



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

JUNE 9, 2022 | KIDDER COUNTY SCHOOL

honoring the past,  
— BUILDING THE —  
**FUTURE**



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# Advanced Notice of **ANNUAL MEETING**

**70th Annual Meeting | Thursday, June 9, 2022**

Notice is hereby given that the 70th Annual Meeting of the members of BEK Communications Cooperative will be held in Steele, North Dakota on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at the Kidder County High School.

As a cooperative member, you are encouraged to come and share our year in review. Your participation in the business meeting of your cooperative is greatly appreciated. For your convenience, free child care will be available during the meeting.

**Registration & Beef Supper | 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm**

Enter at the entrance door of Kidder County High School

**BEK Communications Cooperative Annual Meeting | 7:00 pm**

Meeting is conducted in the Kidder County High School gymnasium

## Live Meeting **BROADCAST**

If you are unable to attend but would still like to participate, please consider joining us on TV or online:

### **BEK EPIC IPTV**

- Ch-26 West ND
- Ch-4 East ND

### **Midco**

- Ch-609 West ND
- Ch-4 East ND

### **Direct TV**

- Ch-26 West ND
- Ch-44 East ND

### **Dish Network**

- Ch-24 West ND
- Ch-5/5157 East ND

### **Over the Air: BEK TV**

- Ch-26.1 Southwest ND
- Ch-24.1 Northwest ND
- Ch 4.1 East ND

### **Online**

- Facebook
- bek.tv



## 70th Annual Meeting

# AGENDA

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- 1 Call Meeting to Order
- 2 Presentation of Flags  
Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree  
Assembly 785 Mandan
- 3 National Anthem
- 4 Invocation  
Father Peter Sharpe | St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
Steele, Tappen and Medina, ND
- 5 Officer's Report
- 6 Election of Directors
- 7 Manager's Report  
2021 Year in Review Video  
Questions & Answers
- 8 Other Reports
- 9 Unfinished Business
- 10 Closing & Door Prizes



CATV Satellite Transmission - Tuttle 1983

# President & CEO's **PERSPECTIVE**

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## Honoring the Past, Building the Future

North Dakota telephone cooperatives have historically defined themselves as telecommunications service providers. With fixed-line voice services being replaced by mobile voice services, traditional phone cooperatives began looking for new avenues of growth. Most of their business expansions have been in allied areas, like broadband or television, offering new services that will propel them into the future and enable them to compete in an everchanging technology-driven marketplace. BEK is no different.

Today, many of these cooperatives also are offering more modern communications services to generate additional revenue. For example, some are getting into the security business, offering solutions for both business and residential properties. Other solutions include managed IT services, cyber security, streaming television, engineering services and broadcasting services.

When a cooperative transitions to new services, it's imperative that the mission of serving the rural members remains the most important goal. A cooperative is built to serve the rural communications marketplace, something AT&T originally refused



**BRETT STROH**  
Board of Directors President



**DERRICK BULAWA**  
CEO/General Manager





BEK's Board of Directors, General Managers and Attorney 2006

to do because of high-cost considerations. BEK was originally built BY the community to SERVE the community by using their own funds, stringing phone lines on fence posts and sharing party lines. Eventually, BEK secured debt funding from the USDA Rural Electrification Act to upgrade those lines, install telephone poles and purchase other small cooperatives. The private phone line eventually replaced the party line, and then the digital touch tone button phones replaced the rotary dial phones. The access to low interest rate funds gave BEK the resources to upgrade all exchanges, acquire more small-town cooperatives, and set the stage for the coming digital revolution.

BEK first introduced fiber optic lines in the 1990s as a method of communication between cities and large communities, which led to the use of fiber optic lines to service the most distant, rural customers. The

advancement of this technology provided BEK the opportunity to move all members to fiber optic lines giving BEK the ability to offer phone, TV and internet over the same line at the same time. This was the genesis of the first digital television, leading to IPTV and today's streaming television.

Internet quickly advanced from a dial-up, phone-based service to a continuous broadband service. BEK invested \$180 million in the optical network and the latest generation of electronics technology. Today, BEK is capable of gigabit broadband on an all-fiber optic network and is recognized as one of the fastest broadband providers in the country.

