

**NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 22, 2021**

New Hope Telephone Cooperative (NHTC) and the employees of the Cooperative conducted the registration and voting of NHTC members from May 17, 2021 through May 21, 2021 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and May 22, 2021 from 8:00 am to noon.

President of the Board of Directors, Jeffrey Cantrell, called the annual meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and the meeting was posted on the NHTC Facebook live.

Steve Campbell gave the invocation.

Mr. Cantrell stated a 5% quorum of the total membership of **5301 is 265** members. Mr. Cantrell declared a quorum based on the voting members registered of **1,112 in attendance**.

Mr. Cantrell read the Notice of Annual Meeting of Members.

Mr. Cantrell next entertained a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting. With a motion by Barry Jones and a second by Calvin Bearden, the members voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approved the minutes of the previous year's annual meeting.

Mr. Cantrell then thanked the 2021 nominating committee appointed by the Board, for their services: Mark Poole/ Chairman of New Hope Exchange; Sonya Harless of Owens Cross Road exchange, and Donald Smith of Grant Exchange.

Mr. Cantrell thanked the 2021 Voting Committee members: Betty Buford of Owens Cross Roads exchange, Tabor Conwell of New Hope Exchange, and Jimmy Bradshaw of Grant Exchange. Gregg Woodyard from Election Systems & Software conducted the vote tallying along with the Committee. The vote tally sheet and voting machine printouts were signed by the Committee and A. Mac Martinson, Esq.

The Board Election places being voted on this year are as follows:

Place # 4 Barry Jones (Incumbent) — Dennis Loy

Write-In Nominations: None

Place #5 Mike Whitaker (Incumbent) — Anthony Byram

Write-In Nominations: None

Place #3 Jeff Cooper (Incumbent) - Jerry O'Neal

Write-In Nominations: None

Place #2 Jim Duncan (Incumbent) — Keith Allen

Write-In Nominations: None

There were six (6) Amendments to the By-Laws.

Many great door prizes were given out for each day of voting, and there was a Saturday prize (Apple 10.2 inch i-pad), and the Grand Prize (65 “ TV) were announced on Facebook live.

NHTC legal counsel, A. Mac Martinson announced the election results:

Position #2, #3, #4 and #5 (New Hope) as set out on the attached Certification of the Vote Tallying Committee.

Barry Jones was elected to position # 4
Mike Whitaker was elected to Position #5
Jerry O’Neal was elected to Position #3
Jim Duncan was elected to Position #2

All six (6) amendments to the By-Laws all passed.

Mr. Cantrell turned the meeting back over to the General Manager, Mr. Daniel Martin.

Mr. Martin thanked all of the employees and the members of NHTC, and discussed the historical annual meeting with over 1,112 member votes. He believes the membership has spoken with approval a drive-thru meeting that allows maximum participation to let the member voices be heard.

He wanted to take this time and thank the nominating committee and the voting committee for the work and support of the annual meeting.

Also, he wanted to thank our Employees for their preparation and set-up of the annual meeting along with their outstanding support and loyalty to the Cooperative. This is so much more than a job to our employees, it’s a family. Thank you again to all our members for coming out to vote.

Mr. Cantrell then asked if there was any unfinished business or any new business to be discussed.

Unfinished Business: None:

New Business or Questions from the membership: None.

Mr. Cantrell then accepted a motion from Garland Elders and a second from Randy Morrison to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JIM DUNCAN, SECRETARY

ATTEST:

JEFFREY CANTRELL, PRESIDENT

EXHIBIT B

DOOR PRIZE LIST