Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of Northfork Electric Cooperative, Inc. Sayre, Oklahoma

Held on the 18th day of August 2018, at the Sayre City Park Sayre, Oklahoma

The 79th Annual Meeting of the members of the Northfork Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held at the Sayre City Park on Saturday, August 18, 2018.

Registration of members began at 9:00 a.m. Each cooperative member received a stainless knife and a Northfork cap.

Children through twelve (12) years of age received free one (1) dollar coin, when registered at the Annual Meeting. Children under five (5) years old were put into a drawing for a girls and boys toddler bike. (Parents must be members of NFEC.) The winners of the toddler bikes were boys: Joseph Johnson & girls: Nadilynn Gordon. Children age's six (6) to twelve (12) were put in a drawing for a girls and boys bicycle. The winners of the bicycles were boys: Obed Carrasco & girls: Olivia Hatfield. Informational booths set up were NFEC's Smart Hub Booth, Western Farmers Electric, LifeSpring Home Health, and Air Evac. Others included Sayre Senior Citizens, Gene's Custom Tags, Mireya Cotts Lip Sense, Baptist Village, and Kimberley Carter Premier Jewelry,

A drawing for the grand prize, a Hustler Raptor 52 inch, Zero Turn Mower from NFEC and purchased from Lindley Farm Equipment in Cordell, a \$1,000 Cash prize from R& R Powerline Construction, a 42-inch LED TV from Techline, and two \$100 cash prizes, was conducted and the names were held to be announced at the end of the drawing. The winners of the grand prizes were:

Hustler Raptor 52-inch, Zero-Turn Mower – Mike Carnahan-Sayre \$1,000 Cash – Justin Harrell - Sayre LG 42-inch LED TV – Joy Burns - Sayre \$100 Cash – Russell Sides - Sayre \$100 Cash – Jamie Farrell/Nelda Wright – Elk City

The Sons of the Sage provided entertainment during registration.

President Jimmy Taylor announced a quorum of the members were present (9:40 a.m.), having registered in sufficient number to call the Annual Meeting to order and to begin the transaction of business of the cooperative, pursuant to the notice given for the meeting.

Mr. Charles Hickey gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mr. Copeland welcomed NFEC members to the 2018 Annual Meeting. He spoke to the members regarding their ownership of the cooperative.

Mrs. Lisa Dailey, introduced Northfork's 2018 Youth Tour Winner Zachery Wright. Ashley Tracy was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Dailey expressed appreciation for the opportunities this program provides for our youth and explained how the program works. She stated that the Youth Tour program is an investment in our area youth and provides opportunity for our young people to interact and learn about the political process.

Each year on the Rural Electric Youth Tour, cooperative delegates are given the opportunity to be selected for the prestigious NRECA Youth Leadership Council. One student from each state is selected to represent their state during the coming year.

Zachery Wright gave a brief account of his favorite memories on the trip and thanked the cooperative members for making the trip possible. He expressed appreciation to NFEC for allowing him the opportunity to experience the history and culture in Washington, D.C. He stated that he is grateful for the knowledge of the Rural Electric Program.

Lisa Dailey read a thank you from Ashley Tracy. She thanked NFEC for the amazing opportunity and for allowing "a little country girl" to experience a renewed pride of "country".

Mr. Copeland thanked Zachery Wright and Ashley Tracy for representing Northfork so well.

Mr. Copeland expressed thanks to Guy Hylton and the City of Sayre for preparing the park for the meeting. He also thanked Dyers BBQ for the great meal they provide.

Mr. Copeland also expressed appreciation to Beckham County & Roger Mills Commissioners along with their employees for their willingness to always help out in storms.

Mr. Copeland thanked the Martin-Dugger Funeral Home for the use of their tents.

Mr. Copeland thanked Danny Crabb and the Sayre School for always being on call for the use of their facilities when the Annual Meetings have been moved because of rain.

Volunteer Fire Fighters were given a thank you and asked to stand. Mr. Copeland stated that our communities are very fortunate to have people willing to volunteer their time to fight fires in the rural areas.

Representative Todd Russ – District 55, OK, Senator Darcy Jech – District #26, Joy Hofmeister – State School Superintendent, and Congressman Frank Lucas were recognized.

Mr. Copeland reviewed the names of the Nominating Committee and the Credentials Committee. He then introduced special guests, NFEC retirees, Retired Trustees, spouses and Sherry Davis. He then recognized the NFEC employees.

Mr. Taylor introduced the Board of Trustees and their wives.

Mr. Taylor entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the Notice of Meeting. Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried to dispense with the reading of the Annual Meeting Notice.

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Mr. Taylor called upon the members for consideration of the minutes of the August 12, 2017 Annual Meeting. Motion made, seconded and unanimously carried approving the minutes as prepared and drafted.

Mr. Brendon Atkinson reviewed the methods by which trustees are nominated and elected to their position. Northfork's board of seven (7) Trustees are elected for a three (3) year term. The Nominating Committee's report was presented showing Place number six (6) Chris Mackey, and Place number seven (7) Charles Hickey were nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Atkinson explained that the duly appointed Nominating Committee which consisted of Greg Bachman, Johnny Brown, Jerry D. Sanders, Jimmy Wayne Smith, Larry McConnell, and Don Head met on April 23, 2018 for the Nominating Committee meeting. Mr. Atkinson stated Northfork's Bylaws require the Board of Trustees, at least ten (10) days before any meeting of the members to appoint a Credential and Election Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) Northfork members. Mr. Atkinson stated that, Leon Willsie, Robert Weeks, Brad Maddoux, Monte Tucker, Sandra Hunter, Brandon Hughes, and Monte Carlson were appointed to the Credentials Committee. Mr. Atkinson stated that the nominees will be elected for a three (3) year term. Motion was made to elect the two nominees, seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Copeland introduced Mr. Gary Roulet, CEO of Western Farmers. Mr. Roulet stated that Western Farmers generation now comes from wind, solar, hydro along with coal and natural gas and this is what makes the lights come on. He stated that Western Farmers is proud to work with Northfork Electric on training as well as other things to make outage times less. He stated that WFEC's interest is in helping Northfork to provide cost effective power to their members.

Mr. Taylor introduced Chris Meyers, CEO from the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Mr. Meyers reported on the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. He stated that the Statewide office provides information to Oklahoma cooperatives on the federal level and the state level. Mr. Meyers talked about the federal hydro-power. He talked about how the infrastructure for Rural America was built in the 1940's and how dams provided coops with power. Since that time, the government does not want to use hydro. Mr. Meyers stated that the cooperatives work with Congressman Lucas to maintain hydro-power and he appreciates the opportunity to educate cooperative members on this process.

A \$50 cash prize was given to the oldest member present. The oldest member prize was given to Willie "Granny" Hill, age 99. She will turn 100 in September 2018.

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A prize drawing was held for forty-nine (49) more prizes

Mr. Copeland announced that a meal was provided by Northfork Electric Cooperative to all members and guests. Dyer's Barbeque from Pampa, Texas catered the meal consisting of Chipped Beef and Sausage, Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Bread, Apricot Sauce and Iced Tea.

President Jimmy Taylor declared Northfork's 2018 Annual Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Jimmy Taylor, Presiden

Ransom Snowden, Secretary