Between 2006 and 2012, BEK retired all its copper phone lines and replaced them with fiber optic lines, ending a 60-year business model built on copper line technology. This

evolution to optical-based technology created the opportunity for employees to learn new skills, products, and technology.

As BEK continues to move forward, advancing services that can ride on its state-of-the-art fiber network, it has opened the door to serving other areas across the state and region. BEK's sports and news programming now reaches audiences in North Dakota, Northeastern Montana, and Western Minnesota. The broadcasts are streamed across the entire United States and in more than 25 countries. The BEK Connect

***“The broadcasts are streamed across the entire United States and in more than 25 countries.”***

product provides secure, cloud-based business communications solutions to companies big and small throughout North Dakota and 15 additional states. WebEx is the most recent feature of BEK Connect, making video conferencing, online meetings, screen shares and webinars as easy as pressing a button.

As we continue to meet our mission of serving our rural members with the best technology available, we also continue to build products for the future. Our commitment to exploring a broader deployment of new technology throughout the state and region gives BEK the advantage of larger market opportunities, to support the cost of the advanced services BEK provides to its rural members. It is through this lens that we are able to Honor the Past and Build the Future.







# Secretary/Treasurer & CFO's REPORT

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BEK Communications continued its long history of serving its members and customers in 2021. From its days as an innovative cooperative connecting its members to the world via a copper telephone line, to its more current days of shooting light through fiber optic cable to deliver the fastest information in the world, BEK has continued to push the envelope in the delivery of communications.

Over the last 70 years, BEK has consistently made investments in its network to ensure that the members and customers are treated like family with the best possible technologies at their fingertips. BEK has also made conscious efforts to diversify its investments outside of the traditional phone and internet offerings. Whether it's BEK's Care Solutions business line or its broadcasting business line, BEK influences day to day experiences in areas outside of its original cooperative territory. In doing these things, BEK has positioned itself to be able to grow and expand in areas where other traditional telecommunications companies can't. This diversification helps BEK continue to offer innovative products and provide a legendary experience.

In 2021, BEK invested \$7 million into its fiber optic network. This type of investment is the cornerstone of BEK's business model. Over the last 70 years, BEK has invested over \$220 million



**SHANE MORRIS**  
Board of Directors  
Secretary/Treasurer



**BRANDON VAUGHAN**  
CFO/Financial Manager





## KEY POINTS:

**\$143,147,442** | total assets

**8,294** | total square miles served

**12,079** | network customers

**8,016** | total miles of fiber

**816** | total miles of copper

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to deliver one of the fastest most reliable networks in the world. This investment is what has enabled BEK to become a stable business and allows it to continue to find new and exciting ways to invest into the community and start and maintain many of its diversified business lines.

BEK also brought in a record \$44 million in operating revenues in 2021. This growth was seen in a variety of business lines. BEK Care Solutions saw its best year ever with \$2.2 million of operating revenue. BEK Sports also had a record-breaking year with \$1.68 million of operating revenue. These two business lines are a prime example of the diversification that BEK has endured and been successful.

BEK was able to continue to make all regular payments of debt. As planned, in 2021 BEK was able to pay down \$3.6 million in principle of long-term debt. This leaves \$33.9 million of debt on the books which is primarily made up of the debt taken to purchase Inter-Community Telephone Company LLC and the RUS debt which was used to build the fiber

optic network in the cooperative.

Of our gross revenues, Federal Universal Service Funds makes up the largest percent at 31.0% followed by broadband at 23.8%, telephone at 12.7% and IPTV at 13.6%, BEK Connect at 5.4%, Care Solutions at 5.1%, BEK TV at 3.8%, and Miscellaneous at 4.6%

There was \$6,150,328 of total patronage from members subscribed to phone and/or internet services. BEK allocated \$4,829,233 to cooperative members, which brings BEK's total capital credits held to a total of \$54,151,677.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on Thursday, June 9th.

