

MINUTES – JUNE 25, 2020
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FERGUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

1. **REORGANIZATION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** The reorganization meeting of the Board of Directors of Fergus Electric Cooperative, Inc. was called to order by CORPORATE COUNSEL KRIS BIRDWELL at 12:45 p.m. at the Fergus Electric Cooperative headquarters building in Lewistown after the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Membership June 25, 2020. JANINE RIFE DIDIER was scrivener. Board members present were BRAD ARNTZEN, PAUL DESCHEEMAER, BOB EVANS, TERRY FROST, CATHY KOMBOL, BRETT MAXWELL, and JASON SWANZ. GENERAL MANAGER CARSON SWEENEY, GENERAL MANAGER SCOTT W. SWEENEY, LINE SUPERINTENDENT DALE RIKALA and OFFICE MANAGER SALLY HORACEK were also present.
2. **2019 REORGANIZATION MINUTES.** CORPORATE COUNSEL KRIS BIRDWELL reviewed the minutes of the 2019 reorganization meeting.
3. **APPROVAL OF ACTION OF OFFICERS/BOARD FOR PAST YEAR.** BRETT MAXWELL moved to ratify actions of the executive committee, full board, and agents for the board for the past year. JASON SWANZ seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
4. **CORPORATE COUNSEL BIRDWELL CONVEYS APPRECIATION.** At the fifth-year anniversary of his service, CORPORATE COUNSEL KRIS BIRDWELL expressed gratitude and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Fergus Electric Co-op's corporate counsel. The Board, in turn, thanked BIRDWELL for his work on cooperative issues and board policies.
5. **ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION.** Discussion took place regarding the experience of having conducted an Annual Meeting seated atop a flatbed trailer in a parking lot while the co-op's members, seated in their parked vehicles, listened to the program over the radio and honked to vote on motions. The Board thanked KRIS BIRDWELL for pushing them to hold the Annual Meeting despite the covid-19 pandemic and expressed appreciation for the help the co-op received from KXLO Radio station to provide the membership with a live broadcast of the program.
6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** CORPORATE COUNSEL KRIS BIRDWELL conducted the election of officers.

PRESIDENT.

TERRY FROST moved to nominate PAUL DESCHEEMAER for the office of Board President. JASON SWANZ seconded the motion. JASON SWANZ moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for PAUL DESCHEEMAER. BOB EVANS seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

JASON SWANZ nominated TERRY FROST for the office of Vice-President. CATHY KOMBOL seconded the motion. BOB EVANS moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for TERRY FROST. BRETT MAXWELL seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SECRETARY/TREASURER.

TERRY FROST nominated JASON SWANZ for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. BRAD ARNTZEN seconded the motion. TERRY FROST moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for JASON SWANZ. CATHY KOMBOL seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER.

BOB EVANS nominated BRAD ARNTZEN for the office of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. JASON SWANZ seconded the motion. BOB EVANS moved to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for BRAD ARNTZEN. BRETT MAXWELL seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. **BOARD PRESIDENT PRESIDES OVER REMAINDER OF MEETING.** CORPORATE COUNSEL KRIS BIRDWELL turned the meeting over to PRESIDENT PAUL DESCHEEMAEKER.

8. **MEETING ADJOURNED.** There being no further business to come before the Board, the reorganization meeting was adjourned by PRESIDENT PAUL DESCHEEMAEKER at 1:03 p.m.

SECRETARY 

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT 