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79th annual meeting held at headquarters

Gibbs and Lamborn re-elected, Heffern elected

Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative held its 79th annual meeting Monday, September 18 at headquarters in Postville. Cooperative members approved reports from fiscal year 2016 and returned incumbents Michael Gibbs, Waterville, and Larry P. Lamborn, Luana, to their seats on the board of directors. Elected to the board of directors was Cindy Heffern, Harpers Ferry.

GrassRun Band performed their rendition of bluegrass, gospel and country ballads from the past.



Members attending the 79th annual meeting of Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative returned incumbent Larry P. Lamborn, Luana, elected Cindy Heffern, Harpers Ferry, and returned incumbent Michael Gibbs, Waterville, to seats on the board of directors.



Prior to the business meeting, open house demonstrations and displays were available for members, and musical entertainment was provided by GrassRun Band.

Paul Foxwell, general manager, opened the meeting by expressing that the Cooperative,

while saddened by the devastation caused by recent hurricanes, recognized that it is times like this that we fully

realize and appreciate the value of Cooperative membership. He reported that two Allamakee-Clayton lineworkers, Josh

Abbott and Blair Everman, were part of a crew of 46 lineworkers from 15 of Iowa's cooperatives who helped with power restoration on the Florida-Georgia line. He then gave a brief history of the dog statue that sits outside of headquarters and was recently restored. Foxwell next presented background on the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC).



Paul Foxwell announced that Allamakee-Clayton lineworkers Josh Abbott and Blair Everman assisted Okefenoke REMC with their power restoration in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

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Regan Jacobson registers members before they pick up their meeting packets.

Roger Arthur, president, presented background information on guest speaker, Sheldon Petersen, a native of western Iowa and chief financial officer for CFC.

Petersen gave a history of CFC and its relationship with its electric cooperative owners. He expressed that each member is not only an owner of Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, but also part of a national network that is working hard every day to promote Allamakee-Clayton's success.



Janet Baade served as chairwoman of the nominating committee and helped count ballots.

Jenna Jansen, Elkader, gave a brief report of her Washington D.C. Youth Tour experience. She described the sites she visited, and expressed that the week of Youth Tour in Washington D.C. was one of the most impactful of her life. Quinn O'Brien, Strawberry Point, also represented Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative on Youth Tour this year, but a school commitment prevented O'Brien from attending the meeting.

The board of directors held its reorganizational meeting immediately following the annual meeting. Officers re-elected were: Roger Arthur, Sumner, president; Michael Gibbs, Waterville, vice president; Robert V. Swenson, Clermont, secretary-treasurer.



At the conclusion of the business meeting, Sonja Hillman helped distribute prizes.



Sheldon Petersen, chief financial officer for CFC, explains the relationship between CFC and electric cooperatives.



Members enjoy activities during the open house prior to the annual meeting.



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