

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

The Annual General Meeting for the West Wetaskiwin REA was held at the Lakedell Ag Society at 7:00 p.m. The Annual General Meeting was attended by approximately 30 voting and non-voting attendees.

The Chairman, Dean Knull, welcomed the attendees and called the Annual General Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dean requested a motion that the members present constitute a quorum, Neil Stone made the motion, Mark Minchau seconded, quorum was declared by unanimous approval.

Ron H. made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held April 3, 2024, Mike Wollin seconded, carried. The motion was passed.

Dean introduced meeting facilitator Brian Bethune who took over the meeting and reviewed basic housekeeping rules.

Introductions: Guest Speaker Bill Klassen Chief Executive Officer BRPC; Dan Astner, Board Chairman BRPC; Kaitlyn Brown Executive Director BRPC; Mitch Stevenson, Senior Vegetation Manager BRPC; Curtis Bauman, Operations Manager BRPC; Kevin Szelewicki, Chief Operating Officer, BRPC; Ryan Simmons, Communications Manager, BRPC; Tahner Bowers, CPA, Senior Manager at MNP; Steven Young, CEO, AFREA; Deanna Beck, Branch Manager, Vision Credit Union in Wetaskiwin

Brian also introduced the WWREA Board of Directors and Office Manager.

Dean presented his President's Report while Ryan Simmons from BRPC operated a power point presentation.

The report highlighted the Board's key focuses in 2024 as well as challenges faced by the REA. Additional Abase meters were replaced which the Board hopes to continue in 2025, depending on how much other mechanical work is required. A cross-county line replacement was completed in an effort to streamline operations. He also provided details on where vegetation management crews will be working in 2025. WWREA's Electric Service Contract has been revised and will be mailed out to every member for signature(s) in 2025. The REA website and logo were updated in 2024. Dean warned members to check idle services regularly as we have seen a rise in cases of vandalism in our area. He reminded members that they are financially responsible for the safekeeping of REA assets on their premises. Dean shared a comparison between FortisAlberta and WWREA's distribution tariffs to emphasize how members benefit with monthly savings. The Rate of Last Resort (RoLR) replaced the Regulated Rate Option (RRO), members previously on the RRO were automatically

transferred to the new RoLR starting January 1, 2025. He recognized 2024 scholarship winner Raeanna Schmidt as well as acknowledging long standing members Elvin & Jan Kopp and Gary & Julie Schmidt. He also recognized outgoing directors Neil Stone and Kevin Cummings, and thanked them for their dedicated service. After answering general questions Dean respectfully submitted his report.

Tahner Bowers from MNP presented the Financial Statement for 2024 and answered questions from the members. Neil Stone made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Kevin Cummings seconded, carried. The motion was passed.

### **New Business:**

Bill Klassen provided an overview on the drop in transmission consumption in the West Wetaskiwin REA area in 2024, as well as historical data on the regulated rate. He confirmed that the commitment cost of the deferral program for WWREA has been fully repaid to the Government of Canada after a recalculation in the last 6 months of 2024 was required due to more members moving to fixed energy contracts. Bill explained how the RoLR was calculated and how the change has made the RoLR rate less competitive than the average fixed energy rate contract. He reviewed construction project stats approved in 2024 and also provided stats on timelines for West Wetaskiwin projects. He also shared stats on outages that occurred in WWREA in 2024 which were well below the industry standard. He answered questions from the floor before completing his presentation.

Office Manager, Jean-Anne Sjolín, presented the Operating budget for 2025. She answered questions regarding insurance and professional fees paid in 2024.

Kevin Cummings made a motion to engage MNP as auditor for 2025, Dave Watt seconded, carried. The motion passed.

Mitch Stevenson, Senior Vegetation Manager BRPC discussed maintenance work successes in 2024 in the WWREA area, a 2025 brushing overview, and how member's can help our contractor complete their vegetation management work.

The AGM in 2026 will be held at the Lone Ridge Hall.

Elections: terms of office for Neil Stone and Kevin Cummings have expired. Randy Lorentz and Ryan Olthof declared interest by the deadline set (March 18<sup>th</sup>) for either of the vacant positions. Ron Stevens nominated Randy Lorentz, Mike Wollin nominated Ryan Olthof, both nominees were elected by acclamation.

Mike Wollin made a motion to adjourn, Bill Moure seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Door prizes were drawn and handed out after the meeting was adjourned.