# Consolidated Statement of INCOME

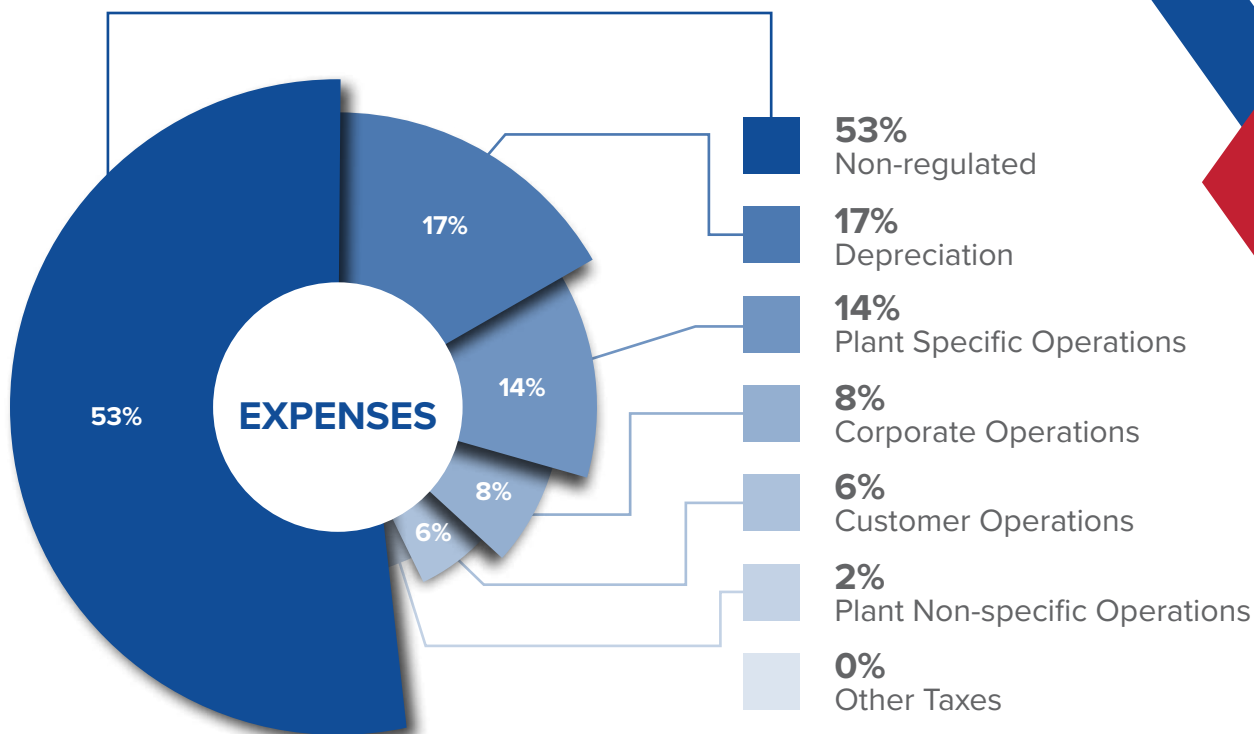
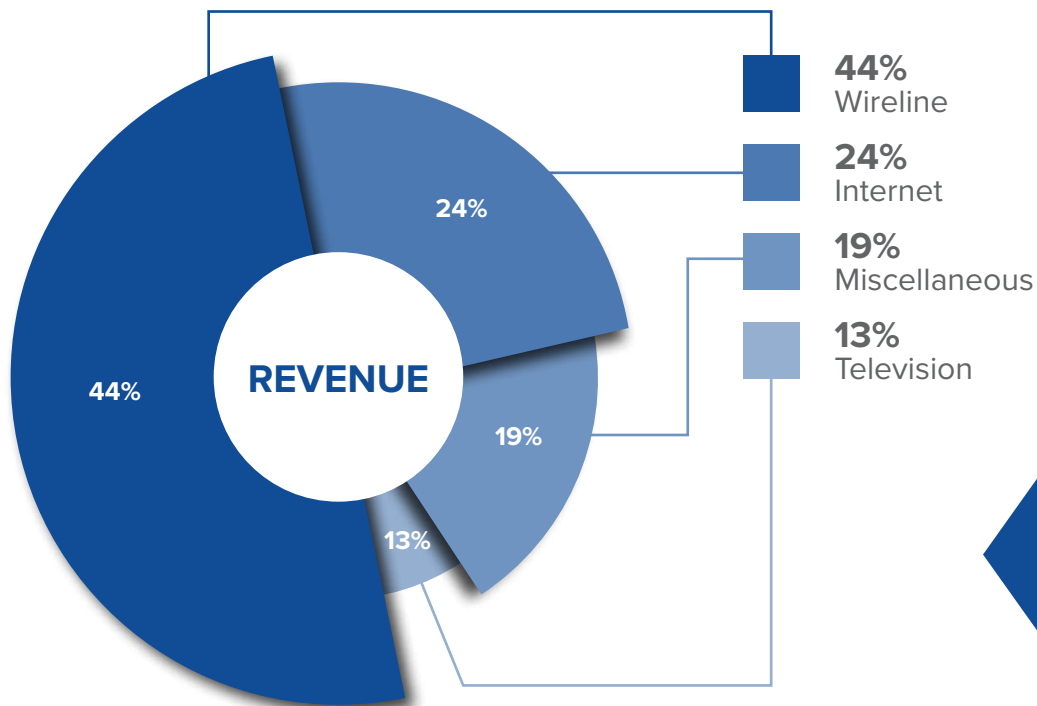
| Operating Revenues | 2021                | 2020                |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Wireline           | \$19,478,963        | \$20,395,720        |
| Internet           | 10,546,456          | 8,796,790           |
| Television         | 6,021,819           | 5,859,664           |
| Miscellaneous      | 8,291,809           | 5,957,950           |
|                    | <u>\$44,339,047</u> | <u>\$41,010,124</u> |

