September 5, 2019

Pursuant to notice thereof, the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members of Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative was held at Vinton, California, at the Vinton Grange Hall premises. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Board of Directors President Fred Nelson. Thereafter, the following proceedings were held:

Pastor Darren Hogan delivered the invocation. The American Legion Color Guard placed the flags, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nelson, along with the playing of the national anthem by the Portola High School band.

Nelson introduced the board of directors, General Manager Robert Marshall and Corporate Attorney Mike Vergara. Marshall thanked Las Plumas 4-H, Portola High School soccer, Portola High School band and all other volunteers for their help with the annual meeting.

Marshall introduced special guests including Sonja Anderson, senior vice president of the Western Area Power Administration and Randy Howard, general manager of the Northern California Power Agency. Anderson and Howard reported on the current hydro conditions, the California Wildfire Mitigation Plan compliance, and regulatory issues and mandates all California utilities face.

The annual business meeting was called to order by Nelson at 6:21 p.m. He introduced the cooperative's attorney, Mike Vergara, and then turned the meeting over to Vergara, who presided over the business meeting.

A quorum was determined to have been met, with 554 valid mail-in ballots. Vergara asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous year's meeting. The reading was so waived. The minutes were approved. Vergara introduced members of the Nominating Committee: Pam Pasquetti, chairwoman; Jan Tew, vice chairwoman; and committee members Jeremy Pilkington, George Fraser, Janell Newton, Tim Garrod and Danielle Schwab.

Tew gave the Nominating Committee's report and Vergara opened the floor for nominations for Districts 2 and 5. As there were no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. The candidates nominated were Richard Short, District 2, and David Hansen, District 5.

Director Short gave a short speech stating it was his honor to serve on the board.

Vergara introduced the Credentials and Election Committee: Suzie Steele, Kimber Connor and Denise Giese. Vergara asked for any ballots that had not been received yet. The Credentials Committee adjourned to do a final ballot count.

Nelson reported on the strength and resiliency of the cooperative. He referred to the 17 days PG&E was down during a wildfire and we were able to stay on. Nelson stated PSREC is always striving to improve its system while also improving reliability.

He reported on the new solar sites; spoke about the rate increase this year and the cooperative doing a cost-of-service study; reported on the grants that have been applied for to reach hard-to-serve areas with broadband; and discussed the challenges in all levels of the government that the cooperative faces, noting the cooperative was well placed to meet the challenges.

Marshall discussed the sustained efforts the cooperative maintains with regards to the High Sierra Cogeneration Plant, the Army Solar Project and the Community Solar Project, and how these efforts have paid off for the members.

Marshall explained the Public Safety Power Shutoff and Plumas Sierra's own Wildfire Mitigation Plan. He also discussed the cost-of-service study being done. Marshall encouraged members to sign up with the Community Solar Project, citing the benefits they could experience. Marshall reported on some broadband builds that have started and improvements to the system.

Marshall then introduced Director David Hansen for the reading of the Treasurer's Report. Hansen asked for a motion to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report and Financials, which were published in Ruralite. The reading was so waived and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

The floor was opened to members for a Q&A session.

The Credentials and Elections Committee verified the count of ballots and confirmed the election of the candidates. Vergara announced the election results: District 2, Richard Short, with 532 votes and District 5, David Hansen, with 497 votes.

Door prize and survey winners were drawn.

Marshall recognized the cooperative's member services staff for their hard work on the annual meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.