

Oakes Enhancement, Inc. Conducts Their Annual Meeting

Oakes Enhancement, Inc. (OEI) conducted their annual meeting on March 14, 2024, at the Oakes Community Center. Toni Ptacek, of Ptacek Financial Services, gave the financial report for 2023. A brief overview of the year was shared, and a presentation of Charitable Trust Donations will be given to the Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce for their City Beautification Flowerpot Project, the Oakes Swimming Pool, and the Oakes Fire Department.

Assisted through the 2023 BUMP (Building update and maintenance program) included: Feel Good Foods, Angry Beaver Lodge, 502 Flair, Corner C-Store, The Bakery Shoppe, The Edge.

Interest buydowns are in place for: Shadow Lanes, Dakota Rose Properties, SC Three Corporation, Harris Machine, BH Estates, HomeTown Collective, Be Thou My Vision.

Through OEI Charitable Gaming, the following entities were assisted: Oakes Fire Department, Growing Small Towns, Oakes Park Board, Oakes Archery Club, Oakes

Area Community Foundation, Tiny Tornadoes, Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Oakes Community Hospital Foundation, Southeast Region Career and Technology Centers FCCLA and HOSA students, Snobusters, Oakes Public School (dual credit sponsorships), American Legion, City of Oakes Water Assistance Program, Bear Creek Roughriders, Dickey County Fair, Friends of Fine Arts and Academics, National Child Safety Council. Charitable Trust donations for 2023 totaled \$100,346.

2023 Board Members included: Alison Peterson, Matt Hill, John Zetocha, Emily Ptacek, Jeff Forward, Gary Schnell, Dustin Maier (Oakes Area Chamber Representative) and Cindy Bagley (City of Oakes Representative).

Growing Small Towns is the Economic Development Director. Carol Oster is the gaming manager and Lori Hoffman the gaming assistant.

Elected to serve on the board of directors at the annual meeting: Gary Schnell (Economy

Oil) and Jeff Forward (NAPA and farming operation). Rounding out the 2024 board members include: Matt Hill (Hill Family Businesses), John Zetocha (Starion Bank), Alison Peterson (CHI Oakes Clinic and Hospital), Emily Ptacek (Kustom Machine), Heather Roney (Sweets 'N Stories -- Oakes Area Chamber Representative) and John Bakke (City of Oakes Representative). Thank you to the businesses for sharing these talented individuals by allowing service to Oakes through the OEI Board of Directors.

In the reorganization meeting conducted after the annual the following were elected to leadership positions: Jeff Forward, President; Matt Hill, Vice President; John Zetocha, Treasurer.

The OEI Board works diligently to best serve the interests of Oakes and wisely use what has been entrusted to them.

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DVEC Announces Caucus Meeting Results

Bruce Bosse, Cogswell, and Jeremy Nitschke, Jud, were nominated to be candidates for re-election to the Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative (DVEC) board of directors, at the cooperative's caucus meetings held at the Angry Beaver in Oakes on March 12 and at the American Legion Hall in Gackle on March 11.

Bosse and Nitschke are incumbent directors serving DVEC members in Central Region, District 3, and West Region, District 1, respectively. Their three-year term on DVEC's

board of directors will expire in June 2024.

As nominated director candidates, Bosse and Nitschke will stand for election at the cooperative's annual meeting on June 13 in Edgeley.

Mike Hauschild, Wahpeton, who has served on DVEC's board of directors since June 2018, representing East region, District 2, had previously announced he would not seek re-election.

No nominations were received for candidates for election to DVEC's board of directors representing East region, District

2, at the cooperative's caucus meeting held at the Bagg Family Farm on March 13.

Eligible Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative members living in any of these districts, who are interested in running for election to a three-year term on the cooperative's board of directors may do so by filing a petition no later than May 19, 2024.

For complete information on the petition process, you may contact DVEC Business Manager Kelly Wald, at 800-726-8056, or kellyw@dakotavalley.com.



Bruce Bosse



Jeremy Nitschke



Mike Hauschild



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SPECIAL MEETING
CENTRAL CONFERENCE ROOM
MARCH 7, 2024, 7 PM
Sonia Meehl called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm. Those in attendance were President Sonia Meehl, Vice

President Monica Heimbuch, Sheila Nagel, Rhonda Day, with Brian Seyer absent. Also in attendance was Business Manager Shannon Jepson and Father Tim Schroeder.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. M Heimbuch moved to nominate the following poll workers for the March 14, 2024, bond referendum election:

Kathie Hay
Deb Conklin

Yolanda Zimbelman
Bruce Junker
Elsie Voightman
Alternate Cindy Kolbe
S Nagel second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.
Sonia Meehl, Shannon Jepson
Board President Business Manager
(Published in the Oakes Times
March 28, 2024)

Oakes Lions Winners 3/7 -3/13

WAYNE HAUGEN	\$50	BRITTANY JORGENSEN	\$50
BRYCE MEEHL	\$50	TREVOR CUHEL	\$50
DAMI DAHLSTROM	\$100	BRENT RALL	\$50
CAMERON ROUNDY	\$100		

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