

HILL COUNTRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Held on October 3, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter called the Cooperative), was recorded on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 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 3, 2022.

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:

Scott Turner of Center Point Christian Church in Center Point, Texas gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the children of Ingram Elementary School, in a prerecorded video.

4. NATIONAL ANTHEM:

The Corey Weaver Band 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); Kari Short, 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); Tracy Castillo, 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.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Chairperson, Kari Potter, commended the Board for staying informed of the issues affecting the telecommunications industry and their continual focus on the cooperative's needs. The Chairperson reported that throughout the year, the Board has discussed state and federal regulatory matters, supply chain shortages, inflation and countless other topics that are affecting the business. The Chairperson praised the management team for keeping the Board updated on issues impacting the Cooperative and for working efficiently and effectively in securing the fiber network from cybercrimes, expanding the Cooperative's footprint with new fiber construction projects, all while taking care of customers.

7. REPORT ON QUORUM:

The Chairperson 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.

8. 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 3, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m., was mailed September 13, 2022, to each member of the Corporation. (See Certification of Chief Executive Officer attached.)

9. 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 2021 were presented to the members for approval in this year's General Election.

10. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Chairperson called for the Secretary-Treasurer, Linda Reagor, to report on the revenues and expenses for 2021, 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 2022" posted on the Corporation's website at <https://www.hctc.net>, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. The 2021 financial reports were presented to the members for approval in this year's General Election.

11. CERTIFICATION OF CONSENT ELECTION:

The Secretary-Treasurer delivered the Certification of Consent Election Reports for District Number 5. (See Certification attached.)

12. ELECTION REPORT:

Legal Counsel, Dennis Donley, reported that Bob Trees was re-elected as Director for District #1A (Ingram); Anthony C. Bohnert was elected as Director for District #6B; the Proposed Bylaw Amendments (Number 1-5) passed; and, the 2021 Minutes and Secretary's Reports each passed by a majority vote.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to address.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

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

15. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT:

Chief Executive Officer, R. Craig Cook, reported on the numerous challenges the Cooperative has overcome during the past year including: global conflicts, supply chain issues, the economy and inflation, and the substantial reduction in funds from the Texas Universal Service Fund (TUSF), and a favorable court ruling for HCTC and other rural carriers to reinstate TUSF funding and remit TUSF payments for the past two years.

The report also summarized HCTC's accomplishments including: a multimillion-dollar investment in the Cooperative's fiber-optic network; the construction of approximately 90 miles of fiber optics and improving broadband speeds to 1,300 customers; continued growth in both the cooperative and non-cooperative areas and continuous growth in our broadband only service; and, the Cooperative's commitment to serving the community.

16. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

16A. Five (5) Year Employee Service Awards were presented to:

1. Christopher Machicek
2. Ronald Foley
3. Laura Wimberly
4. Rene Gradillas
5. Esperanza Lopez
6. Hannah Garey
7. Brian Stegall

16B. Fifteen (15) Year Employee Service Award were presented to:

1. Lisa Ottmers
2. Marisela Rodriguez De Raya

3. Kevin Ermis
4. James Heimann

- 16C. Twenty (20) Year Employee Service Award were presented to:
1. Mary Arhelger
  2. Keith Thompson
  3. Steve Copp

- 16D. A Twenty-Five (25) Year Employee Service Award was presented to:
1. Roland Michel

- 16E. A Forty (40) Year Employee Service Award was presented to:
1. Dennis Tatsch

17. PRIZE GIVEAWAY:

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

18. ADJOURN:

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m.

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LINDA REAGOR, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:

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KARI POTTER, President