

**TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**St. Matthews, South Carolina**  
**Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting**  
**November 16, 2024**

The Annual Meeting of the members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter called the Cooperative) was held at the headquarters office of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. in St. Matthews, South Carolina on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Business Meeting was live streamed on Tri-County Electric Cooperative's Facebook page.

President, Barbara Weston, called the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Membership to Order. Following the Call to Order, Board Secretary, Jacqueline S. Shaw, introduced the National Anthem. Following the National Anthem, Board Member George Wilson gave the Invocation.

Barbara Weston then welcomed the members to the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and introduced the board members and the CEO. The meeting was then turned over to Attorney John Felder, who announced that a quorum was registered. The Notice of the Annual Meeting was posted in the South Carolina Living Magazine. The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were posted on the Cooperative's website. There being no objections to the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes, the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of November 18, 2023 was waived and the minutes were approved.

Nominating Chairperson, Justin Conley, gave the 2024 Nominating Committee Report, which listed the following nominations by the Nominating Committee:

District 1 Section C	George Wilson
District 2 Section B	Joe Strickland
District 3 Section A	Willie Jeffries

Attorney John Felder stated that the Trustees were running unopposed and there were no nominations from the floor; therefore, Mr. Felder declared they were elected by acclamation. Mr. Felder then administered the Oath of Office to the Trustees.

Gary Geiger, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report.

John Felder then called upon Chad Lowder, CEO, to give the CEO's report. In his remarks, Mr. Lowder stated that, in addition to being an electric service provider in our area, we are now also a locally owned and operated internet service provider. The Cooperative is also an economic driver in the area, and due to a partnership between the Cooperative and the local area, an industry has recently announced that it will locate in Tri-County's Industrial Park in Orangeburg County. Mr. Lowder then highlighted some of the challenges we are facing with higher prices on materials and equipment, and an increase in our wholesale power cost due to a shortage of generation in the state. He urged the members to read the monthly magazine to stay up to date on important information.

John Felder then expressed appreciation to the Board, Management, Staff, and Employees for their hard work.

There was no unfinished business and no new business. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Following adjournment of the business meeting, prize drawings were held. The complete list of prize winners will be posted on the Cooperative's Facebook page.

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Jacqueline S. Shaw, Secretary

APPROVED:

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Barbara F. Weston, President