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BEK Holds 66th Annual Meeting

June 15, 2018 – Steele, N.D. – The 66th Annual Meeting of the members of BEK Communications Cooperative was held Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the Kidder County Steele School gymnasium in Steele, N.D.

The James K. McAleer Amvets #20 Color Guard of Steele presented the flags and the National Anthem was sung by Nancy DeVore. The Invocation was given by Pastor Paul Shauer from Sunne Lutheran Church, Wilton.

There were 216 qualified voters registered and 394 beef meals were served to the members, their families and to guests and friends attending the meeting.

Election:

Incumbent directors, Brett Stroh, Tappen (District II), Leo Meier, Hague (District III) and Gerald Burlack, Wishek (District IV) were re-elected to the Board of Directors to serve a three-year term by unanimous voice vote. There was no election in District I.

DISTRICT I consists of members in the telephone exchanges of Regan, Sterling, McKenzie, Wilton and Wing.

DISTRICT II consists of members in the telephone exchanges of Pettibone, Tappen, Robinson, Steele and Tuttle.

DISTRICT III consists of members in the telephone exchanges of Linton, Kintyre, Strasburg and Hazelton.

DISTRICT IV consists of members in the telephone exchanges of Lehr, Zeeland, Wishek and Napoleon.

Following a "2017 Year in Review" video, Derrick Bulawa, CEO/GM gave his report to the members and introduced several guests in the audience.

Following the audit report, officers' reports, and election, 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.

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Grand Prize Winners:

Kid's grand prizes and winners were:
Minecraft Legos – Jacob Gamel
Bicycle – Caleb Wanchic
Nintendo hand-held game – Isabella Rauda

Adult grand prize and winners were:

\$300 Cash – John Becker
\$200 Cash – Gorden Werth
\$100 Cash – Marlys White

Numerous other prizes were donated by Finley Engineering, Vistage, NISC, Farmers Union Insurance, Border States, Dickey Rural Networks, and others. Winners of the donated prizes included: Lorraine Rau, James K Schmidt, Luella Hayes, Ruth Carlson, David A & Dianne Kalberer, Johanna Horner, Marsha Rauda, Thomas & Delores Moss, W.Dwane & Roberta J Noon, Stuart & Kim Blotter, Joel Renfrow, Bruce & Joyce Nelson, Arlene Olson, Francis J & Anna Nolz, Ronald & Deb Brandner, and August & Mary Ann Wolbaum.

The 66th Annual Meeting of BEK Communications Cooperative was televised LIVE by the BEK Broadcasting Network.

At the reorganization meeting 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 Billie Becker as Secretary/Treasurer.

About BEK Communications

BEK Communications, founded in 1952, is a communications services cooperative headquartered in Steele, North Dakota, with branch offices in Bismarck and Valley City. The company provides fiber-based voice, Internet, and television services; cloud-based security, automation, surveillance, voice, and storage services; live sports broadcasting on BEK Broadcasting Network; and hospital and business communications solutions to nearly 10,000 customers in North Dakota. The company emphasizes their fast, friendly, local service experience and a broad portfolio of high-quality communications services at a reasonable price. To learn more, visit www.bektel.com.

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Picture included

2017 BEK Board of Directors

Back Row: Shane Morris, of Regan, Sanford Williams, of Wing, Gerald Burlack, of Wishek, Doug Kalianoff, from Steele, Leo Meier, of Hague.

Front Row: Secretary/Treasurer William (Billie) Becker, of Wishek, President Brett Stroh, of Tappen, Vice President Kevin Bernhardt, of Linton, Vickie Martin, of Linton.

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