

**2025 Annual Meeting Minutes  
Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
88th Annual Meeting of Members  
Claverack REC Headquarters Office, Wysox, PA  
July 21, 2025**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The 88th Annual Meeting of Members of Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at Claverack Rural Electric, Inc.'s headquarters office Wysox, PA, on Monday, July 21, 2025.

**CHAIR GARY HENNIP** called the annual meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Chair Hennip reviewed the annual meeting changes from the in-person at the fairgrounds to the on-line meeting allowing management to provide more in-depth reports and information. An additional event "Member Information & Appreciation Day" will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Wyoming County Fair.

**BRIAN ZEIDNER**, Claverack's Director of Member Services, led the Pledge of Allegiance, gave the invocation.

**CHAIR HENNIP** introduced the board of directors, CEO Steven Allabaugh, and Attorney Robert Chappell.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER TIMOTHY TEWKSBURY** read the Notice of Meeting and Proof of Mailing. Secretary Tewksbury announced that the 2024 annual meeting minutes were available at the headquarters building located in Wysox and could be viewed on Claverack's website. *A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2024 annual meeting minutes as presented; motion carried.*

**SECRETARY/TREASURER TEWKSBURY** gave the Secretary/Treasurer's Report.

**CHAIR HENNIP** recognized Claverack participants in the 2025 NRECA Youth Tour held in Washington, DC: Amanda Allabaugh, Bella Clark, Ed Eastman, Everett Leonard, and Maia Montross. Chair Hennip then recognized Claverack member students Ryan Jones as the recipient of the Jody Loudenslager Memorial Scholarship, and Chelsea Empet as the recipient of the William F. Matson Scholarship.

**CHAIR HENNIP** presented the Board Chair Report. Chair Hennip stated that it is the responsibility of the directors to be watchful for the membership, making sure the member-owned cooperative is run responsibly and efficiently. This includes setting policies, overseeing finances, approving budgets, strategic plan development, researching and providing new services to the membership, and advocating to legislators the needs of the cooperative. Chair Hennip reported that zone 7 director Charles "Chuck" Bullock decided not to seek re-election and thanked him for

his service. A cooperative principle – democratic member control, allows any qualified member within a respective zone, to run for the board; and there were two zone 7 members that were determined qualified. The election results will be announced later in the meeting.

**CHAIR HENNIP** introduced Steven Allabaugh, President & CEO.

**CEO STEVEN ALLABAUGH** presented the President and CEO's report. CEO Allabaugh reported on the technological changes that have occurred over the last 20 years including the mapping system – paper maps to electronic GPS mapping, electromechanical meters to automated meters, and a SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system is now being used to remotely monitor and control equipment on the electric system replacing the need to physically drive to the location to inspect. A video was then provided presenting updates on technology and infrastructure including fiber network overview and progress; benefits of electric grid modernization; vegetation management; and AMI and SmartHub technology. CEO Allabaugh then reviewed the cooperative's financials ending 2024 with \$1.7 million operating margins which was allocated to the membership. Over \$900,000 in capital credits was returned to our members in 2024 with over \$17 million in capital credits has been returned since 2013. In 2024, through the Member Community Support Program, the cooperative provided over \$68,000 to local non-profit organizations, funded by unclaimed capital credits. Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Claverack's generation supplier, assists Claverack with competitive rates although a modest increase was implemented for 2025. In closing, CEO Allabaugh invited the members to the Member Information & Appreciation Day on August 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds, where management will be providing presentations, activities, and one-on-one conversations.

**ATTORNEY ROBERT CHAPPELL** reported on the election of directors for Zones 7, 8, and 9. He reviewed those sections of the bylaws pertaining to the qualifications to serve on the board of directors. He thanked the members of the Credentials & Elections Committee for their service to the Cooperative and advised the membership that the purpose of the committee is to oversee the director election process, including reviewing candidate petitions, validating candidate eligibility, counting ballots, and handling objections or protests related to the election.

**ATTORNEY CHAPPELL** reported the following incumbents ran unopposed: zone 8 — Charles R. McNamara and zone 9 — Anthony J. Ventello. Due to this year's election being uncontested for zone 8 and zone 9, the Credentials & Elections Committee dispensed with formal balloting and cast a unanimous ballot at today's annual meeting on behalf of the sole nominees for zones 8 and 9. Attorney Chappell then reported that there were two candidates for Zone 7. Gene R. Hubbard received 805 votes and Matthew J. Austin received 291 votes. Therefore, Gene R. Hubbard stands elected immediately to serve a three-year term for zone 7. ***A motion was made and seconded to destroy the ballots after the passing of three business days, given that no protests are received during that interval; motion carried.***

***A motion was made and seconded to accept all meeting reports as presented; motion carried.***

***A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m.; motion carried.***