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## BEK Hosts 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

(Steele, ND) - BEK Communications Cooperative's 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held on June 11 at the Steele Veterans Club in Steel, ND. "Value Beyond Connections" was this year's theme. The meeting was broadcast live statewide by BEK TV and the BEK TV+ streaming app.

The meeting began with a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a warm welcome from BEK Board of Directors President Brett Stroh. There were 242 people in attendance, 98 of them were registered members, and more joined via BEK TV.

The meeting continued with BEK CEO Derrick Bulawa introducing the "2025 Year in Review" video, followed by the Auditor's Report from Chris Skidmore of *Baker Tilly*, questions from attendees, and election of directors in Districts I, II, III, and IV-East.

### Election Results

Members voted to re-elect Sanford Williams of District I, Kevin Bernhardt of District III, and Ed Everson of District V-East. The only contested race was between Incumbent Bob Subart and Chase Dewitz of District II. The voters elected Chase Dewitz to serve on the Board.

After elections, President Brett Stroh asked for old business, of which there was none. He then asked for new business, of which there was none. The meeting was then adjourned.

At the reorganization meeting immediately following the annual membership meeting, the Board of Directors re-elected Brett Stroh to serve as President, Kevin Bernhardt to serve as Vice President, and Bill Becker to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

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**Photos Attached**

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*Left to Right: Brett Stroh, District II - Chase Dewitz, District II – Ed Everson, District V-East – Sanford Williams, District I – Holly Will, District III – Charlie Dunbar, District V West – Kevin Bernhardt, District III – Shane Morris, District I – Bill Becker, District IV*

**Guests Fill Room**

*Caption: BEK members and guests arrive at the 2026 BEK Communications Cooperative Annual Meeting at the Veterans Club in Steele, ND*

**Director Stroh Welcomes**

*Caption: BEK President Brett Stroh welcomes guests to the 2026 Annual Meeting.*

**Bulawa Answers Questions**

*Caption: BEK CEO Derrick Bulawa provides information to members during a Question & Answer portion of the Annual Meeting.*

**New Director Elected 2026 District II**

*Caption: Chase Dewitz, of Steele, makes remarks about his candidacy for BEK District II Board Director. On stage with him is BEK attorney Monte Rogneby, who was there to oversee election results.*

***About BEK Communications Cooperative***

*BEK Communications Cooperative, founded in 1952, is a communications services company headquartered in Steele, North Dakota. In the last 74 years, the company has grown to include branch offices in Bismarck and Valley City and now serves more than 13,000 customers.*

*BEK provides fiber-based voice, Gigabit broadband, and IP television services; cloud-based security, automation, surveillance, and voice; and hospital and business communications solutions in North Dakota.*

*The company provides statewide sports broadcasting and national news reports on the BEK TV Network, and television content across North Dakota through KNDB, KNDM, and KNGF.*

*BEK emphasizes their fast, friendly, local service experience and a broad portfolio of high-quality communications, enterprise, broadcasting, and advertising services.*

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