

Minutes of Annual Meeting  
Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc.

April 23, 2025

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the members of Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Wheatland or Cooperative) was held on April 23, 2025, at the Scott Community Building, 600 Fairground Road, Scott City, Kansas, at 11:30 a.m. CDT. The meeting was held pursuant to notice provided to each member of Wheatland. Board President and Chairman, Mark Arnold announced that the annual meeting of the members was also being simulcast at seven locations in Wheatland's service territory.

Pursuant to Wheatland policy every meeting starts with a Safety Tip. Chairman Arnold explained the National Safety Council recommends every family have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members. Have a home and car emergency kit. FEMA says an emergency kit should include one gallon of water per day for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines.

The luncheon began at 11:30 a.m., and John L. Sullivan, Trustee from District 6, provided the invocation.

At 12:00 p.m., Chairman Arnold announced the beginning of the business portion of the annual meeting. The Chairman called to order the 2025 Annual Meeting and welcomed all members and guests. Boy Scout Troop 149 of Scott City posted the colors. The members of the color guard were Jury France, Jaden Nelson, Sebastian Nelson, Spencer Roberts, and Nikolai Semenko. The attendees then recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was sung by Kenzi Martinez of Scott City. Chairman Arnold introduced the trustees of the Cooperative. Bruce W. Mueller, Wheatland's CEO/General Manager, introduced the executive staff of Wheatland and other special guests in attendance.

Chairman Arnold announced there were 368 members present in person and eight members attending and voted by proxy at the meeting. A list of the members that participated by proxy is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The Cooperative membership exceeds 1,000 members, and therefore, 50 members or more constitutes a quorum. A quorum was announced by Chairman Arnold.

The Chairman presented that the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting, the Affidavit of Mailing, and the Certificate of Membership would be read to the members verbatim. However, upon motion made by the members from the floor, seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote to waive the formal reading of the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting, the Affidavit of Mailing, and the Certificate of Membership. Therefore, Jim McVay, Wheatland's Assistant General Manager and General Counsel, summarized the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting, the Affidavit of Mailing, and the Certificate of Membership.

The 2024 Annual Meeting minutes were provided to the membership when registering at the meeting. Chairman Arnold presented that the 2024 Annual Meeting minutes would also be read verbatim to the membership. However, upon motion made by the members from the floor to waive the formal reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as written and was seconded, it was passed by unanimous vote to dispense with the formal reading and approve the 2024 minutes. There were no additions or corrections to the official minutes, and they were approved and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Thereafter, a video presentation was made to the members by Traci Goddard, Wheatland's Director of Finance. She presented the Finance Report, which was also published in the April 2025 issue of the *Kansas Country Living* magazine and was mailed to each of the members, which also included the official Notice of the Annual Meeting. Upon completion of the Finance Report, the Chairman asked the members if there were questions relative to the report. The Chairman announced that he would entertain a motion to accept the Finance Report as mailed to each member of the Cooperative. Upon motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Finance Report was approved and adopted.

Bruce W. Mueller then introduced a video presentation of the following speakers and subjects:

Bruce W. Mueller, Wheatland's CEO and General Manager, discussed the highlights of Wheatland's activities throughout 2024. Brandon Barrett, Wheatland's Director of Operations, discussed new technologies that Wheatland will use to serve its members. Jevin Kasselmann, the Director of Information Technology provided the members with an update on security programs. Alli Conine, Director of Member Services and Corporate Communications, presented to the members the activities conducted by her department for 2024. She emphasized the American Consumer Satisfaction Index score, and that Wheatland once again won a national award for excellence from the NRECA. Bruce concluded by discussing Wheatland's commitment to Safety.

At the conclusion of the video presentation, Bruce W. Mueller called for questions from the membership. Two members posed questions that were answered by Bruce.

Alli Conine announced the winners of the Youth Tour trip to Washington D.C. and Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Alli announced that Kamryn Meyer from Scott Community High School and Sophia Wedel from Wichita County High School will attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., and Braylee Carper and Quinton Heath, both from Great Bend High School, will attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs.

