

PARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2016

The 77th Annual Meeting of the Park Electric Cooperative Inc., was held Friday, October 28, 2016 at the Exhibit Building of the Park County Fairgrounds. The meeting began at 12:00 P.M. with the welcome by Mike Warren, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by 4H members Sidni Payne and Kayla Johnson. Anne Anderson led the singing of "Montana." Perry Anderson gave the invocation following which a roast beef dinner was served.

Homemade Kitchen prepared the food and the Park High Business Professionals served.

President Bert Otis called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and appointed Joe Swindlehurst of Huppert, Swindlehurst, and Woodruff, Attorneys at Law, as Parliamentarian.

Secretary Alan Johnstone reported that the Annual Meeting notices were mailed to each member of the Cooperative on the 7th day of October, 2016. He also reported that as of 12:55 P.M. there were 227 members in attendance, thus constituting a quorum.

Dave Molebash moved to accept the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Morris and carried.

President Otis introduced Terry Averett of Brenner, Averett & Co., P.C. who presented the annual audit for the period ending July 31, 2016. The audit gave the Coop an "Unqualified Opinion," which is the highest rating available. He also emphasized the strong financial position of the Cooperative as well as the high standards maintained by Manager Stephens and the Office Staff and Office/Member Services Manager Cody.

Trustees Melanie Roe and Craig Yost drew for door prizes at different times during the meeting.

Perry Anderson and Toni Cody drew for the winners of the ten \$1,000 scholarships. The winners were: Rylee Hoyem, Cody Hathaway, Quentin Lucas, Michaela Bigham, Zoe Randell, Shae Sager, Maria Guzman, Jubilee Blair, Smith Sopp and Noelani Boise.

President Otis introduced Dave Molebash, spokesman for the nomination committee. Nominated to represent their districts: District #2: Mackey (Mike) Warren; District #7: C. Perry Anderson and Ole Oiestad.

Members of the Nominating Committee met August 24, 2016. The members this year are: District #1: Everett Bailey – District #2: Emily Strong Fabich, District #3: Joe Sarrazin, District #4: Chris Rodi, District #5: Dave Molebash, District #6: Russell Ewan, District #7: Larry Plaggemeyer .

Brad Hanson appointed the balloting committee: Ann Barnaby, Sam Frye, John Vandervoort, Betty Weller, Pete Reed, Terry Taylor, Chuck Hillman, Tom Vincent, Marge Briggs and Patty Hoyem.

President Otis gave the President's Report. He thanked all Park Electric Employees and former Board members for their hard work in making the Cooperative as successful as it is. He noted the sad loss of Robert Olmstead and Virginia O'Hair in the past year. He also explained the role of the Board in representing all the members of Park Electric.

Lois Olmstead was the guest speaker. She gave an exceptionally uplifting and well received talk based on her own experiences.

General Manager Stephens gave his report highlighting a very successful year for Park Electric. He also explained the complexities of distributed generation and reviewed Park Electric's efforts to accommodate alternate sources on our system. He pointed out that we have installed a new 4kW solar array at our Office.

Manager Stephens also talked of our renewed relationship with Touchstone Energy which should have benefits to all members. Our KRTA ratios are extremely good. These are standardized ratios that are used to compare Park Electric's performance to all other Cooperatives statewide and nationwide. We are working on a new Livingston substation site with Northwest Energy to update a very old site. Finally, Manager Stephens introduced all the employees of Park Electric

Manager Stephens and President Otis answered questions from the members.

Trustee Hanson announced that Trustees Warren and Anderson were re-elected to another 3 year term each.

Fatima Lucas moved to destroy the ballots after 24 hours. The motion was seconded by and approved.

During the meeting numerous door prizes were awarded by drawing. In addition, Judy Ryan of Wilsall won the \$500 grand prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M

Alan Johnstone, Secretary/Treasurer

Bert Otis, President