

OAKDALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Saturday, April 26, 2025

The 2025 Annual Member Meeting of Oakdale Electric Cooperative was held at Recreation Park, Recreation Building, 1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI, on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Registration of members in-person began at 8 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Mr. Richard Barrett, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

Mr. Barrett led the pledge of allegiance. Director James Van Wychen offered the invocation.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Barrett introduced the Board of Directors: Robin Craker, Gregory Eirschele, Robert Hess, Martin Potter, James Van Wychen, Jonathan Williams. He introduced OEC General Manager & CEO Christopher Tackmann and Attorney John Behling. Attorney Behling will oversee the election of Board members. He recognized special guest: Joe Mesec, director of government relations, Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association.

QUORUM

Mr. Williams, the Secretary, informed Mr. Barrett that 132 members had registered. Chairman Barrett declared a quorum present, in accordance with Oakdale Electric Cooperative Bylaws Section 4, which provide that the number of members to constitute a quorum at a meeting of members shall be fifty. Mr. Barrett then declared the meeting officially in session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, a Consent Agenda was approved and adopted by the members that included the following:

- 1. The proposed 2025 Annual Meeting Program Agenda was approved as mailed to the membership with the Notice of Meeting.**
- 2. The reading of the Notice of Meeting was waived.**
- 3. Reading of the minutes of the April 27, 2024, Oakdale Electric Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting was waived, and the minutes were approved as posted on the cooperative's website.**

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Attorney Behling conducted the election of directors, for a term of three years to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Gregory Eirschele, District No. 3 and Jonathan Williams, District No. 6.

Attorney Behling described the process under the Cooperative's bylaws by which the nomination and election of directors are conducted. He explained to the membership that under the Bylaws, directors are nominated by signature of 10 members from the district they reside in. Each candidate present was given the opportunity to address the membership.

Consistent with the Cooperative Bylaws, the Board of Directors authorized voting for directors at this year's annual meeting to be conducted by mail-in and or by electronic ballots. Ballots to vote for directors were mailed to all Oakdale Electric Cooperative members who were in good standing as of the date of record, which was March 24, 2025. Ballots were required to be received at Survey & Ballot Systems, PO Box 46430, Eden Prairie, MN 55344 no later than April 24, 2025, to be counted.

Electronic ballots to vote for directors were enabled online on March 24, 2025, at 8 a.m. Broadcast emails were sent to Oakdale Electric Cooperative member's email accounts who were in good standing and active on March 24, April 9, and April 23, 2025, with online voting options. Electronic ballots to vote for directors were closed online on April 24, 2025, at 4 p.m.

Members who did not wish to vote by mail-in ballot were provided a ballot, upon registering for the annual meeting, to cast a ballot. The tellers were instructed to collect and count the marked ballots.

District No. 3 candidates were Allen Zirk and Gregory Eirschele. Jonathan Williams was uncontested for District No. 6.

The results of the director's election are as follows:

District No. 3: Gregory Eirschele

District No. 6: Jonathan Williams

Each of these directors will serve for three (3) years. A signed copy of the teller report is included in the 2025 annual meeting file.

OFFICER REPORT

The report from the General Manager & CEO was given.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's Director of Government Relations, Joe Mesec, provided a legislative update.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION

There were several questions from the floor regarding the following topics: solar, ROFR bids, rates, grid system, and hacking.

BALLOTS

Chairman Barrett asked for a motion to destroy the written ballots cast for director elections. **There was a motion, and a second to destroy all ballots. Motion carried.**

MEETING ATTENDANCE PRIZES

The member receiving a \$250 Co-op Cash Card was: Martin Neas, Tomah. The five members receiving \$100 Co-op Cash Card were: Paul Rusch, Nekoosa, Mike Warner, New Lisbon, Jim Hayward, Camp Douglas, Louise Zirk, Kendall, and William Pieper, Tomah. The member receiving the STIHL trimmer was John Artz, Tomah. The three members receiving yard art were: Evans Larson, New Lisbon, Ron Blado, Tomah, and Gale Kramer, Camp Douglas. It was announced that all members attending the meeting would receive a meat and cheese bag and gift certificate from Jimmy Johns as a thank you gift for attending the meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Barrett declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deana Protz, Assistant Secretary

Approved, _____, 2026

Jonathan Williams, Secretary