



# Ozark Border Electric Cooperative

October 2023

*Owned by those served*

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 11, 2023

Ozark Border Electric Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting was held on Friday, August 11, 2023, at the cooperative headquarters in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. This year we hosted registration and voting at our four sub-offices in the days leading up to our drive-thru event in Poplar Bluff. A total 2,357 members attended the meeting. During the meeting four members were elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cooperative. The following were those elected:

1. Darrell Atchison – Williamsville – District 1
2. Jim Hover – Harviell – District 2
3. Charles Bunting – Poplar Bluff – District 3
4. Curtis Clark – Puxico – District 4

There are twelve members who serve on the Board, and the other eight directors are as follows:

1. Jordan Collins - Ellsinore – District 1
2. Dewyane Ligons – Ellsinore – District 1
3. Judy Lunsford – Poplar Bluff – District 2
4. Gary Melton – Poplar Bluff – District 2
5. Bill Crawford – Poplar Bluff - District 3
6. Bill Hager - Harviell – District 3
7. Greg Lintz – Dexter – District 4
8. Chad Parker – Campbell – District 4

At the conclusion of the annual membership meeting, the Board elected the following officers;

Darrell Atchison, President  
 Judy Lunsford, Vice President  
 Dewayne Ligons, Secretary/Treasurer

Board President, Darrell Atchison reported that Ozark Border Electric Cooperative continues to remain financially strong and at the end of 2022 was providing service to 40,669 consumers and maintaining 6,026 miles of power line. We continue to be one of the largest electric cooperatives in Missouri. The Board President reported that OBEC refunded \$1,525,000 in capital credits to the Cooperative member/owners in



*Darrell Atchison  
OBEC Board President*

2022. He also reported that the average annual operating expense per consumer still ranks among the lowest in the state, and the ratio of consumers to full-time employees still ranks among the highest. The Cooperative continues to operate at a high level of efficiency.

General Manager, David Schremp reported that the Cooperative has continued to prosper in 2023. Supply chain issues, material inventory, construction equipment, tools, and many other essential items continue to be difficult to get and come with significantly higher costs. Schremp said that OBEC's power supplier, also deeply impacted by EPA regulations and cost increases, implemented a price increase of more than 10% in April 2023 with the possibility of more increases in 2024 and 2025. With power cost representing more than 60% of Ozark Border's total operating costs there is no doubt a rate increase is coming in the very near future. The Board of Directors and management team continue to work hard to remain efficient and make cuts where possible. Schremp expressed his appreciation for the members, the employees, and the Board of Directors.



*David Schremp  
OBEC General Manager*

### PRIZE WINNERS

Name	Town	Prize
John Kennon	Doniphan	\$75 Bill Credit
Lee K. McComb Jr	Neelyville	\$75 Bill Credit
Charles S. Keeney	Van Buren	\$75 Bill Credit
Jerry D. Darter	Campbell	\$75 Bill Credit
Carol Burke	Doniphan	\$75 Bill Credit
Clifford E. Morris	Poplar Bluff	\$75 Bill Credit
Joyce Keathley	Van Buren	\$75 Bill Credit
Kevin Wheeler	Campbell	\$75 Bill Credit
Wayne L. Meyer	Puxico	\$75 Bill Credit
Charles D. Potter	Wappapello	\$75 Bill Credit
Sherry K. Cooper	Doniphan	\$75 Bill Credit
Cory W. King	Bernie	\$75 Bill Credit
Johnathon K. Isaac	Poplar Bluff	\$75 Bill Credit
Linda L. Thomas	Puxico	\$75 Bill Credit
Francis L. Roam	Van Buren	\$75 Bill Credit
David Morgan	Campbell	\$75 Bill Credit
John E. Wilson	Doniphan	\$75 Bill Credit
Mary D. Pietrofero	Poplar Bluff	\$75 Bill Credit
Kendra Page	Puxico	\$75 Bill Credit
Sanders Family Farms	Van Buren	\$75 Bill Credit
Larry W Griffin	Poplar Bluff	\$200 Bill Credit