



Ozark Border Electric Cooperative

October 2022

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 5, 2022

Ozark Border Electric Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting was held on Friday, August 5, 2022 at the cooperative headquarters in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The drive-thru format resulted in a total of 2,544 members attending the meeting. During the meeting four members were elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cooperative. The following were those elected:

Jordan Collins – Ellsinore – District 1
Judy Lunsford – Poplar Bluff – District 2
Bill Hager – Harviell – District 3
Greg Lintz – Dexter – District 4

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

Darrell Atchison – Williamsville – District 1
Dewyae Ligans – Ellsinore – District 1
Gary Melton – Poplar Bluff – District 2
Jim Hover – Harviell – District 2
Bill Crawford – Poplar Bluff – District 3
Charles Bunting – Poplar Bluff – District 3
Curtis Clark – Puxico – District 4
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 Ligans, Secretary/Treasurer

Board President, Darrell Atchison reported that Ozark Border Electric Cooperative continues to remain financially strong and at the end of 2021 was providing service to 40,505 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 \$1,664,000 in capital credits to the Cooperative member/owners in 2021. He 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 grow in 2022, even with all the challenges of supply chain issues. Material inventory, construction equipment, tools, and many other essential items have been difficult to get and have come with skyrocketing costs. Even with the struggle, there is no plan for a rate increase in 2022. He thanks the Board of Directors and management team for working hard to keep efficient and cut costs where possible and expressed his appreciation for the members, the employees, and the Board of Directors.



*David Schremp
OBEC General Manager*

PRIZE WINNERS

Name	Town	Prize
Bend in The River Estates	Doniphan, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Boyles Farm Service	Fisk, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Arcille R. Cunningham	Fisk, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Phillip Flurry	Neelyville, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Jerry W. Gunter	Ellsinore, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Doyce Hanks	Doniphan, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Basil Hensley	Ellsinore, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Joe Hovis	Zalma, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Nila Keller	Poplar Bluff, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Jerry D. Martin	Fairdealing, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Aaron L. McGarrity	Poplar Bluff, MO	\$200 Bill Credit
Brenda F. Norden	Broseley, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
John C. Oneal	Campbell, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Arthur L. Page	Poplar Bluff, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
James H. Roberts	Poplar Bluff, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Donald B. Robertson	Poplar Bluff, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Zachary D. Sentell	Poplar Bluff, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Cathy A. Sharp	Fairdealing, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Clarissa Sowa	Doniphan, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Renea Trout	Bernie, MO	\$75 Bill Credit
Linda L. Wilder	Ellsinore, MO	\$75 Bill Credit



*Darrell Atchison
OBEC Board President*