

MINUTES OF THE 67th ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE EAU CLAIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
MARCH 23, 2004

The 67th regular annual meeting of the members of the Eau Claire Electric Cooperative was called to order by the President, John Bilderback, at 6:30 p.m. at The Plaza Hotel & Suites at 1202 West Clairemont Avenue, in Eau Claire, WI on March 23, 2004.

WELCOME

President John Bilderback welcomed the membership to the annual meeting and requested that the Vice-Chairman, Robert Gadwill, lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Robert Gadwill acknowledged a special guest and member, Dan Doughty, who is a retired Air Force Colonel and who was in Vietnam as a POW for seven years. WECA Statewide Manager David Jenkins addressed the members with a brief summary of energy-related activity in the recently concluded state legislative session. Jenkins thanked State Sen. Ron Brown (R-Eau Claire), who was present, for his active role in key issues of interest to energy co-ops.

Also recognized was Wisconsin Representative Robin Kreibich who was in attendance. Finally, Tony McKimmey, project manager for Dairyland Power Cooperative for the Seven Mile Landfill project, was also welcomed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President John Bilderback then read the names of the seventeen area high-school students who are receiving scholarships from the cooperative this spring.

QUORUM

The secretary informed the president that at least 50 members had registered, which constituted a quorum. The president then declared the meeting open for business.

HOUSEKEEPING

The president went through some basic housekeeping items with the membership and read the rules of the annual meeting.

TELLERS

The president called the roll of the tellers and the following were present: Evelyn Townsend, Delmar Travis, Jane Sather, Wilson Lund, Fred Cleasby, Terry Sanford and Lori Auth. The tellers were instructed take charge of the ballot boxes. The tellers had met prior to the meeting to select a chairman.

CALL AND NOTICE AND AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

The Notice of Meeting and the Affidavit of Mailing were published and posted at the registration tables. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Notice of Meeting, the Affidavit of Mailing and the Minutes; this motion was seconded and carried. These documents are affixed to these minutes as Exhibits A & B, respectively.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 11, 2003 annual meeting were published in the 2003 Annual Report. It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes be approved as published in the 2003 Annual Report.

DIRECTOR NOMINEES

The attorney, John D. Hibbard, introduced each director-nominee for Districts #3, #7, #8 and #9 for the board of directors. The membership was informed that the slate of candidates for District #8 was due to a vacancy in that District, and that District would be up for election again in 2005. Nominees follow:

District #3 Darlene Baglien

District #7 Gyneth Slygh, John Grafenauer, Robert Janke, Michael Mattson

District #8 Jeffrey Frieberg, Sheldon Satter, Roger Swett

District #9 Clarence Boettcher

Each nominee was given a chance to address the membership for two minutes. Mr. Hibbard called for additional nominations from the floor and there being none offered, a motion was made, seconded and carried to close nominations. Other members were then offered the chance to speak on behalf of the candidates for a time period of two minutes each with a total maximum time of ten minutes. No one asked to speak.

CLOSE BALLOT BOX

The tellers were instructed to begin counting ballots. A motion was made, seconded and carried to close the ballot box at 7:30 p.m.

AWARD

Prior to the Officer's Reports, Director Robert Gadwill informed the members of a No Lost Time Award presented to the cooperative by Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange, for achieving 351, 170 no lost time employee work hours since July, 1998. CEO John W. Luehrsen accepted the award on behalf of the cooperative.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

The President's and Secretary-Treasurer's annual reports were noted as being published in the March 2004 issue of the WEC News. The reports of the officers were approved upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Members were notified that the Annual Reports had been published in the March 2004 issue of the WEC News magazine. Copies of the President's and Secretary-Treasurer's annual reports, along with the CEO's annual report, are in the 2004 Annual Meeting File.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

The CEO, John W. Luehrsen, opened the floor to the membership by holding a question and answer session between the members, Directors and ECEC staff. To begin the session, there were two questions read and answered from the question box. The floor was then opened to member questions presented to the Directors and ECEC staff. Concluding the session, President John Bilderback asked for any other questions from the members and there being none, closed the question and answer session.

ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

The president announced that the Organizational Meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at Eau Claire Energy Cooperative headquarters.

ADJOURN

The President stated that prize winner names would be announced after the business meeting adjourned. The President asked for any other business and there being none, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

PRIZES AWARDED

The CEO, John W. Luehrsen, invited the members to stay for dinner after announcement of the prize winner names. Winners will receive one month's free electric bill, up to a maximum of \$100; and one hundred member names were drawn as winners. The winning members had to be present to win. Of the names announced, there were seven present at the meeting. They are as follows:

Robert D. Schmidt
Florian & Renee Slowiak
Marian V. Solomakos
Jeffrey R. & Pamela Herdrich
Gabler Farms
Richard G. Pederson
Roger & Darlene Weiss

TELLERS' REPORT

The teller chairman, , reported the results to the Secretary/Treasurer, David Myren. The following voting results were reported to the membership:

District No. 3	Darlene Baglien re-elected
District No. 7	Gyneth Slygh re-elected
District No. 8	Jeffrey Frieberg elected
District No. 9	Clarence Boettcher re-elected

Each of these directors will serve for three (3) years, except for the Director for District No. 8, who will serve the one year remaining on the existing term.

Total Ballots Cast: 1,041

Of the above ballots, 50 were absentee ballots. A signed copy of the teller's report is in the 2004 Annual Meeting File.

David Myren, Secretary