

HILL COUNTRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
Annual Membership Meeting
Held on October 4, 2021
6:00 p.m.

In order to protect the health and safety of our members and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual meeting was held virtually this year. The Annual Membership Meeting of the Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter called the Cooperative), was recorded on Monday, September 27, 2021, in the Board Room of the Headquarters Office Building in Ingram, Texas, for the purpose of posting the video on the Cooperative's website on Monday, October 4, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Annual Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by the presiding officer, President, Kari Potter, who officiated as Chairperson throughout the meeting.

2. INVOCATION:

Katie Evans of Immanuel Lutheran Church from Comfort, Texas gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the children Notre Dame Catholic School, in a prerecorded video.

4. NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Symphony of the Hills played the National Anthem via a prerecorded video.

5. INTRODUCTION:

The Chairperson recognized the following Directors and the Districts they each represent as follows: Bob Trees of District #1A (Ingram Exchange); Ed Bastian, District #1B (Ingram Exchange); Randy Bass, District #2 (Hunt Exchange); Jim Haynie, District #3 (Mountain Home & Garven Store Exchanges); Steve Stengel, District #4 (Doss Exchange); Dorrie Cooper, District #5 (Fredonia, Katemcy, Pontotoc & Streeter Exchanges); Kathy Bohn, District #6A (Comfort & Sisterdale Exchanges); Jane Perilloux, District #6B (Comfort & Sisterdale Exchanges); Randy MacNaughton, District #8 (Medina & Tarpley Exchanges); Linda Reagor, District #9 (Frio Canyon Exchanges); Kari Potter, of District #7 (Center Point Exchange); and, Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian, Dennis Donley.

5. REPORT ON QUORUM:

The Chairman called for the Chief Executive Officer, R. Craig Cook, to establish the quorum. The Chief Executive Officer reported that due the lack of an in-person meeting, the Cooperative would not reach a quorum of the members at this year's annual meeting.

6. NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROOF OF MAILING:

The Chief Executive Officer, R. Craig Cook, provided a report on the Notice of Meeting and Proof of Mailing. The Chief Executive Officer reported that the Official Notice of Annual Membership Meeting of the Corporation to be held online at <https://www.hctc.net> on Monday, October 4, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., was mailed September 14, 2021, to each member of the Corporation. (See Certification of Chief Executive Officer attached.)

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were made available to the Cooperative on HCTC's website at <https://www.hctc.net> for review. The minutes for 2019 and 2020 were presented to the members for approval in this year's General Election.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Chairman called for the Secretary-Treasurer, Linda Reagor, to report on the revenues and expenses for 2020, and the Secretary-Treasurer delivered the Secretary's Report. (See Secretary's Report attached.) The auditor's report is set out in "The Line Review 2021" posted on the Corporation's website at <https://www.hctc.net> and a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. The 2019 and 2020 financial reports were presented to the members for approval in this year's General Election.

9. CERTIFICATION OF CONSENT ELECTION:

The Secretary-Treasurer delivered the Certification of Consent Election Reports for District Numbers 2, 4 and 8. (See Certification attached.)

10. ELECTION REPORT:

Legal Counsel, Dennis Donley, reported that Kari Short was elected as Director for District #1B (Ingram); the Proposed Bylaw Amendment Number 1 passed; and, the 2019 and 2020 Minutes and Secretary's Reports each passed by a majority vote.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to address.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Due to the lack of a quorum, no new business was taken up or formally acted on.

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT:

Chief Executive Officer R. Craig Cook reported on the Cooperative's 2020 challenges including: the COVID 19 pandemic, Winter Storm Uri, and the 70% reduction in funds from the Texas Universal Service Fund (TUSF). The report also outlined HCTC's many accomplishments including: a multimillion-dollar investment in the Cooperative's fiber-optic network; the delivery of superior customer service; recognition from the FCC for going above and beyond to help students and teachers with complimentary services during the pandemic; NTCA's recognition of HCTC as a Smart Rural Community Showcase Award winner; and, the Cooperative's continual commitment to serving the community.

14. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

14A. Five (5) Year Employee Service Awards were presented to:

1. Quentin Nystrom
2. Lisa McArthur
3. Dylan Maurer
4. Gabe Herrera
5. Ryan Yung
6. Roberto Ibarra
7. Mario Rios
8. Chris Weinheimer

14B. Ten (10) Year Employee Service Awards were presented to:

1. Joe Herring
2. Kris LeMeilleur

14C. A Fifteen (15) Year Employee Service Award was presented to:

1. Carolyn Peek

14D. A Twenty (20) Year Employee Service Award was presented to:

1. Jackie Woerner

14E. A Twenty-Five (25) Year Employee Service Award was presented to:

1. Brenda Jeffers

- 14F. A Thirty (30) Year Employee Service Award was presented to:
1. Randy Root

15. PRIZE GIVEAWAY:

The list of prize winners was posted on the Cooperative's website at <https://www.hctc.net>.

16. ADJOURN:

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:24 p.m.

LINDA REAGOR, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

KARI POTTER, President