



2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

Saturday, June 18, starting at 10:00AM

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA:

- Welcome to your 84th Annual Meeting of Members
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – John Martin, District 9 Trustee
- Call to order 2022 Annual Meeting of Members – President Dan Schloemer, District 1 Trustee
 - Special Prize Drawing for \$100 Bill Credit (winner must be present to win)
 - Firelands Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees Video
- Proof of Due Publication – Vice President Bruce Leimbach, District 4 Trustee
Notice of meeting and proof of mailing
- Approval of Meeting Minutes (located on back of agenda) – Dan Schloemer
- Message from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives – President/CEO Pat O'Loughlin
- Message from your Board of Trustees – Dan Schloemer
- Message from Management – General Manager Dan McNaull
 - ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action Video
- Report from Election Committee – Attorney Heather Niedermeier Heyman
2022 co-op elections process and election results
 - Message from elected District 8 candidate
- Cooperative Employee Recognition – Dan Schloemer
- Old & New Business – Dan Schloemer
- Adjournment – Dan Schloemer
- Bonus Prize Drawings – Dan Schloemer
(winners need not be present to win final drawings)

*Thank you for participating in the
84th annual meeting of members!*



Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2021**

The 83rd Annual Meeting of Members of Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting. The meeting was a video broadcast, with members participating by streaming video or by calling a toll free phone number for an audio only option. In addition, members could watch the meeting on the Cooperative's YouTube page, and also on its website and Facebook page.

Andrea Gravenhorst welcomed the members to the meeting and introduced the trustees of the Cooperative. Kevin Reidy, Trustee from District 6, gave the invocation for the meeting. Tom Lucha, Trustee from District 3, gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Schloemer, President of the Cooperative, served as chairman of the meeting. The President introduced Secretary Carl Ayers. The Secretary reported that by virtue of the ballots cast by mail and electronically and the members present virtually, a quorum was present pursuant to the Cooperative's Code of Regulations.

The Secretary reported that the members had been notified of the Annual Meeting in accordance with the Cooperative's Code of Regulations. He reported that the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, held June 20, 2020, had been made available to the membership on the Cooperative's website. The Secretary reported that the Cooperative had received no additions or corrections to the minutes, and therefore, the minutes stood approved as presented.

Attorney David Harwood announced the results of the Cooperative's second election conducted by mail and electronic ballot. He explained that the 2021 trustee election was the second election conducted in this manner. Once again in 2021, the Board retained Coop Ballot of Dublin, Ohio to conduct the election. Ballots were mailed to the membership with instructions on how to cast the ballots and where and when to return them. The attorney advised that 592 valid votes were cast, 536 by mail and 56 electronically. This represented a participation rate of 7.47% of the membership in the voting process. The attorney reported that Gene Lamoreaux had been re-elected from District 2, Rob Turk from District 7, and John Martin from District 9.

President Schloemer recognized that the Cooperative has been providing power to its consumers for 85 years. He advised the membership that it was unfortunate that the Annual Meeting had to be scheduled once again this year as a virtual meeting due to the COVID pandemic.

The President reported that the Cooperative had invested over \$2.7 million in the electric distribution system in the last year. He highlighted the Annual Report of the Cooperative and urged the members to review the report and follow up with any questions they might have. Dan highlighted the assistance to members given by Operation Roundup. He said that "neighbors helping neighbors" through their rounding up donations had provided much needed assistance to many members of the Cooperative. Dan also thanked the Operation Roundup Board members for their dedication and service to the Cooperative membership. Dan then reviewed with the membership the status of broadband development, and advised the members that the Cooperative would keep them updated as broadband continued to be investigated.

Dan then introduced Pat O'Laughlin, the President of Ohio Electric Cooperatives, who addressed the membership in a video presentation. Pat discussed various matters addressed by OEC during the last year, and highlighted the various issues Ohio Cooperatives were facing in the generation of electric power for their members.

Dan Schloemer then introduced Manager Dan McNaul. Manager McNaul reviewed with the membership the accelerated tree trimming process, and various work plan projects which are to be completed over the next four years. He advised the membership that due to sound financial planning and management, there would be no rate increase needed for the next two years. Dan discussed the various political pressures and issues with coal generation as a source of power, and advised the membership of potential difficulties that could be faced by all Ohio electric cooperatives in the future. He informed the membership that Buckeye Power would be considering the construction of more solar generation, but that additional solar generation would be insufficient to replace coal generation. Dan also encouraged the membership to participate in ACRE, and announced that the ACRE breakfast was currently planned for September 17th. He introduced a video discussing the ACRE program and describing how members could become involved. Dan introduced the employees of the Cooperative, and thanked them for their hard work and dedication over the last year.

Dan Schloemer then asked the membership to submit any questions they might have via the various platform instructions they had been given, and advised the membership that answers would be addressed to them individually. There being no further business to come before the membership, the President declared the meeting adjourned.