

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting of Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc.

The 2023 annual meeting of the members of Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. was held at Elgin Local Schools (in the cafetorium) at 7:00 PM on the 11th day of April 2023. The meeting was also filmed and archived as a video for public viewing.

The official notice of the time and place for the meeting was included in the April local pages of Ohio Cooperative Living magazine. A copy of the magazine was mailed to each member in accordance with the co-op's Code of Regulations.

All members in attendance received a \$10 'meeting attendance' energy credit, a reusable insulated bag containing meeting documents and giveaways including: rain guage, pen, and LED bulb. Upon registering, all members in attendance were also entered into a drawing for annual meeting door prizes. Members who viewed the meeting online were also able to submit a webform to receive the \$10 meeting attendance energy credit.

John Thiel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the cooperative, called the meeting to order and Tony Hastings, secretary was responsible for the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Thiel welcomed those in attendance and noted the meeting recording would be recorded and archived on the co-op's website and social media platforms for future viewing.

Special acknowledgement was given to the cooperative's linemen for National Lineworker Appreciation Day for their dedication and safety in their field of work.

A meeting invocation was provided by Pastor Jeremy Geissinger of Otterbein Church. The invocation was followed by the signing of the National Anthem.

A short video tribute was shown to recognize former employee Leo Stover, who passed away in 2022.

John Metcalf, President & CEO of the Cooperative, then presented the proof of mailing of the annual meeting notices, which was included in the local pages of the April 2023 issue of Ohio Cooperative Living Magazine.

Chairman Thiel then presented the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting, noting copies were included in each member's registration packets. Chairman Thiel asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, on voice vote, the motion carried. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, the chairman declared the 2022 annual meeting minutes approved as printed.

A brief video was shown to introduce the cooperative's current Board of Trustees. Following the video, a tribute to former trustee Dan Harris was played for the audience, with a commemorative plaque being presented to Mr. Harris following the video.

Nominating Committee Representative, Joan Shelton, introduced the nominating committee. The Nominating Committee consisted of Craig Eibling; Daniel Barton; Scott Demmitt; Neal Bair; Derek Snider; Joan Shelton, Mark Lowery; John Wagner; Arden Ruth; and Attorney Tom Seeley. Trustee candidates were announced as presented for the 2023 cooperative election:

For a Three (3) Year Term

District #7
Gene McCluer
Ben Bowsher

District #8
John Thiel

District #9
Robert Imbody

Attorney Tom Seeley of Schwemer, Markley, McKinley & Seeley Law Office came forward to announce the results of the election and administer the Oath of Office. Mr. Seeley outlined the election process, noting that the nominating committee was carried out in accordance with cooperative by-laws, with no qualified candidates volunteering to be submitted for election in District 8 nor District 9. Therefore, the committee moved to proceed with only the qualifying incumbent candidates for Districts 8 and 9.

Voting was conducted via mail and online balloting. E Space Systems from Dublin, Ohio was contracted to receive and count the ballots in this election. The person in each district receiving the most votes would serve a 3-year term. Attorney Tom Seeley validated the election and provided the results. 863 ballots were cast (totaling 12 percent of eligible voting members). Trustees elected to serve the three-year term for their respective district were: District #7 Gene McCluer, District #8 John Thiel, and District #9 Robert Imbody.

John Metcalf recognized the members who participate in the co-op's political action committee, recently rebranded to the name America's Electric Cooperative PAC. The program supports political candidates who will speak for and protect the interests of the electric co-ops.

Kevin Zemanek, Asst. Vice President of Engineering & Operations for Ohio's Electric Cooperatives provided an update of Ohio's electric cooperatives at the statewide level regarding generation/transmission of power, safety, training, and legislative issues.

President and CEO, John Metcalf presented the Manager's Report to the members. In his report, he discussed current issues the cooperative's board and staff are currently facing and provided an update on issues discussed at last year's annual meeting. Metcalf thanked both employees and members for their trust and hard work. Metcalf updated members on the status of several topics including pole attachments, supply chain challenges, and emerging electric technologies.

Chairman Thiel asked for unfinished business and new business. Seeing that there was no unfinished or new business, the business meeting was closed.

A video update was shown for the Mid-Ohio Energy Community Fund. The video was narrated by Jennifer Imbody, Chair of the fund. The video introduced the current board and provided an update on the Fund's 2022 activities stating \$42,012.89 had been awarded to 33 grants which consisted of community organizations and individuals. Imbody also

stated that 93 percent of the cooperative's members participate in the program and thanked everyone who did participate. Over \$717,000 has been awarded to 608 grants since the beginning of the program. Outgoing Community Fund board members Curtis Byers, Amy Gregory, and Jolene Waitman were recognized for their service after reaching the term-limits for their position on the Community Fund board. The outgoing members were given a mug and a \$100 donation was made in their name to the local non-profit organization of their choice.

Brian Barger, Director of Communications and Marketing, introduced the scholarship winners. Recipients of the scholarships were the following:

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| 1st PLACE | \$ 2,000 | Carter Hale of Kenton HS |
| 2nd PLACE | \$ 1,800 | Emma Dilley of Upper Sandusky HS |
| 3rd PLACE | \$ 1,600 | Lane Kanagy of River Valley HS |
| 4th PLACE | \$1,400 | Jonah Bowdle of Pleasant HS |
| 5th PLACE | \$1,200 | Riley Hunt of Kenton HS |
| HONORABLE MENTION (2) | \$1,000 | Alexis Crone of Cardington-Lincoln HS Allison Harpel of Kenton HS |

Kenzie Cunningham of Upper Sandusky Schools was the recipient of \$1,000 Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship. Mr. Barger announced that this year's Youth Tour recipient Jevin Henderson of Ridgemont.

Following the announcement of the scholarship winners, winners of the door prizes were announced.

Jeremy Geissingner was the winner of a Milwaukee battery-powered tool package; Roger Stober was drawn for the Yeti cooler and countertop ice maker, and Russell Dennis won the electric smoker.

\$100 VISA card winners were: Rachel Trihaft, Jack Sager, Devere Sams, John Wagner, Sue Ann Chafin, David Trihaft

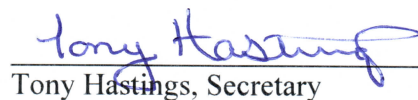
\$100 energy credits were won by: Elaine Rice, Thomas Bechtel, David Sams, Jeffrey Dilley, Andrew Moore

\$75 energy credits were won by: James Thiel, Michael Apt, Marc Hale, Mark Arnold, Gladys Lucas

\$50 energy credits were won by: James Long, Robert White, Michael Kasler, John Lazarchic, Harold Wren

With no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Thiel declared the 2023 Mid-Ohio Energy Annual Meeting of Members adjourned.


John Thiel, Chairman


Tony Hastings, Secretary