2024 CREDENTIALS & ELECTION COMMITTEE FAIRFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2024, MEETING

The Credentials and Election Committee of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc. met on Monday, March 11, 2024, at the cooperative headquarters in Blythewood, South Carolina at 11:00 a.m. The following committee members were present: Al Bozard, Jody Brazell. Jim Stroman, Willie Belton, Randy Frick, Samuel Henry, Jimmy Jackson, Thomas Martin, Frances Jane Wright, Willie Thompson, Tommy Raines, John Trapp, J.C. Trapp, George Creighton Taylor, and Sheila Bracey.

Keith Bailey, Sarah Coleman, William Coleman, and Joseph B. (Ben) Connell, were absent.

Attorney Jay Bender attended the meeting as legal counsel for the committee.

Erik Marsha welcomed committee members and Al Bozard gave the invocation.

Jay Bender reported the first order of business was to elect a chairperson and secretary for the committee. Upon motion made by Frankie Wright, seconded by Jimmy Jackson, motion carried, Al Bozard <u>was elected Committee Chairperson</u>. Thereafter, upon motion made by Willie Belton, seconded by Frankie Wright, motion carried, Sheila Bracey <u>was elected</u> Committee Secretary.

Bylaw Section 3.06 Credentials & Election Committee was discussed with committee members in regards to the responsibilities of the committee.

The committee reviewed and discussed the 9 single member districts and 2 Districts At-Large in accordance with Bylaws Section 4.05 Trustee Districts. The terms for the trustee districts, the districts up for re-election, and the question pertaining to preference of a registration gift or bill credit were discussed. A sample ballot was presented to the committee for their review.

The committee reviewed early drive through registration voting times and locations, as well as the possibility of using Fairfield County's Voter Registration Office to operate the registration and voting for the election. The method of voting by I-Pad, as in year's past was discussed as well.

Upon motion made by Frankie Wright, seconded by Willie Thompson, motion carried, the committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the use of Fairfield County Voter Registration Office to operate the registration and voting of the 2024 elections electronically through the New Horizon Cooperative voting app by I-Pad. And for the Fairfield County Voter Registration Office to tabulate votes and report to this committee once voting has concluded.

General discussions were held while the minutes were being prepared. Thereafter, the minutes of the meeting were presented to the committee. Upon motion made by Tommy Raines, seconded by Jim Stroman, motion carried, the minutes of the Credentials & Election Committee meeting held March 11, 2024, are approved as presented.

There being no further business to come before the committee, upon motion made by Tommy Raines, seconded by Willie Thompson, motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Al Bozara, Committee Chairperson