

2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

JULY 10, 2025

Pursuant to notice, the 87th 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 10, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Kevin Liefer. 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. Liefer reported that a quorum was present prior to the start of the meeting. There were 492 registered members and 814 total attendees. A list of those members is attached to the official minutes.

Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Bame 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. Bame moved to dispense with the reading of the 2024 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 13, 2025, at which time Kevin Liefer of Red Bud, Ken Jarrett of Jacob, and Kevin Bame of Murphysboro were officially nominated for the office of directors for the ensuing three years. A member petition was submitted by Mr. William Sasso of Carbondale; with the petition meeting all terms of the Cooperative bylaws, Mr. Sasso was added to the election ballot.

Attorney Casey Twomey was called upon to conduct the election of directors. Each director candidate was given up to five minutes to introduce themselves and speak to the membership.

At the completion of the introductions by director candidates, Mrs. Twomey gave the membership voting instructions and the election began. Upon the collection of all cast ballots, the Nominating & Credentials Committee, along with the Cooperative attorneys and auditor, were excused to the Cooperative multi-purpose room to count the votes.

Mr. Bame presented the 2024 Treasurer's Report and moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hermetz started his remarks by welcoming all members to the 87th Annual Meeting of Members of Egyptian Electric Cooperative. Mr. Hermetz focused his discussion on rate stability. He discussed the continued pressure on rates caused by inflation on tariffs. He gave examples of costs for items made of steel, copper, and aluminum. In closing, Mr. Hermetz took questions from the members on a variety of topics.

The 2025 scholarship winners were drawn and announced. The winners were as follows: Megan Fleege, Karleigh Ellis, Jessie Pyatt, Madison Hine, David Koester, Anna Booker, Skylar Soto, Brianna Carnes, Haleigh Tarrant, and John Voss.



Upon completion of the scholarship announcements, the attendance prize winners were announced.

The winners of \$100 were as follows: Sarah Koester, Emily Kaufmann, Julie Cason, Kelly Vaughn, Jack Raino, Mary Huseman, Sylvia Drake, Mike Ellis, Neil Heins, and Patty Gott.

The non-cash prize winners were as follows: Rechargeable Neck Fan – Laurel Toussaint, Owala Water Bottle – Roger Morgenstern, Emergency Weather Radio/Charger/Flashlight – Brian Greer, Stanley Iceflow Water Bottle – Elizabeth Phipps, Pickleball Set – Dennis Garver, JBL Flip Portable Speaker – Tara Mason, Portable Outdoor Popup Weather Pod – Barry & Deb Newman, Outdoor Hammock – Troy & Andrea Deming, Nespresso Vertuo Coffee Maker – Kendall Doty, Bissell Little Green Carpet Cleaner – Praveen Sunny, Nugget Tabletop Ice Maker – William Korando, Cozy Earth Sheet Set – Jason Huseman, Solo Stove – Charles McCann, Blackstone Grill – Nicholas Sabella, and Dyson Handheld Vacuum – Kristin Glenn.

Upon conclusion of the prizes, Attorney Twomey announced the winners of the director election. The winners were Mr. Liefer of Red Bud, Mr. Jarrett of Jacob, and Mr. Bame of Murphysboro.

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

Mr. Liefer called to adjourn the business meeting at 7:28 p.m., a motion was made and then seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Bame
Secretary-Treasurer