Firelands Electric COOPERATIVE

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
Saturday, June 19, starting at 9:00AM

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, and to ensure the health and safety of our members, employees, and the community, Firelands Electric Cooperative's traditional in-person event is in a virtual format.
Tune in to the meeting by either phone or video option

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Members may participate by submitting questions on or before the June 19 meeting by calling 567-351-6400 and leaving their questions in the cooperative's VIP voice mailbox. Questions will be reviewed by your board of trustees and addressed individually following adjournment of the business meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA:

- Board of Trustee Introductions
- Invocation – Kevin Reidy, District 6 Trustee
- Pledge of Allegiance – Tom Lucha, District 3 Trustee
- Call to order 2021 Annual Meeting of Members – President Dan Schloemer, District 1 Trustee
- Secretary Report – Secretary/Treasurer Carl Ayers, District 5 Trustee Meeting notice, proof of mailing, approval of 2020 meeting minutes
- Co-op Elections Process and Election Results – Attorney David Harwood
- Message from your Board of Trustees – Dan Schloemer
- Message from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives - President/CEO Pat O'Loughlin
- Message from Management - General Manager Dan McNaull
- Cooperative Employee Introductions
- Old & New Business – Dan Schloemer
- Adjournment – Dan Schloemer

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Thank you for participating in the 83rd annual meeting of members!

Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc.
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 20, 2020

The 82nd Annual meeting of Members of Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting. Members participated in the meeting by streaming video, or by calling in to a toll-free phone number for an audio only option. In addition, the meeting was broadcast on the Cooperative's YouTube page for members who weren't able to tune in at the scheduled meeting time.

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

President Schloemer advised the members that the Secretary had reported that by virtue of ballots cast by the membership in the mail and electronic election, the members were present in person, and the members present virtually for the meeting, a quorum was present, pursuant to the Cooperative's Code of Regulations.

Secretary Ayers 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, which had been held June 22, 2019, had been made available to the membership on the Cooperative's website. The Secretary called for approval of the minutes. Thereafter, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes was waived and the minutes were approved as presented.

Attorney David Harwood announced the results of the Cooperative's first election held by mail and electronic ballot. He explained that at last year's Annual Meeting, the members approved amendments to the Code of Regulations which permitted elections to be conducted by mail and electronically. Pursuant to the Code revisions, the Board had 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 the membership that 671 votes had been cast, 616 by mail and 55 electronically. This represented an increase in the number of members voting in trustee elections from 3.4% in 2019 to 8.6% in 2020. The attorney reported that Dan Schloemer had been re-elected in District 1, Tom Lucha elected from District 3, and Kevin Reidy re-elected from District 6.

President Schloemer reviewed with the membership the new manner of voting this year and the improved member participation in the election. He then thanked retiring Trustee Steve Gray for his service to the Board and welcomed new Board member, Tom Lucha, from District 3. Dan reviewed various financial issues of the Cooperative including capital credit refunds and the details of a rate increase being implemented this year. He also advised the membership that the Cooperative was studying the possibility of offering broadband service to the membership, and was in the process of doing its due diligence in regard to the business venture. He advised the Board that the Cooperative was continuing to invest in its distribution system and was in a good spot financially.

President Schloemer then introduced a video from Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, the Statewide association for rural electric cooperatives, and from Buckeye Power, the Cooperative's generating facility. The video discussed the power costs faced by Buckeye Power, and encouraged the membership to vote in this year's elections. The video also discussed return of capital credits by cooperatives around the state, and reviewed the Project Ohio participation by Ohio cooperatives, which once again this year had built an electric service system to a previously unelectrified Guatemala village.

Dan McNaull, General Manager of the Cooperative, thanked the employees for their efforts in making the morning's virtual meeting possible. He then thanked the employees for their work throughout the year, and acknowledged their dedication and service to the members. Dan reviewed the impact of the coronavirus epidemic on the Cooperative, and reported to the membership that the Cooperative continued to monitor the emergency. Dan reviewed various improvements made to the physical plant of the Cooperative, and discussed the tree trimming maintenance program of the Cooperative. He also discussed improvements to protect the Cooperative's IT system, and discussed contributions being made to the community by the Cooperative's People Fund. Dan recognized the members of the People Fund Board and thanked them for their time and contributions made to the community. Dan encouraged participation by the membership in the ACRE Program, and introduced a video to the membership discussing the importance in participating in Coop Owners for Political Action. Dan then introduced the employees of the Cooperative, and discussed the damage caused by a recent windstorm and the dedication and hard work of the employees in restoring service after the windstorm.

President Schloemer then called for any old business that might come before the meeting. There being no old business, the President asked for new business. There being no new business presented by the membership, and without any further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.