

PARK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 2017

The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Park Electric Cooperative Inc., was held Friday, October 27, 2017 at the Exhibit Building of the Park County Fairgrounds. The meeting began at 12:00 P.M. with the welcome by Alan Johnstone, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by 4H member Abigail Nelson. Ron Arthun led the singing of "Montana." Duane Huie gave the invocation following which a roast beef dinner was served.

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

President Mike Warren 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 Brad Hanson reported that the Annual Meeting notices were mailed to each member of the Cooperative on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017. He also reported that as of 12:55 P.M. there were 223 members in attendance, thus constituting a quorum.

Anne Anderson moved to accept the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Molebash and carried.

Trustee Craig Yost introduced Terry Averett of Brenner, Averett & Co., P.C. who presented the annual audit for the period ending July 31, 2017. 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 Bert Otis and Craig Yost drew for door prizes at different times during the meeting.

Trustee Melanie Roe drew for the winners of the ten \$1,000 scholarships. The winners were: Daniel Rivera, Elizabeth Swoboda, Brock Peterson, Clayton Busby, Quentin Lucas, Cara Cunningham, Tim Donahue, Maggie Burkhardt, Shayne Utter and Dale Gilbert.

Dave Molebash, spokesman for the nomination committee, presented the members nominated to represent their districts as Trustees: District #1-Alan Johnstone; District #5 - Bert Otis; District #6 - Melanie Roe.

Members of the Nominating Committee met August 28, 2017. The members this year are: District #1- Kelly Woosley; 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.

Perry Anderson appointed the balloting committee: Robert Quinton, Jay Bailey, Bill Harris and John Frelich.

President Warren gave the President's Report.

Gwen Peterson was the guest speaker. She gave an entertainingly, humorous speech on much of what might be considered "Montana Life." Cowboy poetry at its finest.

General Manager Stephens gave his report highlighting a very successful year for Park Electric.

Manager Stephens and President Warren answered questions from the members.

Trustee Anderson announced that Trustees Roe, Johnstone and Otis were re-elected to another 3 year term each. Additionally, the Nomination Committee was approved by the membership.

Pat Morrison moved to destroy the ballots after 48 hours. The motion was seconded by and approved.

During the meeting numerous door prizes were awarded by drawing. In addition, Suzy Barnett of Livingston won the \$500 grand prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 P.M

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Brad Hanson, Secretary-Treasurer

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Mike Warren, President