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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN CELEBRATES 82 YEARS

Rockford, Minn. (May 6, 2019) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association’s (WH) 2019 Annual Meeting attracted a record number 1,108 member registrants on Thursday, May 2. The event, which was WH’s 82nd Annual Meeting, was held at its Rockford headquarters.

The theme for the evening was “Keeping costs down together,” and members were treated to a complimentary pork chop dinner. A record total of 2,530 meals was served and 184 children checked into WH’s children’s room. Nicole Alden of Corcoran won the grand prize of a 2008 Chevy ½ ton 4x4 truck.

Incumbents Dale Jans, District 4; Mike Tieva, District 6; and Casey Whelan, District 8, were all re-elected to the board of directors. Board officers Erick Heinz, Timothy Young and Dale Jans were all re-elected as board chair, vice chair and secretary/treasurer, respectively.

WH President and CEO Tim Sullivan illustrated six important ways WH and its members keep costs down together.

“Co-ops really are a study in what can be achieved when people join together, pool their resources and pursue common goals,” said Sullivan. “It’s not just about electricity. It’s about a local cooperative you own where, in the end, we accomplish everything in partnership with you – including keeping costs down together.”

Other speakers included WH Chief Financial Officer Brian Swanson, WH Board Chair Erick Heinz, WH Holding Board Chair Timothy Young and WH Holding Chief Operating Officer Wendy Youngren.

WH also recognized various organizations that received donations from members through Operation Round Up.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The

cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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Members attended the business meeting portion of the Annual Meeting and learned how Wright-Hennepin and its member are “Keeping costs down together.”



Members enjoyed a free pork chop dinner along with other fun activities such as Bingo, informational booths and a supervised children’s activities room.