

**MINUTES**

**CHAIRMAN GERALD KRINER** called the meeting to order at 12:59 P.M. Chairman Kriner welcomed the members to the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative.

**DIRECTOR NICHOLAS REITTER** gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHAIRMAN KRINER** then advised that the purpose of the annual meeting is to conduct the director elections, announce the results of the election of directors, present annual reports and transact other business submitted following the proper procedure.

**CHAIRMAN KRINER** introduced the Board of Directors.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER GEISER** presented the Proof of Mailing of the Official Notice, a copy of which is filed with the official minutes.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER GEISER** gave the Secretary/Treasurer's Report. Secretary Geiser reported that Tri-County continues to operate in a sound financial condition.

**CHAIRMAN KRINER** provided the Chairman's Report. Chairman Kriner touched on accomplishments from hiring a new President and CEO, Kevin Brownlee, purchasing the Waverly assets from First Energy, and continuing with the construction of the new headquarters building. Chairman Kriner reported that Tri-Co Connection's hooked up their 1,000<sup>th</sup> customer in Potter County in July. Chairman Kriner and Representative Clint Owlett presented Director Alston Teeter with a citation recognizing him for his 42 years of service with Tri-County REC as a Director on its Board.

**CHAIRMAN KRINER** introduced Kevin Brownlee, President & CEO of Tri-County.

**CEO BROWNLEE** reported that the cooperative is in good financial standing. CEO Brownlee mentioned in 2020, the cooperative donated roughly \$100,000 in funds to non-for-profit businesses from the Escheats program. Brownlee mentioned the cooperative remains affordable and reliable. Tree outages continue to be an issue and the crews will become aggressive on removing the dead ash trees. CEO Brownlee reported on the purchase of Waverly. This will increase the membership and improve economies of scale. Brownlee stated we will be breaking ground on the new headquarters building. CEO Brownlee touched on the fiber-to-the-home. This remains to be a 5-6-year project. Crews are working in the Westfield area and are headed South to Coudersport to build the initial loop for reliability.

**CEO BROWNLEE** introduced Attorney Terra Koernig.

**ATTORNEY TERRA KOERNIG** reviewed the election process and introduced the Election and Credentials Committee. Attorney Koernig asked the Election & Credentials Committee Chairman Thomas Socha to come to the podium.

**E & C COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THOMAS SOCHA** addressed the membership and presented the committee report stating that the election was fairly and impartially conducted.

All 3 candidates ran unopposed and received a majority vote. Therefore, the re-elected directors for three-year terms are District 1, Jerome Sasala; District 4, James Davis; and District 7, Janet Teeter.

**CHAIRMAN KRINER** called for questions/comments from the membership for CEO Brownlee.

- A member asked why his TV goes out.
- Members reported on power outages being more frequent.
- One member reported on ash trees on his property.
- Members asked when they would be receiving fiber.
- A member thanked the linemen for being so quick to respond when her power goes out.
- CEO Brownlee took all the members information and mentioned he will give them a call.

**CHAIRMAN KRINER** adjourned the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Secretary

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Date