| Operating Expenses            | 2021              | 2020              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Plant Specific Operations     | \$ 5,677,361      | \$ 5,727,415      |
| Plant Non-specific Operations | 615,953           | 586,110           |
| Depreciation                  | 6,692,671         | 5,481,603         |
| Customer Operations           | 2,621,499         | 2,208,674         |
| Corporation Operations        | 3,100,194         | 2,980,048         |
| Other Taxes                   | 45,903            | 45,708            |
| Non-regulated                 | 21,611,983        | 18,492,654        |
|                               | <u>40,365,564</u> | <u>35,522,212</u> |
| Operating Margins             | \$ 3,973,483      | \$ 5,487,912      |

| Non-operating Income (Expense)               | 2021                | 2020                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Interest and Dividend Income                 | \$ 4,894,331        | \$ 5,722,528        |
| Allowance for Funds Used during Construction | 56,343              | 369,247             |
| Interest Expense                             | (1,823,896)         | (1,967,902)         |
| Gain (loss) on Sale of Assests               | (67,294)            | (912)               |
| Amortization of Intangibles                  | (1,411,917)         | (1,282,821)         |
| Other Non-operating Income (expenses)        | 525,378             | 33,838              |
| Income from Affiliates                       | 1,007,172           | 994,441             |
|  | <u>3,180,117</u>    | <u>3,868,419</u>    |
| Net Margins before Income Taxes              | 7,153,600           | 9,356,331           |
| Income Tax Expense (benefit)                 | 16,463              | 832,584             |
| Net Margins                                  | <u>\$ 7,137,137</u> | <u>\$ 8,523,747</u> |

