

**WEST WETASKIWIN REA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

The Annual General Meeting for the West Wetaskiwin REA was held at the Lakedell Ag Society at 7:00 p.m. The Annual General Meeting was attended by approximately 40 voting and non-voting attendees.

The Chairman welcomed the attendees.

President Dean Knull called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions: BRPC representatives Bill Klassen General Manager; Curtis Bauman Operations Manager ; Mitch Stevenson Vegetation Manager; Kevin Szelewicki System Planning & Engineering Manager; Dan Astner, BRPC Chairman; Marilyn Backman Morton, Strategem Plus Consulting; MNP representatives and our auditors Michelle Miller, CPA, CA (Partner, Assurance Services) and Tahner Bowers, CPA (Senior Manager, Assurance Services).

The president called the Annual General Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dean requested a motion that the members present constitute a quorum, Ron Holmlund made the motion, Bill Moure seconded, quorum was declared by unanimous approval.

Dean introduced the members of the Board and Jean-Anne.

Mark Minchau made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held April 28, 2021, Dave Watt seconded, carried. The motion was passed.

**Old Business:**

Dean presented his President's Report while Marilyn operated a power point presentation. The report highlighted the Board's key focuses over the past year as well as challenges faced by the REA. He reported under operations the change of Distribution System Operator, new meters, a new services/changes to services process, changes to electricity retailers, electricity price increases, and an increase in third party damages. He also discussed the negative impact of wheeling charges that are a part of the renegotiation of the 2005 Wire Owner Agreement. He recognized 2021 scholarship winners Emma Ewart and Aliah Meyer. After asking for questions Dean respectfully submitted his report.

Tahner Bowers from MNP presented the Financial Statement; there were no questions from the members. Mark Minchau made a motion to accept the financials and leave the choice of the auditor for next year to the Board's discretion, Lorne Anderson seconded, carried. The motion was passed.

## **New Business:**

Bill Klassen presented an overview of Battle River Power Coop's operations and reviewed how they are well positioned to provide service to WWREA. Questions from the floor were answered by all.

Jean-Anne Sjolín, Office Manager, presented the Operating budget for 2022 with explanations.

Pursuant to the presentation of the 2022 Operations Budget and the identification of the impending legal costs the Board called for a motion to approve an increase in the association dues from \$8.00 to \$15.00/ month. The increase will cover higher operational costs, including legal fees for the Wire Owner Agreement negotiation. Any excess would be assigned to pole replacements and recorded accordingly. Dave Watt made a motion to increase the association dues, Neil Stone seconded, carried. The motion was passed.

There was a question from the floor regarding whether WWREA should become a member of the Alberta Federation of REA's. The Board will take the suggestion into consideration and report back on its findings as well as provide additional updates on wheeling charges.

Dave Watt made a motion that in 2022, should there be a banquet preceding the AGM that it should be held at the Lone Ridge Hall and the ticket price remain at \$20/ticket, Bill Moure seconded, carried. The motion was passed.

Marilyn Backman-Morton took over as elections facilitator and reviewed the responsibilities of a director.

Terms of office for Ken Adair and Neil Stone have expired. Two members declared interest for the two vacant positions and were elected by acclamation for three year terms – they are Neil Stone and Kevin Cummings. Dean Knull thanked retiring Director Ken Adair for his service.

Leonard MacFarlane made a motion to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.