

**WASHINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**82<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**May 6, 2021**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Membership Meeting was held via video teleconference on Thursday, May 6, 2021, with twenty-seven members, guests, and employees in attendance. The business meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Barry Bernstein.

**CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

President Bernstein presented the Certification of Quorum signed by Ballot Committee Co-chair Joe Kelly. President Bernstein stated 720 ballots were received by mail from the CPA firm, 25 ballots were invalid (spoiled) for a total of 695 members voting in the election which he certified constituted a quorum for the purpose of transacting business at the 82nd Annual Membership Meeting in accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES—2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

President Bernstein called for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting held on May 7, 2020, and to approve the minutes as presented.

*A motion was made by Anne Reed of Marshfield to accept the minutes of the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting. An amendment was made by Monique Hayden of Williamstown to add the following wording to the 2020 Annual Membership meeting minutes:*

*It is noted that the format and content of this annual meeting was significantly altered to protect the health and safety of all and to comply with the public gathering guidelines set forth at the time by the governor due to the public health emergency declared as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This alteration is not intended to represent a permanent change in holding annual meetings in the future.*

*The motion, with the amendment, was duly seconded by Sandal Cate of East Montpelier, and passed unanimously.*

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Bernstein noted that all Officer Reports were printed and can be viewed in the April *Co-op Currents* – 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting notice. Regarding the announcement of General Manager Richards' departure planned for January 2022, he thanked her for her service over the past eight years. He commended her on her efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of WEC staff throughout the pandemic, which assisted in the Co-op supporting the safety of its members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Don Douglas provided a summary of his report, which detailed the Co-op's financial activities for the year 2020. He noted, in particular, that the pandemic positively impacted the Co-op — its revenue for 2020 surpassed that of 2019 by \$1.3 million. Additionally, the 2020 financial audit was successful, and he thanked the Finance Department for their diligence and hard work.

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

Local musicians Patrick Ross (fiddle) and Doug Perkins (guitar) performed bluegrass and traditional folk music for the membership. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment and noted both men's virtuosity on their instruments. Several members expressed thanks, and hoped Mr. Ross and Mr. Perkins could perform again at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

**DOOR PRIZES**

Administrative Assistant Dawn Johnson announced the awarding of door prizes for the first ten registered attendees. The prizes consisted of gift certificates to local restaurants. As fewer than ten members-at-large attended, all received door prizes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Bernstein noted the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Member Meeting recording would be available on the WEC website.

With no further business to conduct,

*President Bernstein adjourned the 82nd Annual Membership Meeting.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Date of Membership Approval: May 5, 2022

Attest:

  
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M. Anne Reed, Secretary