# Revenue & Expenses

## FINANCIAL GRAPHS



# Assets

## BALANCE SHEET

| Current Assets  | 2021                  | 2020                  |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents   | \$ 1,491,250          | \$1,611,441           |
| Subscriber Accounts Receivable<br>(Less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$15,143 in 2021 and \$12,457 in 2020)           | 324,844               | 135,707               |
| Settlements & Access Accounts Receivable<br>(Less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$41,840 in 2021 and \$40,642 in 2020) | 1,174,548             | 1,287,098             |
| Other Accounts Receivable   | 373,101               | 134,437               |
| Materials and Supplies  | 1,617,488             | 1,310,022             |
| Income Taxes Receivable   | 233,575               | -                     |
| Other Current Assets  | 840,590               | 827,828               |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 6,055,396</b>   | <b>\$5,306,533</b>    |
| Non-Current Assets  | 2021                  | 2020                  |
| Goodwill and Intangible Assets, Net   | \$ 7,245,591          | \$ 8,349,365          |
| Investment in Affiliates  | 6,128,452             | 5,897,270             |
| Investment in Non-Affiliates  | 6,641,072             | 6,446,932             |
| Other Non-current Assets  | 25,000                | 25,000                |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 20,040,115</b>  | <b>\$ 20,718,567</b>  |
| Property, Plant & Equipment   | 2021                  | 2020                  |
| Regulated Plant in Service  | \$ 133,213,011        | \$ 130,968,738        |
| Regulated Plant Under Construction  | 1,499,205             | 1,357,191             |
| Non-Regulated Plant in Service  | 86,031,373            | 72,281,119            |
| Non-Regulated Plant Under Construction  | 113,964               | 9,459,733             |
|   | 220,857,553           | 214,066,781           |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization  | 103,805,622           | 93,568,437            |
| <b>TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>  | <b>117,051,931</b>    | <b>120,498,344</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>   | <b>\$ 143,147,442</b> | <b>\$ 146,523,444</b> |



# Liabilities & Members' Equity

## BALANCE SHEET

| Current Liabilities                                  | 2021                     | 2020                     |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Accounts Payable, General                            | \$ 1,768,286             | \$ 10,452,607            |
| Advanced Billings and Customer Deposits              | -                        | 149,922                  |
| Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt                 | 3,786,114                | 3,615,485                |
| Unsecured Line of Credit                             | 3,000,000                | -                        |
| Accrued Income Taxes                                 | -                        | 8,045                    |
| Other Accrued Taxes                                  | 52,107                   | 51,811                   |
| Other Accrued Liabilities                            | 1,137,308                | 1,110,478                |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                     | <b>9,743,815</b>         | <b>15,388,348</b>        |
| <br><b>LONG-TERM DEBT, Net of Current Maturities</b> | <br><b>\$ 33,887,949</b> | <br><b>\$ 37,783,010</b> |
| <br><b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>                   | <br><b>2021</b>          | <br><b>2020</b>          |
| Deferred Revenue                                     | \$ 11,658,172            | \$ 11,922,245            |
| Deferred Taxes                                       | 2,584,573                | 2,600,757                |
| <b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                 | <b>14,242,745</b>        | <b>14,523,002</b>        |
| <b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>                               | <b>85,272,933</b>        | <b>78,829,084</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>                | <b>\$ 143,147,442</b>    | <b>\$ 146,523,444</b>    |



# Nominating COMMITTEE REPORT

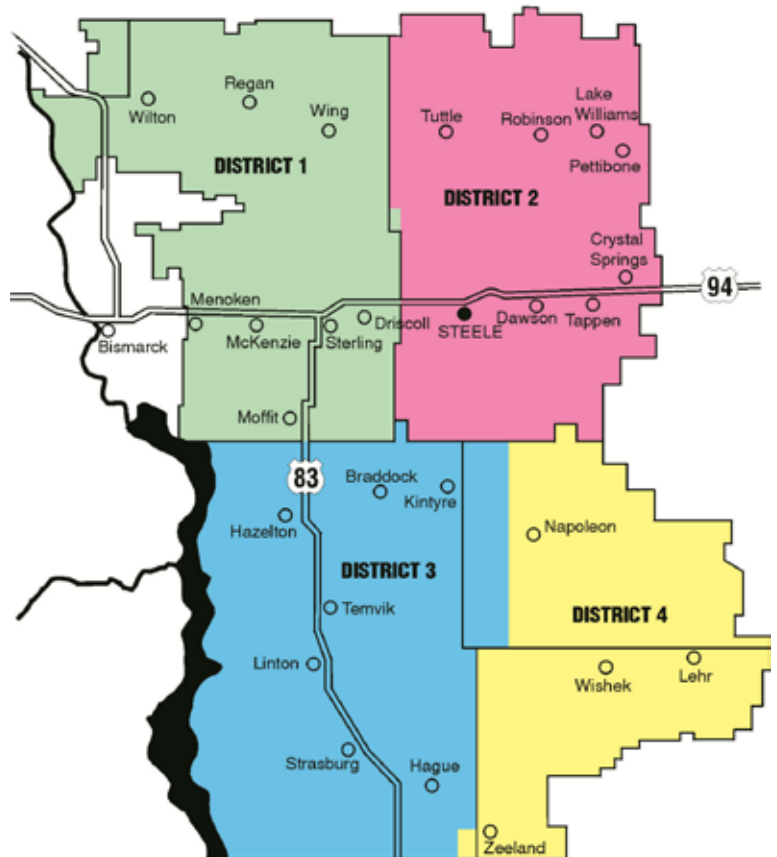
Each year the member-owners of BEK Communications Cooperative elect directors to three-year terms at the Cooperative's Annual Meeting.

