

**MINUTES OF THE 85th ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERS
OF EAU CLAIRE ENERGY COOPERATIVE
MARCH 15, 2022**

The 85th regular annual meeting of the members of the Eau Claire Energy Cooperative (ECEC) was called to order by the Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Clarence Boettcher, at 6:00 p.m. at The Florian Gardens at 2340 Lorch Avenue in Eau Claire, WI on March 15, 2022.

WELCOME

Mr. Boettcher welcomed everyone to the annual meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ANTHEM

Mr. Boettcher introduced Tammy Tauger. Ms. Tauger sang the National Anthem. Mr. Boettcher asked that everyone remain standing while Youth Ambassadors, Alexis Dubiel and Alison Dubiel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The membership was introduced to the Board of Directors, as well as CEO Lynn Thompson, Attorney John Hibbard, and Executive Assistant, Jeni Thorpe.

Mr. Boettcher took a moment before continuing with introductions for several announcements. He recognized Mike Schummer who will be retiring from the Board of Directors after 15 years of Service and presented a plaque on behalf of the Cooperative and Board of Directors. Mr. Boettcher also recognized Lynn Thompson who will be retiring May 1, 2022 after 31 years of service to the Cooperative and presented a plaque to Mr. Thompson. Mr. Boettcher had the pleasure to announce that Monica Obyrcki will succeed Mr. Thompson as CEO in May.

Guests at the meeting included Dana Kelroy, Editor of the Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News (WEC News) magazine, Representative Warren Petryk of the 93rd Assembly District, Representative Jesse James of the 68th Assembly District, and Senator Jeff Smith of the 31st Senate District.

Mr. Boettcher introduced the recipients of the \$1,000 Federated Youth Foundation scholarships and asked that they stand and be recognized. Mr. Boettcher asked the participants in the Eau Claire Energy Cooperative Youth Ambassadors program to stand and be recognized. Mr. Boettcher also asked the members of the Member Advisory Council to stand and be recognized.

MEETING AGENDA AND MEETING RULES

Mr. Boettcher went through housekeeping items noting that the meeting agenda and rules were published in the March 2022 issue of the WEC News magazine and are also available on tables in the room tonight. He also noted that the Notice of the Annual Meeting was published in the same issue of the WEC News magazine. The Affidavit of Mailing was posted behind the

registration tables. Mr. Boettcher also stated that member questions will be taken after completing the business portion of this meeting.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

The reports of the Board Chair, CEO, and Secretary-Treasurer were published in the March 2022 WEC News magazine and are also available on tables in the room tonight.

QUORUM

To constitute a quorum, at least 50 members must register and attend. Mr. Boettcher was informed that there were 127 voting members registered and in attendance, which constituted a quorum. Mr. Boettcher then declared the meeting open for business.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. Boettcher appointed Attorney John Hibbard to act as the parliamentarian for this meeting.

CALL AND NOTICE, AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING, MINUTES

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Notice of Meeting, the Affidavit of Mailing and the Minutes, and to approve them as published in the 2022 Annual Report. Motion was seconded and carried.

VOTING

There was an explanation of the ballots. Mr. Boettcher thanked the nominating committee, the attorney, and Cooperative staff for operating in accordance with the Bylaws in performing their work in determining the slate of candidates for this year's election.

The nominating committee is comprised of one member for each Cooperative district that is up for election. The following individuals served on the nominating committee for this year's election: Jeanne Chromey, Dean Solie, and Anne Volbrecht.

