

## 2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

On October 10, 2023, the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members of The Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation was held at the Memorial Stadium in Waycross. Registration began at 12:00 Noon and closed at 2:00 p.m. A period of entertainment by *Anthem Free* began at 12:00 p.m.

The Ware County High School ROTC Color Guard presented “the colors” as President/CEO Romeo Reyes gave the *Pledge of Allegiance*, and *Anthem Edition* sang *The Star Spangled Banner*.

President/CEO Romeo Reyes called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m. The invocation was given by Ms. Emily McClendon, Satilla’s Payroll and General Accountant. President/CEO Romeo Reyes introduced Patrick Simmons with the City of Waycross who welcomed everyone to the meeting and to Waycross. Following comments from Mr. Simmons, Attorney Jerome Adams introduced Satilla’s Board of Directors and the President/CEO. President/CEO Romeo Reyes introduced special guests and visitors.

President/CEO Reyes asked for the roll call of Members to be dispensed with, due to the obvious presence of a quorum of Members. A motion and a second were made from the Membership and passed to dispense with the roll call.

President/CEO Romeo Reyes reminded Members that upon registering they were given a handout titled “The Satilla Rural Electric Membership Corporation – Annual Meeting of the Membership” and informed the Members that a copy of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes was printed therein. President/CEO Reyes prompted Members to take the opportunity to read the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes and asked for any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded from the Membership and passed that the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented to Members in the handout. A summary of the 2021 – 2022 audit report was submitted to the Members on pages 6 and 7 of the program. President/CEO Reyes read the Certificate of Mailing Notice of the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Chairperson R. L. Lewis, Jr., gave the Chairperson of the Board's Report and President/CEO Reyes followed with an address in which he summarized the events of the past year and gave an update on the Satilla REMC/Conexon Connect Broadband project.

Attorney Adams gave the report of the May 18, 2023 Nominating Committee Meeting, placing the names of R. L. Lewis, Jr. and Scott Day in nomination to serve three-year terms as Directors for Appling and Coffee Districts respectively. Attorney Adams reported that there were no nominations by petition in the Appling or Coffee Districts. There being no other nominations, Attorney Adams proclaimed by acclamation that R. L. Lewis, Jr., and Scott Day were duly elected for a three-year term for the Appling and Coffee Districts respectively.

President/CEO Romeo Reyes called for any new or unfinished business. A Member of Satilla addressed the Board asking that the financial statement be more detailed in the future. The member made a motion from the floor. President/CEO Reyes informed the Member that Satilla’s Bylaws states “Any Member intending to bring a motion to the floor for consideration at the Annual Meeting must notify the President/Chief Executive Officer of his intent, in writing, at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting at which said motion will be considered. President/CEO Romeo Reyes informed the Member that Management would look into providing more detail in the Financial Statement in the handout at next year’s Annual Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the members, President/CEO Romeo Reyes declared the meeting adjourned.

A count by Satilla employees of Members registered at the meeting showed a total of 856, which clearly established a legal quorum. Members registered by counties are as follows:

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Appling	145	Brantley	6	Pierce	187
Atkinson	28	Coffee	123	Tattnall	0
Bacon	121	Irwin	1	Ware	85
Ben Hill	0	Jeff Davis	73	Wayne	87

The approximate number of people in attendance was 1,000.

October 15, 2024

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Date Approved

*Jerry E. Boatright*

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Jerry E. Boatright, Secretary