



Vote-By-Mail Process

Members may vote-by-mail for election of directors. Eligible voting members will find a ballot enclosed in this mailing. To vote-by-mail, complete the ballot and drop the card in the mail. Cards must be received by the meeting date to be counted. Members may also vote in person at the meeting. If a member submits a ballot by mail, they may request the mailed ballot be surrendered to allow them to vote in person during the meeting. Questions regarding the voting process may be directed to Nicholas Krehbiel at 1-800-536-5614 Ext. 306 or nkrehbiel@kanzacoop.com.

Director Candidate Biographies

Eastern District: Frank Harper

Frank Harper and his wife Mary live north Sedgwick and have two daughters: Annie 22 and Cora 17. Frank farms corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. His cattle program consists of growing cattle at Sedgwick and a ranching operation north of El Dorado, which includes both cow-calf as well as stockers. Frank retains ownership of most of his livestock by finishing in commercial feed yards. In addition to his farming operation, Frank values supporting his church and community in various ways. He is also involved in organizations outside his community both ag and non-ag related.



Northern District: Randy Fritzemeier

Randy Fritzemeier is a dryland farmer in Stafford and Reno counties. His primary crop is wheat with some corn, alfalfa and milo production. Randy also raises cow-calf pairs. He is involved in several community organizations including serving as Treasurer for the Stafford Methodist Church and as a board member for the Stafford Education Foundation. Randy and his wife Kim have two adult children.



Southern District: Brian Moore

Brian Moore is a sixth generation Pratt County resident who grew up near Byers and attended Skyline Schools. He is a 2014 graduate of Kansas State University, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, and a 2017 graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law. Brian is a partner at the Law firm of Hansen, Beverlin and Moore, LLC in Pratt and serves as the Assistant County Attorney. In addition to his professional career, Brian is involved in his family's farming operation Moore Farms.





Kanza Cooperative Association Annual Stockholders Meeting Minutes*

Virtual Due to Covid-19

June 4th, 2020

**Pending Approval*

Due to the COVID-19 the Kanza Cooperative Association annual meeting scheduled for April 2, 2020 was rescheduled to June 4th, 2020 at 6:00 p. m. as a Virtual Annual Stockholders Meeting due to gathering restrictions in place for the COVID-19 pandemic. Voting members that wanted to participate in the meeting were required to RSVP to the cooperative in order for staff to verify voting eligibility and then email details for how to join the meeting virtual were sent back. A recording of the meeting will be made and available on the Kanza's website and social media platforms for non-voting members and those unable to attend. Ballots that were previously submitted by mail for the Board of Director Elections would be counted in the total for the vote taken at the meeting.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Mike Christie with explanation of how the meeting would be conducted as a virtual meeting of the cooperative.

Secretary Thomas Penka had taken roll call of the directors as they came on line. Those present were President Mike Christie, Secretary Thomas Penka, Randy Fritzemeier, Brent Gruenbacher, Frank Harper, Gary Hornbaker, Jason Howell, and Alvin Neville. Larry Briggeman was an excused absence. Secretary Penka announced that a proof of Quorum had been met with 117 plus write in members.

President Christie ask for a motion to accept the minutes of the last annual meeting. Bruce Krehbiel so moved, Jason Howell 2nd and the motion carried.

Brad Riley was then ask to give the year-end financial report. His report was disrupted due to audio difficulties at the Andale location and at which time Bruce Krehbiel assisted by finishing the report from the Pratt location.

Ken Hamby Auditor with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris gave the membership a brief summary of the audit and it's findings of the financial records. He thanked the staff of Kanza for their help in making the audit go smoothly and efficiently.

President Christie then announced the candidates up for re-election: Eastern District Alvin Neville; Northern District Gary Hornbaker; and Southern District Jason Howell. With no other nominations from the membership present or written in ballots Randy Fritzemeier moved to cast a unanimous ballot for directors running. Frank Harper 2nd the motion, motion carried.

President Christie recapped the year of accomplishments on projects that were in process coming into the year and had been completed. He spoke to the current progress on the chemical and fertilizer plant at Andale as well as the issue's of water rights the cooperative had been involved in during the year.

Bruce Krehbiel spoke to the membership about the events of COVID-19 and the precautions taken to protect the employees as well as the general public. He expressed his personal thank you to all of the employees of the cooperative who gave 110% to make the cooperative locations safe and essential for business to continue with minimal disruption.

President Christie call on the membership for any New or Old business that needed to be discussed, with there being none from the floor.

Gary Hornbaker moved adjourn, Alvin Neville 2nd motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Penka
Secretary

Added Precautions for Annual Meeting

The decision to move forward with this year's annual meeting was made recognizing that some changes would need to take place to ensure a safe and productive event. Here are a few ways our team is preparing for the event:

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS:** Currently Pratt County does not have a gathering restriction in place. However, the Pratt County Health Department has encouraged us to practice social distancing and comply with Kansas Executive Order 20-52, which requires mask wearing when 6 ft. of distance cannot be maintained. **Note: Kanza continues to comply with all local and state regulations.**
- **OTHER SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:** Staff is currently working through ways to minimize contact and maintain safe distance during the meal and meeting. We will also provide hand-sanitizing stations at the meeting entrance.
- **REMOTE VIEWING:** We recognize that not all members will be comfortable attending an in-person meeting. We plan to have an option for you to view the meeting online. Be sure to visit our website or social media the week of the meeting to find the link for viewing the meeting. *Note: you should also plan to vote-by-mail as you will not be able to vote electronically.*

We hope that these precautions help all of our members feel comfortable participating. Questions regarding safety precautions can be directed to Nicholas Krehbiel at 1-800-536-5614 Ext. 306 or nkrehbiel@kanzacoop.com.





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Notice of Annual Meeting

March 18, 2021

Stockholders
Kanza Cooperative Association

Dear Member:

The Annual Stockholder's meeting of the Kanza Cooperative Association will be held on **April 8, 2021 at The Pratt Municipal Building, 117 W 3rd Street in Pratt, KS.** Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner being served at 6 p.m. and business session immediately following. **Please RSVP to Emily at 1-800-536-5614, Extension 310 or by email to info@kanzacoop.com.**

During the business session, Directors will be elected for Eastern District, Northern District and Southern District positions. Voting members may submit ballots by mail in advance of the meeting to be counted during the event. The nominating committee has submitted the following names as candidates for the election:

Eastern District
Frank Harper

Northern District
Randy Fritze-meier

Southern District
Brian Moore

Reports from Kanza's auditors and leadership team will be presented concerning the operation of business during 2020. Your participation is key to the success of this organization and we hope that you will plan to attend.

Sincerely,

Thomas Penka
Secretary