TELLERS

Mr. Boettcher called the roll of the tellers and the following were present: Mary Wampole, John Chromey, Mona Mathews, Bonnie Isaacson, Wilson Lund, Lawrence Roeder, Rhonda Kelly, and Jim Odness. The tellers had met prior to the meeting and selected Jim Odness as Chairperson. The tellers were instructed to take charge of the ballot boxes.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Mr. Boettcher then turned the meeting over to the attorney, Mr. John Hibbard. Mr. Hibbard explained that it is unusual not to have opposition for any of the incumbents. He explained the efforts that are made to seek out candidates. He introduced each of the Director candidates for Districts 3, 7, and 9, as follows;

<u>District No. 3</u>	Curtiss Williams; John Zmuda
<u>District No. 7</u>	Andrew Bourget (Incumbent); Jeffrey White
<u>District No. 9</u>	Clarence Boettcher (Incumbent); unopposed

Each candidate present was given the opportunity to address the membership for three minutes, which each candidate did. Mr. Hibbard then offered the membership the chance to speak on behalf of any candidates for a time period of up to three minutes each, with a maximum time of ten minutes. No members spoke.

CLOSE BALLOT BOX

The tellers were instructed by Mr. Hibbard to collect all ballots. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the ballot box at 6:45 p.m., with instructions to the tellers to count absentee ballots after the close of the ballot box.

At this time, the attorney turned the meeting back over to the Chair. The Chair requested that the tellers report the voting results to Ms. Anibas as soon as they are available. The results will be reported tonight at the meeting, on our website, and in the WEC News magazine. The Chair also stated that the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 30, 2022 at the Cooperative headquarters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Boettcher reminded the members of the rules of the meeting, which were published in the March 2022 issue of the WEC News magazine as part of the 2022 Annual Report. The rules of the meeting were also available to members in the meeting room tonight. He asked the members if there was any unfinished business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Boettcher introduced and recognized the Concern for Community Award recipient, Dave Okas. Mr. Okas is a retired firefighter/EMT for the Eau Claire Fire Department. He is now active in his church, a member of the Altoona Fire Department, and active in the Member Advisory Council at Eau Claire Energy Cooperative. Congratulations, Mr. Okas!

Mr. Boettcher turned the floor over to CEO Lynn Thompson to provide an update of the Cooperatives accomplishments and future goals to the membership. Mr. Thompson presented the Cooperative's accomplishments including its rate decrease on January 1 and record growth. He also discussed the Cooperative strategic future including its commitment to safety, building upgrades, and beneficial electrification.

Mr. Boettcher then addressed the membership and asked if there was any new business to come before the membership. Hearing none, he declared the business session closed and turned the floor to Mr. Thompson for the question and answer session of the meeting.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Mr. Thompson then explained that he would first answer signed questions that had been deposited in the question box. He was informed there were no written questions. He answered oral questions regarding the following topics: grid reliability, broadband, and local renewable energy sources. He also encouraged all members to contact him, or any of the management staff, if they have any questions in the future.

CHAIR'S THANK YOU

Mr. Boettcher thanked the members, the Cooperative employees, The Florian Gardens staff, the scholarship winners, the Youth Ambassadors, the Member Advisory Council, and the guests in attendance for making the 85th annual meeting of the Cooperative a success. He announced that the 86th annual meeting of the Cooperative will be held on March 21, 2023 at The Florian Gardens.

ADJOURN

Mr. Boettcher requested a motion to adjourn the 85th Annual Meeting. That motion was made, seconded, and carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

PRIZES AWARDED

Mr. Thompson invited the members to stay for dinner after announcement of the prize winner names. Ten winners received \$100.00 in cash. The cash prize winners are listed as follows: Gerald Oster, Cathy Clausen, Herbert Heath, Carol Sessions, Marjorie Roach, Randy Sands, Alan Westphal, Charles Falch (Falch's Acres), Angela and Troy Rahl, and Mary Davison.

TELLERS' REPORT

Ms. Anibas read the results of the Director election, as reported by the chairperson of the tellers. The following voting results were reported to the membership:

District No. 3 Curtiss Williams was elected with 97 votes

District No. 7 Andrew Bourget was elected with 130

District No. 9 Clarence Boettcher was elected with 155 votes

Each of these directors will serve for three (3) years. The original teller report is affixed to these minutes. A signed copy of the teller report is in the 2022 Annual Meeting File.



Judith Anibas, Secretary