2025 CREDENTIALS & ELECTION COMMITTEE FAIRFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2025, MEETING

The Credentials and Election Committee of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc. met on Monday, March 10, 2025, at the cooperative headquarters in Blythewood, South Carolina at 11:00 a.m. The following committee members were present: Al Bozard, Ronald Jennings, Jim Stroman, Willie Belton, Randy Frick, Samuel Henry, Jimmy Jackson, Thomas Martin, Frances Jane Wright, Jesse Risher, David Sims, Tommy Raines, John Trapp, J.C. Trapp, and Sheila Bracey.

Keith Bailey, William Coleman, Joseph B. (Ben) Connell, and George Creighton Taylor 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 Thomas Martin, seconded by Frances Jane Wright, motion carried, <u>Al Bozard was elected Committee Chairperson</u>. Thereafter, upon motion made by Thomas Martin, seconded by Frances Jane Wright, motion carried, <u>Sheila Bracey was elected Committee Secretary</u>.

Bylaw Section 3.06 Credentials & Election Committee was discussed with committee members about 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 proposed amendment to Fairfield Electric's Bylaws. 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 Voter Registration's 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 Tommy Raines, seconded by Frances Jane Wright, motion carried unanimously, the committee recommends to the Board of Trustees the use of Fairfield County Voter Registration Office to operate the registration and voting of the 2025 elections electronically through the New Horizon Cooperative voting app by I-Pad and for Fairfield County Voter Registration's office to tabulate votes and report to this committee once voting has concluded.

Upon motion made by Tommy Raines and seconded by Frances Jane Wright, motion carried, the committee entered recess while minutes were prepared.

Chairman Bozard called the meeting back to order and the minutes were presented to the committee. Upon motion made by Randy Frick, seconded by Jim Stroman, motion carried, the minutes of the Credentials & Election Committee meeting held March 10, 2025, are approved as presented.

There being no further business to come before the committee, upon motion made by Thomas Martin, seconded by Randy Frick, motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

Sheila Bracey, Committee Secretary/

Al Bozard, Committee Chairperson