The 2022 Nominating Committee of BEK Communications Cooperative met Wednesday, February 23, 2022, to nominate members of the cooperative to run for the Board of Directors. BEK Communications Cooperative member-owners residing in Districts I, III and IV will elect one director from each district to serve a three-year term.

The election of directors is an integral part of the BEK Communications Cooperative's Annual Meeting.

Serving on the 2022 Nominating Committee are Burnell Paul, Wing; Sara Gross, Wishek; Holly Will, Hazelton; Jim Porter, Wilton; MaryAnn Gefroh, Linton; Steve Fettig, Wishek.

On June 9, 2022, members of the BEK Communications Cooperative will have the opportunity to vote for these candidates for the Board of Directors.



## District I:

McKenzie, Regan,  
Sterling, Wilton, Wing

### Shane Morris

Regan (Incumbent)

## District II:

Pettibone, Robinson,  
Steele, Tappen, Tuttle

### No Election

## District III:

Hazelton, Kintyre,  
Linton, Strasburg

### Vickie Martin

Linton (Incumbent)

### Holly Will

Hazelton

## District IV:

Lehr, Napoleon,  
Wishek, Zeeland

### William (Bill) Becker

Wishek (Incumbent)



Wilton Central Office 1983

# How to Vote Before **THE 2022 MEETING**

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Voting for the 2022 Annual Meeting will include procedural and director voting. You may vote by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting. If voting by mail, your vote may not count if it's submitted late or with errors. Follow the directions below and make your vote count.

- You will receive a voting form and a postage paid return envelope in the mail around May 25, 2022.
- Your voting form will resemble one of the samples shown to the right, relative to your cooperative district.
- Sections on your voting form include:
  - Approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes
  - Director election if applicable in your district
- Please clearly mark your selection with **BLUE or BLACK ink**. Do not use a line or check mark, please fully fill in the box.
- Remember to **sign your voting form!** Voting forms without a signature or that contain a non-member signature, will be spoiled and cannot be counted.
- Your return envelope with voting form must be postmarked no later than **June 2, 2022**.





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## SAMPLE VOTING FORM

### Voting Instructions

- Mark your selection by filling in the box next to your choice.
- Must be signed by member as addressed.
- Envelopes must be postmarked no later than **June 2, 2022**.

### MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

■ EXAMPLE

PLEASE USE BLUE OR BLACK INK PEN

### 2022 BEK Communications Cooperative Voting Form

#### District 1

##### 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

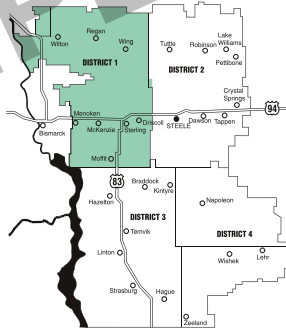
I approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as recorded in the 2021 Annual Report.

☐ Yes ☐ No

##### Director for District 1

Choose one candidate.

☐ Shane Morris, Regan (incumbent)



### Member Signature Required:

Only valid if signed by the member as addressed above.



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### 2022 BEK Communications Cooperative Voting Form

#### District 2

##### 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

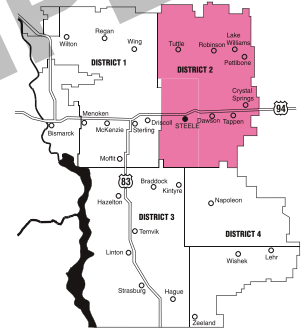
I approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as recorded in the 2021 Annual Report.

