



## **2022 Noble REMC Annual Meeting Minutes**

Noble REMC saw the record number of ballots returned over the past two years with mail-in voting for the board of directors' election as a sign to continue with a new tradition – a virtual Annual Meeting where the election results are announced online.

So, in 2022, members once again voted on their board of directors by mail, and the business meeting was held in front of a virtual audience June 14.

Running unopposed and with 796 registered votes, all three candidates were voted into their respective positions:

- Jay Wysong will continue to lead members in District 1,
- Rick Robertson will continue to represent District 2 and
- Doug Burnworth will continue to lead District 8.

The business portion of the annual meeting was held live on Facebook and focused on the current success of the REMC, while outlining the future of the cooperative.

During the meeting, President and CEO Ron Raypole touted the co-op's dedication to safety, having reached a benchmark of 37 consecutive years of safety accreditation, and commented on LigTel Communications taking the lead on deploying high-speed internet throughout our service territory, with Noble REMC supporting the project.

His speech also focused on Noble REMC's continued commitment to the local community through its Operation Round Up grant program, its annual patronage capital cash back distribution and the reliability and affordability of its service.

"As energy costs continue to rise, Noble REMC will do everything in our power to continue to provide the reliable, affordable and safe electricity you have come to expect. I am proud to report that our electric rates remain some of the lowest in the state, with an average homeowner paying only \$5 a day," Raypole said. "Our dedicated staff plays a major role and holds the key to our success each and every year. We are committed to taking care of our members and are passionate about providing excellent customer service, something that is becoming harder and harder to find."

Board Chairman Rick Robertson added that the REMC is in solid financial shape and continues to follow the strategic plan in place, which includes maintaining safety as the co-op's first priority, operating efficiently, providing competitive rates and supporting economic development.

After the announcement of the elected directors, Chairman Robertson called for a motion for adjournment. It was approved upon motion and second from those present.