

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

Held on the 19th day of August 2023, at the Sayre City Park
Sayre, Oklahoma

The 84th Annual Meeting of the members of the Northfork Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at Sayre City Park on Saturday, August 19, 2023.

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: Easton Conklin and Jace Hood and girls: Ember Bratcher and Everlee Howerton. Teenagers ages eleven (11) to sixteen (16) were put in a drawing for a set of Apple AirPods. The winner was Khloe Harkins. Informational booths were set up for 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 John Deere Z545R 54 inch Ztrack mower from NFEC & Western Equipment, a \$1,000 cash prize from R&R Powerline, two Makita electric push mowers from NFEC and T&E, and a 70" 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:

John Deere Z545R 54 in. ZTrack Mower-Dan & Stacy Wells
\$1,000 Cash-Gary Rosser
Makita self-propelled mower-Bobby E Taylor
Makita self-propelled mower-Jeff Harrell
70" TV-TW Marshall

Sons of the Sage provided entertainment during registration.

President Jimmy Taylor announced a quorum of the members were present (9:21 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. Bandy Silk gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mr. Meador thanked everyone for coming and recognized Chris Meyers, General Manager/CEO from the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, Howie Jackson from Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, and Lindsay Harvey from Northwestern Electric Cooperative.

Johnathan Beck, Beckham County Assessor, representatives from Air Evac, Lifespring Home Health, and R&R Powerline were recognized. He was unable to attend this year but, Mr. Meador also recognized Congressman Frank Lucas for his support of Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives.

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 for the great meal they provided and the Red Knights for helping serve the meal.

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

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 20, 2022 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 three (3) James C. Taylor, and Place number four (4) Brandon Hickey, and Place number five (5) Brad Harrison 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 May 19, 2023 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.

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

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Connie Ferrero recognized and called to the podium the 2023 NFEC Youth Tour winners, Jalie Atkins and Jaidyn Hernandez, 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 co-op right now including the storm damage sustained this season. He asked members to report any damage they come across. Meador also spoke about the current push to green energy in the electric industry. 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, or the pamphlet provided at registration, about demand, or how fast you are using electricity, which will become very important for us going forward due to capacity. Meador also discussed plans for upcoming town hall meetings and power quality within the NFEC service area. He also updated members of the possible Infrastructure grant funds that NFEC could be awarded later this year.

A \$50 cash prize was given to the oldest member present. Brent Meador recognized Laverne Tucker as the oldest member present at 100 years old.

Mr. Meador announced that a meal was provided by Northfork Electric Cooperative to all members and guests. Blue Mountain Smoke from Elk City catered the meal consisting of pulled pork, beans, chips, and bread.

A prize drawing was held for forty-five (45) more prizes. Members had to be present to win the prize if their name was drawn.

President Jimmy Taylor declared Northfork's 2023 Annual Meeting adjourned.

Jimmy Taylor, President

Chad Smith, Secretary