☐ Yes ☐ No

##### Director for District 2

Choose one candidate.

No Election



### Member Signature Required:

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### 2022 BEK Communications Cooperative Voting Form

#### District 3

##### 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

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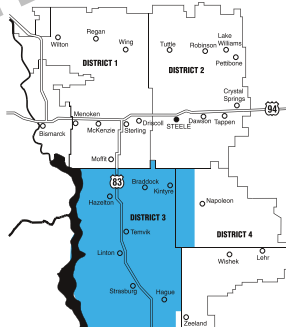
☐ Yes ☐ No

##### Director for District 3

Choose one candidate.

☐ Vickie Martin, Linton (incumbent)

☐ Holly Will, Hazelton



### Member Signature Required:

Only valid if signed by the member as addressed above.



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## SAMPLE VOTING FORM

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### MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

■ EXAMPLE

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### 2022 BEK Communications Cooperative Voting Form

#### District 4

##### 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

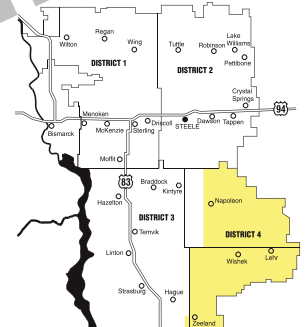
I approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes as recorded in the 2021 Annual Report.

☐ Yes ☐ No

##### Director for District 4

Choose one candidate.

☐ William (Bill) Becker, Wishek (incumbent)



### Member Signature Required:

Only valid if signed by the member as addressed above.



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# 2021 Annual Meeting

# MINUTES

The 69th Annual Meeting of the Members of BEK Communications Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) was held at the Kidder County School in Steele, North Dakota, on June 10, 2021, pursuant to the Notice of Annual Meeting previously mailed to all members. The meeting was also broadcast live on television and on Facebook.

At 7:00 p.m., the Steele Amvets Post 20 presented the Colors and Maurice Chavis sang the National Anthem.

At 7:07 p.m., President Brett Stroh called the meeting to order and announced that as of 7:00 p.m. there were 116 members present. Additionally, the Cooperative sent written ballots to all members. President Stroh announced that the Cooperative received 739 signed ballots. There was a quorum to proceed (855). President Stroh announced that the Cooperative served 287 meals to Members and their guests.

Father Neil Pfeifer of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church of Napoleon gave the invocation.

President Stroh then introduced the Directors and their spouses.

President Stroh announced that Notice of Annual Meeting was completed on May 21, 2021 as indicated on Page 4 of the Annual Report mailed to Members. There was a motion and second to dispense with reading of the Notice of Annual Meeting and the motion passed.

President Stroh announced that the Certificate of Mailing was completed on May 21, 2021. There


was a motion and second to dispense with reading of the Notice of Annual Meeting and the motion passed.

The written report of Secretary-Treasurer Shane Morris was published on pages 8-14 of the Annual Report. Secretary/Treasurer Morris relinquished his time to present his report to the Cooperative’s Auditor, Chris Skidmore from Moss Adams.

President Stroh then introduced the Cooperative’s Attorney, Monte Rogneby, from the Vogel Law Firm to present the proposed amendments to the Cooperative’s Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Mr. Rogneby presented to the Members each of the proposed amendments as presented to the Members as part of the Annual Report and answered questions from the Members present. The Members then voted on the proposed amendments.

Mr. Rogneby then explained the election procedures for the Board of Directors including the methods by which candidates may be nominated: nominating committee and petition. Mr. Rogneby announced the report of the Nominating Committee which had met on February 24, 2021 and which appears on page 23 of the Annual Report. The Cooperative did not receive any petitions for director candidates.

Mr. Rogneby explained that Districts II and IV were to hold elections for the Board of Directors. In District II, Brett Stroh, from Tappen, was the only nominated candidate. In District IV, two



candidates were nominated: incumbent Gerald Burlack, from Wishek, and Joshua Weist, also from Wishek.

