyers, General Manager/CEO and Jim Reese, the head of Government Affairs, both from the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, and Gary Roulet, CEO of Western Farmers Electric Cooperative.

Congressman Frank Lucas, Nick Archer, Mayor of Elk City and future House Representative District 55, Johnathan Beck, Beckham County Assessor and Bill Swartwood from SWOSU-Sayre were recognized.

Mr. Meador expressed appreciation to Beckham County & Roger Mills Commissioners along with their employees for their willingness to always help during in storms, fires, or any emergency.

Mr. Meador expressed thanks to the past and present NFEC employees and trustees for their dedication to the co-op. He recognized 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, adding that additional food options of hot dogs and hamburgers, prepared by NFEC employees and served by the Red Knights, would be provided for members of the community that may not be NFEC members this year.

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

Mr. Meador spoke briefly of WFEC and the great job they do in keeping the cost of our power affordable, comparing the cost of natural gas today to last year's prices.

Mr. Taylor introduced the Board of Trustees and their wives.

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 21, 2021 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 one (1) Bandy Silk, and Place number two (2) Chad Smith were nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Atkinson explained that the duly appointed Nominating Committee which consisted of Greg Bachman, Johnny Brown, Brandon Easter, Jonathan Keahey, Sam Green, Mike McGuire, and Jimmy Wayne Smith, met on June 3, 2022 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 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 his wife Kassie and recognized the 18 fire departments in the NFEC service area.

Connie Ferrero recognized and called to the podium the 2022 NFEC Youth Tour winners, Reagan Buschbacher and Olga Blackketter, to share some details on their trip to Washington DC. Both girls also thanked NFEC for sponsoring them on the life changing trip.

Mr. Meador gave a quick update on challenges within the electric industry right now including a push to green energy. He asked that members interested in adding solar to please contact us before making the commitment. He encouraged members to go back and read, in the previous Sparks & Flashes newsletter, about demand, or how fast you are using electricity, which will become very important for us going forward due to capacity. Mr. Meador also explained any conservation efforts on peak days are appreciated. He also brought attention to the question cards that were included in this year's registration bags.

A \$50 cash prize was given to the oldest member present. Brent Meador recognized Laverne Tucker as the oldest member present at 96-years-old or older.

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. Tickets were presented to attendees during registration for the barbecue lunch. Those in attendance that were not registered guests were provided hot dogs, donated by Rt. 66 Butcher Shop and hamburgers, donated by the Northfork Electric trustees.

A prize drawing was held for forty-seven (68) more prizes. Members had to be present to win the prize if their name was drawn.

President Jimmy Taylor declared Northfork's 2022 Annual Meeting adjourned.

Jimmy Taylor, President

Bandy Silk, Secretary