

## 2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

### JULY 11, 2024

Pursuant to notice, the 86th annual membership meeting of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association was held at the office of the Cooperative, located at 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Illinois, on Thursday evening, July 11, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Paul Hicks. The National Anthem was performed by EECA employees Carla McNeely, Jennifer Nugent, and Lora Wolters. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the invocation was given by EECA employee, Dylan McClerren.

Mr. Hicks reported that a quorum was present prior to the start of the meeting. There were 422 registered members and 757 total attendees. A list of those members is attached to the minutes.

Secretary-Treasurer Randall Campbell then presented the official notice of the meeting, the certificate of mailing, and moved that said notice and certificate be approved. A motion was made and seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Campbell moved to dispense with the reading of the 2023 minutes and that they be approved as printed. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Stuart Langrehr, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the report of the Nominating Committee meeting, held on May 14, 2024, at which time Paul Pyatt of Pinckneyville, Paul Hicks of Carbondale, and Randall Campbell of Chester were officially nominated for the office of directors for the ensuing three years.

Attorney Elisha Sanders was called upon to conduct the election of directors. There were no nominations filed by petition. A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Paul Pyatt, Paul Hicks, and

Randall Campbell as the 2024 directors for a three-year term. Motion carried.

Mr. Campbell presented the Treasurer's Report for 2023 and moved that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

President Hicks welcomed everyone and reminded them that every registered member would receive a \$20 credit on their August bill. He then introduced the Executive Vice President/General Manager, Shane Hermetz.

Mr. Hermetz started his remarks by welcoming all members to the 86th annual meeting of Members of Egyptian Electric Cooperative. Mr. Hermetz focused his discussion on the five (5) pillars of the Cooperative Strategic planning, which includes Succession Planning, System Reliability, Technology Advancements, Advocacy, and Rate Stability.

He asked members to review the Annual Meeting program, where he referenced the cooperative's reliability was at 99.95%, the cooperative had returned \$752,729 in 2023 and will be returning \$1.58 million in Capital Credits this summer to members who had service in 1993 and 1994.

In closing, Mr. Hermetz discussed rate concerns and stated that with increasing inflationary pressures, we have been able to avoid a rate increase this year as otherwise anticipated. He stated that the Cooperative strives to balance rate stability, reliability & sustainability.

There was no old business and no new business to come forward at the meeting.

President Hicks called to adjourn the business meeting at 6:21 PM, a motion was made and then seconded. Motion carried.

Following the business meeting, the 2024 scholarship winners were

drawn and announced. The winners were as follows: Caden Robinson, Josie Kattenbraker, Jala Bradley, Ellie Searby, Reagan Fager, Sara Hartke, Ryan Finke, Taylor Kurtz, Josie Wettig, and Kylie Martin.

Upon completion of the scholarship announcements, the attendance prize winners were announced. The winners of \$50 were as follows: Robert Sumner, Brad Doerr, Terry McKee, Bryan Cheatham, and Matthews Baptist Church.

The winners of \$100 were as follows: Dennis Ebersohl, Chuck Rickelman, Marsha Murphy, Anthony Fleege, Jason Cotton, Teresa Thompson, and John Dollus.

The non-cash prizes and winners are as follows: Rechargeable Neck fan – Pat Phoenix, Stanley 40 oz tumbler – Rick Schroeder, Outdoor Solar lights – Aaron Hargen, Compact Car Jump Starter – Doug McCalla, Pickleball set – David Gregory, Apple AirPods – Michelle Eisenhauer, JBL Waterproof speaker – Keith Hindman, Espresso machine – Edwin Stearns, Ninja Foodi – Susan Irwin, Tiki Smokeless firepit – Norman Smith, Sonic nugget ice machine – Angie Voss, Dyson vacuum – Robert Pyatt, and a 36-inch Blackstone grill – Carolyn Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kevin Bame*  
Secretary-Treasurer