

## Annual Member Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2025

Dakota Electric Association

4300 – 220<sup>th</sup> Street W, Farmington, MN 55024

TOPIC	DETAILS
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair Paul Bakken called the annual meeting of the Dakota Electric Association Member-Owners to order at 7:00 p.m. and presided.
<b>Agenda Adoption</b>	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the agenda.
<b>Introductions</b>	Chair Bakken introduced staff, Directors, and special guests. Chair Bakken continued by acknowledging the eleven candidates nominated for this year's election.
<b>Recognition of Quorum</b>	Attorney Steve Yoch certified that a quorum was present for transacting the business of the meeting.
<b>Call for Ballots</b>	Chair Bakken announced the final call for paper ballots at 7:04 p.m. and Survey & Ballots Systems representative, Tony Hoff, was present to accept. Voting was closed.
<b>Notice of the Meeting</b>	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the official notice of the annual meeting and to dispense with the reading.
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2024 annual member meeting.
<b>Business Reports</b>	<p>Chair Bakken, Treasurer David Jones, and President and CEO Ryan Hentges presented via pre-recorded videos on various topics.</p> <p>Chair Bakken's presentation provided an overview of 2024 highlights with the cooperative's impact on members and the community.</p> <p>Treasurer Jones' presentation provided an overview of 2024 financial accomplishments and challenges, as well as outlook for the future.</p> <p>CEO Hentges' presentation provided various updates from the cooperative's seven strategic priorities: safety, people, financial stewardship, resiliency, energy optimization, member experience, and innovation. CEO Hentges then stood for questions.</p>

Attorney Yoch reported the results of the election certified by Survey & Ballot Systems, Inc. the election service contractor. There were 106,396 eligible voters. Ballots received totaled 4,580 paper ballots, 1,385 electronic ballots and 5 onsite member meeting ballots with a total ballot return of 5,970 or 5.61%. Full results listed below.

**District 1**

<b>David Jones, Incumbent</b>	<b>3,872 or 66.2%</b>
Jeff Nelson	1,981 or 33.8%

**District 2**

<b>Terry Donnelly, Incumbent</b>	<b>3,080 or 52.6%</b>
Amelia Vohs	1,490 or 25.4%
Todd Neuman	555 or 9.5%
Ben Baglio	424 or 7.2%
Michael Hanninen	307 or 5.2%

**Election Results**

**District 3**

<b>Cyndee Fields, Incumbent</b>	<b>4,091 or 70.3%</b>
Nadim Zoberi	1,729 or 29.7%

**District 4**

<b>Stacy Miller, Incumbent</b>	<b>3,673 or 63.0%</b>
Ian Benson	2,158 or 37.0%

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment Approval**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>4,699 or 85.8%</b>
No	776 or 14.2%

**Old Business and New Business**

Chair Bakken called for any old business. With no old business brought forward, Chair Bakken then called for any new business. With no new business brought forward, Chair Bakken concluded by announcing door prize winners and the annual Dakota Electric Member Appreciation Event at the Minnesota Zoo is set to take place on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

**Adjournment**

✓ A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.