Alli then introduced the 14, \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded to high school seniors in Wheatland's service territory, including two at-large recipients. This year's winners are:

Carter Swingle	At-large (Attica)
John Oswalt	At-large (Garden City)
Layton Caruthers	Caldwell
Halli Starks	Chaparral

Brooke Beck	Conway Springs
Brenda Harper	Deerfield
Jillian Reimer	Great Bend
Jadyn Mangan	Greeley/Tribune
Kayla George	Holcomb
Kyler Murphy	Norwich
Megan Trout	Scott Community
Maddie Minor	South Haven
Ebben Urie	Syracuse
Brielle Koehn	Wichita Co./Leoti

After the scholarship awards, Chairman Arnold recognized the service awards of Wheatland employees and Trustees, and they were:

### **5 Years**

Damon Carmin – Scott City  
Colby Gugelmeyer – Syracuse  
Aaron Sherrill – Garden City

### **10 Years**

Alli Conine – Scott City  
Amanda Martinez – Scott City  
Cody Strecker – Garden City  
Rhei Thurman – Scott City

### **15 Years**

Marcus Goebel – Harper  
Brandon Ritchie – Great Bend

### **20 Years**

Darrin Campbell – Great Bend  
Wade Grumbein – Harper

### **25 Years**

Colton Green – Syracuse  
Mark Maier – Garden City  
Randy Rogers – Scott City  
Chad Deniston – Garden City

### **30 Years**

Bryan Mulligan – Scott City  
Mike Olson – Syracuse

### **35 Years**

Todd Nemechek – Tribune  
Jim Zorn – Great Bend

### **45 Years**

Randy Coleman

Chairman Arnold then requested for any old business to come forward. There was no old business to come before the meeting. He then asked if there was any new business, there was no new business offered by the members.

The Chairman announced two items of new business. Three Wheatland districts were up for trustee elections. Jim McVay was asked to present the nomination committee report. Jim McVay read the Nomination Committee Affidavit. The Nominating Committee was composed of Ed Cupp representing District 1; Milan Reimer representing District 2; Dale Wetzel representing District 3; Pat Riley representing District 4; Bob Harrington representing District 5; Lane Moore representing District 6; and Troy Dierking representing District 7. The Nominating Committee placed into nomination and selected the following candidates: District 5, Jeff Clarke and Jason Dougherty; District 6 Maribeth Benker; District 7, William “Woody” Barnes and Dustin Stansbury. Jim presented that all nominations were made by motion, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote of the committee. Jim announced that there were no nominations made by petition.

The Chairman announced a second new business item, the proposed changes to Wheatland bylaws. The Chairman asked Jim McVay to summarize the reasons the Board of Trustees were asking for changes to the bylaws, and Jim complied. After Jim’s explanation, he asked for members to volunteer for a ballot counting committee for District 1 to be formed and count the ballots for the vote on the bylaw changes. The ballot counting committee of volunteers for District 1 consisted of Katie Eisenhour-Cordell, Kim Urie, Barbara Kirk, and Rosalva Godinez. Thereafter the members in all Wheatland districts cast their ballots and were counted in each district.

Chairman Arnold then announced the winners of the Trustee elections, as follows: Jeff Clarke, District 5; Maribeth Benker, District 6; and Dustin Stansbury, District 7. Then the Chairman announced that all of the bylaw proposals passed. Therefore, Jeff Clarke, Maribeth Benker, and Dustin Stansbury will each serve a three-year term from the date of this annual meeting and conclude on the annual meeting to be held in 2028. Members also voted 205-48 in favor of approving proposed amendments to the cooperative’s bylaws, and 239-17 to remove all references in WEC’s bylaws to “telecommunications service” or the like.

Thereafter, the Chairman announced that Craig Richards from District 1 was the winner of the Annual Meeting grand prize.

The Chairman then announced how the members could collect their door prizes. He then called for the retirement of the Colors. The Colors were retired. Chairman, Mark Arnold, ordered the meeting be adjourned by motion made, seconded, and carried at 1:34 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. McVay  
Assistant General Manager/General Counsel

Members Voting by Proxy

Jerry L Huddleston  
First Presbyterian Church-Tribune, KS  
Layne Tucker  
Greg Fisher  
Matt Hoisington  
Michael D. Goddard  
Todd Sneath  
Kristin N. Harbrige

Proxy Holder

Joyce Huddleston  
David Huddleston  
Andrea Tucker  
Diane Fisher  
Mary Hoisington  
Bruce Mueller  
Megan Sneath  
Jesse Harbrige