

**ADAMS-COLUMBIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 2020**

The 33rd Annual Meeting of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative was held at the Friendship Office on Thursday, May 21, 2020. The meeting was held via Facebook Live Streaming due to the COV-19, Safer at Home restrictions. Board Chair Cheri Gibeaut called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Those in attendance were Chair Cheri Gibeaut, Secretary Karen Fahey, General Manager Jay Porter, Executive Assistant Linda Mohns who served as recording secretary, IT Director Angela Phelps, Member Services Manager Mindy Kerska and Marketing Coordinator Haley Melby.

The National Anthem was played via a recording and Gibeaut recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Karen Fahey gave the Invocation. A video on eye safety was played for the safety message.

Attorney Niles Berman of Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson, who represents Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative in a legal capacity, joined via conference call, noted there were more than 50 signed absentee ballots returned in each of the three director elections. By Wisconsin state law those ballots counted toward the quorum for the election of directors so there was a quorum to complete all three of those elections. He noted no other formal action would be taken at the meeting.

Board Secretary Fahey read the Affidavit of Notice of Annual Meeting and Proof of Mailing.

Chair Gibeaut recognized the current board members and candidates listening in on the live streaming. The candidates are District 5: Gary Skolarz; District 7: James Kelly; and At-Large Position: Karen Fahey, incumbent, and Aaron Bonnett, challenger.

She also acknowledged and thanked the GM and employees for their service everyday to the members, especially during this COV-19 pandemic to provide the members not only reliable electricity but superb customer service. Gibeaut noted the five retired board members who have served the cooperative: Marjorie Colby, Patrick Connolly, Larry Becker, Kendal Nichols and Scott Link. Current and former employees, former directors, Operation Round-Up board members, the Advisory Committee members and the Rules Committee members were recognized.

“The members can be assured their cooperative is in good hands.” stated Gibeaut.

Gibeaut noted that due to the meeting format, the minutes of last year’s meeting and the proposed bylaw changes could not be approved until the 2021 annual meeting.

The meeting was turned over to Attorney Berman to handle the director election process. Attorney Berman thanked the two tellers: Bill Taylor and Liz Hendricksen. The total votes were 80 absentee ballots and 463 online votes through Survey & Ballot Systems’ evote. Attorney Berman announced the election results: Skolarz was elected to District 5 with 66 votes, Kelly was elected to District 7 with 65 votes, and Bonnett was elected to the At-Large Position with 289 votes. Fahey received 254 votes. The elected directors’ terms expire at the annual meeting in 2023.

Jay Porter, GM thanked retiring board members: Scott Link and Kendal Nichols for their many years of service to the board. Porter extended a sincere thank you to Fahey for her service and congratulated the

new board members.

Gibeaut noted there was no Unfinished Business from last year's meeting and no new business. She noted that usually there is a question and answer period at the annual meeting, but assured members to contact Porter or any board member with questions, concerns or comments. Gibeaut acknowledged the veterans with the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. She thanked the membership for listening to their cooperative's annual meeting during these unprecedented times, noting the cooperative works for the membership and to stay safe and healthy.

Motion by Fahey and seconded by Porter to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.

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ACEC Board Secretary

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Date approved by membership