



Egyptian Electric Cooperative

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Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting

Pursuant to notice, the 77th annual membership meeting of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association was held at the American Legion Hall in Steeleville, Illinois, on Thursday evening, July 23, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Randall Campbell. The National Anthem was played, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The invocation was given by Rev. Paul Hicks, pastor of the Murdale Baptist Church of Carbondale.

Mr. Campbell reported that a quorum was present prior to the start of the meeting. There were 388 registered members and 643 total attendees. A list of those members is attached to these minutes.

Secretary/Treasurer Steve Prest then presented the official notice of the meeting, the certificate of mailing, and moved that said notice and certificate be approved. Motion was seconded by Jean Kroening. Motion carried. Mr. Prest moved to dispense with the reading of the 2014 minutes and that they be approved as printed. Motion was seconded by John Steele. Motion carried.

Mr. Stuart Langrehr, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the report of the Nominating Committee meeting, held May 12, 2015, at which time Randall Campbell, Chester, Paul Hicks, Carbondale and Paul Pyatt, Pinckneyville, were officially nominated for the office of director for the ensuing three years.

Attorney William Broom was called upon to conduct the election of

directors. There were no nominations by petition nor were there any nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Cindy Morgenstern, seconded by Susan Wassung, to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Randall Campbell, Paul Hicks and Paul Pyatt, as directors for a three-year term. Motion carried.

Mr. Prest presented the treasurer's report for 2014 and moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Knop. Motion carried.

President Campbell welcomed everyone and reminded them that every registered member would receive a \$20 electric credit on their August bill. He focused his report on the past to the present. He discussed the current board and their function and responsibilities. He also discussed how things have changed and progressed with the equipment from years ago to today. Mr. Campbell then talked about the facilities at Murphysboro and Steeleville and how they also need to progress with time and it is the board's responsibility and duty to look forward for the Cooperative.

Executive Vice President/General Manager Jim Riddle introduced the guests in attendance from the AIEC, SIPC, and visiting Cooperatives as well as past employees and directors. He focused his report on Egyptian's and Southern Illinois Power Cooperative's past, current and future rates and the issues affecting those rates. In 2012 rates were changed. The rates in 2013 and 2014 were lowered through a PCA

credit and the credit will hopefully continue in 2015.

Environmental legislation and regulations continue to cause the largest concern. The price of electricity will be rising with the newest EPA proposed regulations. We are striving for balance as we consider all the factors—energy needs, economical price, and the environment

System improvements continue as does our right-of-way maintenance. We continually work to find ways to reduce costs and improve service to our members. Members were reminded of the various programs the Cooperative currently has in place for their benefit. It was suggested that members read the Illinois Country Living to keep abreast of national, state, and local updates, as well as member topics. They should also visit our website, Facebook page and Twitter.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Campbell called to adjourn the business meeting at 7:50PM and on a motion by Michael Welge, seconded by Lawrence Dietz, motion carried.

Following the business meeting drawings from 28 applicants present for five \$1,000 scholarships was held. Scholarship winners were Audrey Korando, Lisa Luehr, Katie Bunselmeyer, Sally Jo Jackson and Todd Salger. The drawings for the attendance prizes concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Prest, Secretary