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2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Wiatel held it's 2024 Annual Meeting the evening of Wednesday, April 10 at the Movable Community Center. This meeting marked the 75th Annual Meeting of the members as the cooperative was founded in 1949.

The event started with a meal being served from 5:00 to 6:30 with the meeting called to order at 6:30 by Wiatel's President of its Board of Directors, Russell Walker of Movable. Following the approval of the meeting minutes from the previous year's meeting, Wiatel CEO, Heath Mallory, presented his report.

Mallory commented that Wiatel continues to expand its service footprint, saying, "Work to expand our network footprint never stops." In addition, Mallory mentioned that Wiatel is also experiencing growth inside of its existing service areas. "Whether it's edging out our service boundaries to reach new first-time customers or building our network to new homes being built within our existing service footprint, Wiatel's customer base is ALWAYS growing."

The CEO discussed the state of the area housing market, recognizing that new home construction in Wiatel's Movable housing development, The Ridge, has been very active and that construction of new rural and town homes in many Wiatel communities has been busy, even with higher construction costs and mortgage rates.

Mallory went to great lengths to recognize the staff of Wiatel for their service throughout the cooperative's 75 years of existence, saying, "I know it sounds like a cliché, but our people are what separate us from anyone else in our competitive space." Combination Technician Mike Loving was recognized for 10 years of service. In addition, CEO Heath Mallory marks 20 years of service with Wiatel this year.

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The CEO also mentioned new technologies available to customers regarding online account management and bill paying and a new streaming service that gives video customers access to the service on their phones and tablets.

CEO Mallory announced the results on the vote for directors. Directors Doug Baird of Climbing Hill, Doug Johnson of Oto, and Steve Witt of Lawton were all re-elected to three terms on the Board of Directors.

Mallory called for a motion to approve all reports. It was duly moved and seconded that all reports be approved. Motion carried.

Mallory then asked for a motion to ratify the actions of the officers and directors during the past year. It was duly moved and seconded. Motion carried.

CEO Heath Mallory called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

At the re-organizational meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Russell Walker;
Vice President, Don Wohlert;
Secretary, Deb Sulsberger;
Treasurer, Steve Witt.

Other directors are: Pat Rogers, Movable; Scott Blakely, Smithland; Doug Baird, Climbing Hill; Doug Johnson, Oto; and Mike Bruning, Turin-Castana.

Winners of the Attendance prizes contributed by Wiatel were:

\$100 Gift Cards to Target: Sheila & John Cox, Climbing Hill; John Haafke, Bronson; Kenneth Fredrickson, Movable; Wally & Pamela Kuntz, Movable; David Molstad, Movable; Paul & Virginia Corrie, Bronson; Sharon Kunkel, Bronson

\$200 Bill Credits for our 75th Anniversary:
Joe Parks, Bronson and Barbara Wingert, Movable

Hams
40 Hams were given out based on color fly swatter give-a-way.

Children's Prize—
\$100 Gift Cards to Barnes & Noble: Marshall Hair, Hornick

Facebook Prize Winner—
\$100 Gift Card to Target: Leann Orr, Lawton

Capital Credits

Wiatel maintains a list of accounts with unclaimed capital credits, and is asking for assistance in locating individuals on the list. **If you know any of the individuals below, please have them call our office at 944-5711 so we can update their current address and discuss their Wiatel capital credits.** Because capital credits may not be retired for several years, it's important that every member keeps us informed of their current address at all times.

Babb, Wayne
Benjamin, Judy
Benson, Denett
Blanford, Sarah
Bleil, Tom M
Brown, Barbara A
Brown II, Jerry
Calvert, Kimberly
Corey, Mellisa
Country Foods Inc
Deanda Auto Sales Inc
Deeds, Jason and Jennifer
Doll, Amy
Ferdig, Teresa
Fisher, Patricia L
Fisher, Stanley
Fouts, Matthew and Janelle
Graalfs, Shara Hinrichs
Gray, Erick and Ashley
Habeger, Matt and Tina
Hall, Valarie Peters
Hames, Mike
Hansen, Kenneth E
Harder, Brian and Annette
Hardnett, Jodi
Hartz, Deborah

Heath, Jenny
Kerr-Dobney, Suzanne
King, Suzanne
Kress, Marvin
Kropp, Michael and Kim
La Croix, Kendra
Langwell, Kelly
Lohry, Joel and Tracy
Lopez-Johnson, Florinda L
Lutz, Chris
Manker, Jenifer
Mc Call, Victor and Jill
Mc Coy, Paul
Mc Elrath, Luke
Mc Gill, Marc
Meeves, Mike and Shelly Schofield
Meeves, La Vone M
Meyer, Michael L
Michaels, Chance and Renette
Mulhall, Angel
Nettleton, Steve and Deidre
Oregon, Pat and Laura
Parks, Cami
Posthuma, Laura
Prichard, Jason
Rose, Todd A

Capital Credits

Ross, Laurie
Sassman, Todd
Schaeff Lift Truck Inc
Schlotman, Amy E
Schlotman, Robert L and Elizabeth
Schultzen, Corey
Schmidt, Peggy
Schmidt, Renae
Spinnato, Andrea
Stilley, Phil A and Brandy
Struble, Terry

Swipies, Kenneth H
Taylor, Klesha
Thomas, Tracie
TJ's Sports Bar and Grill
Todd, Jack and Rhonda Newsome
Van Cleave, Timothy C
Vermeer, Brent
Washburn, Jason M and Karlee
Weiland-Schramm, Stephanie
Wiese, Thomas J
Wood, Robert

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Annual Meeting
at the Movable Community Center



Thursday, April 10



Supper 5:00-6:30pm
Business Meeting 6:30pm

Wiatel's Annual Meeting of the Members is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at the Movable Community Center. Members should have received a formal invite and ballot in the mail. Members can also vote at the meeting. We hope to see our members there!

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Calling All 2025 High School Seniors!

Wiatel awards a \$1500 scholarship annually to a senior in each of the school districts we service. Pick up an application from your guidance counselor today!