Mr. Rogneby invited Brett Stroh to address the members and he declined, and then the members voted for Director for District II.

Mr. Rogneby then invited Gerald Burlack and Joshua Weist to address the members. Director Burlack declined and Mr. Weist was not present. The members voted for Director for District IV.

All of the ballots from the Members were then collected to be tabulated.

President Stroh presented his written President's report as published on pages six and seven of the Annual Report. President Stroh also answered questions from the floor.

President Stroh introduced the Cooperative's Auditor, Chris Skidmore from Moss Adams, to present the Audit Report on the financial health of the Cooperative.

President Stroh then introduced the Cooperative's CEO, Derrick Bulawa. Mr. Bulawa presented to the Members a short video entitled "2020 Year in Review", highlighting the operations of the Cooperative over the previous year. Mr. Bulawa provided to the Members his CEO report.

Mr. Bulawa recognized honored guests of the Cooperative in attendance.

President Stroh then introduced Holly Will, the

Voting Teller Coordinator, to announce the results of the elections.

President Stroh, introduced Voting Teller Coordinator Holly Will to read the results of the elections. The Voting Teller Coordinator announced that Amendment 1 received 621 Yes votes, 102 No votes, Amendment 1 passes. Amendment 2 received 692 Yes votes, 55 No votes, Amendment 2 passes. Amendment 3 received 634 Yes votes and 105 No votes, Amendment 3 passes and Amendment 4 received 635 Yes votes and 87 No votes, Amendment 4 passes. The Voting Teller Coordinator also announced in Districts II - 159 ballots were cast for Brett Stroh, Mr. Stroh was re-elected to District II. In District IV, Gerald Burlack received 125 cast votes and Joshua Weist received 106 cast votes. Mr. Burlack was elected by majority vote to serve as District IV Director.

President Stroh inquired of the members whether there was any old business and there was none.

President Stroh inquired of the members whether there was any new business and there was none.

President Stroh thanked the members for their participation and adjourned the business meeting at 8:12 p.m.

CEO Bulawa then conducted the door prize drawing for the children and the drawing for adults.

**Brett Stroh, President**  
**Shane Morris, Secretary**

# 2021 Scholarship **WINNERS**

BEK Communications received a total of 35 scholarship applications from high school seniors throughout BEK's service area.

**Congratulations to our nine \$500 scholarship winners!**

*Are you a cooperative member with a senior?*

For more information or to apply for the BEK Communications Scholarship, visit: [www.bek.coop/coop/scholarships](http://www.bek.coop/coop/scholarships)



**HUNTER GALLAGHER**  
Ashley High School



**CHARMAINE HAAS**  
Napoleon High School



**MORGAN MCDOWALL**  
Legacy High School



**ABIGAIL MEHLHOFF**  
Wing High School



**JONATHAN REDFEARN**  
Valley City High School



**MADELYN SCHMIDT**  
Kidder County High School



**DANIEL SCHUMACHER**  
Linton High School



**JANAE WEIGEL**  
Napoleon High School



**PEYTON ZAUN**  
Valley City High School





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# 2021 Community Partnership **GRANTS AWARDED**

BEK Common Cents Grants helped support our local cooperative communities for decades. BEK Communications Cooperative still believes that supporting community projects and organizations in the communities throughout our service area is just common sense. But it was time to revise the program. In 2021, The BEK Board of Directors developed the new Community Partnership Program (CPP) as a means to provide support

through a structured program designed to meet the current and future needs of BEK-served communities.

Tax-exempt, nonprofit community organizations or groups in BEK Communication Cooperative's service area are eligible to apply for the Community Partnership Grant Program. Funding is awarded twice each year.

## **2021 Grant Recipients**

- Abused Persons Outreach Center
- Central Dakota Children's Choir
- Dawson Rural Fire
- Elks Camp Grassick
- Napoleon Ambulance Service
- Pettibone Fire Department
- Robinson Fire Department
- Steele Volunteer Fire District
- Tappen Fire Department
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- Wishek Elementary School
- Wishek Home for the Aged
- Wishek Senior Citizens Club

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