

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
May 28, 2021

The May meeting of the board directors of McLean Electric Cooperative Inc. was held at the Cooperative's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

Directors present were:

Clarence Behles  
Larry Gessele  
Karen Hanson  
Darcy Klain  
Troy Presser  
James Odermann  
Rod Stockdill

Also in attendance were Finance Director, Wendy Kinn, Staff Engineer, Lucas Schaaf, General Manager/CEO, Mark Doyle, and Attorney David A. Lindell.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of additional agenda items, review of directors checks, approval of the membership and service applications/transfers, and the minutes of the April 22, 2021, board meeting. The motion carried.

The estates of Ivan G. Cowles, Darlene Feist, Audrey Savelkoul, Norma Barnayk, Estella Mehlhoff, Herbert Schlaht, Ruth Franklund, and Virginia Snyder, were presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made and seconded to retire the capital credits for the estates. The motion carried.

The board continued its discussion regarding bad debt write-offs which was tabled from the April meeting. It was determined for bad debts to continue to go through collections for payment with no changes to be made.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Finance Department - Wendy Kinn. Items discussed and actions taken during the Finance Department report were as follows:
  - a) Provided the Financial Report for the Cooperative which included the review of the April 2021 KW and KWH sales and revenue, financial ratios, and the preliminary April 2021, Form 7. April revenue is below budget by \$75,585.87, with year-to-date revenue below budget \$352,785.46. Year-to-Date KWH sales are below budget 4,338,451 with demand below budget 611.

- b) The Basin investments have been renewed for an additional 30 days.
  - c) Discussed future capital credit retirements.
  - d) Reviewed the variance from budget report.
  - e) Reported that the 2020 Cooperative allocations will be sent to the patrons in early June.
2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
- a) Provided the work load update which included Blue Flint re-power possibilities and the upcoming White Shield projects.
  - b) Reviewed the work plan/work order schedule.
3. Operations Department - Mark Doyle in place of Keith Thelen, who was absent. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Department Report were as follows:
- a) Provided the work load/work plan and contract labor update. Twelve (12) new services were installed in April.
  - b) The Turtle Lake bucket truck has been delivered.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Mark Doyle. Items discussed and actions taken during the General Manager/CEO Report were as follows:
- a) Provided a Covid-19 update. Things are back to normal at the Cooperative.
  - b) Continued the discussion of the White Shield projects.
  - c) Previewed the 2021 Annual Meeting. The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held at the Cooperative's headquarters. A motion was made and seconded to waive the Alcohol and Premises Policy for the Annual Meeting held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried.

- d) Reviewed the PSC Fire Mitigation inquiry in which the Cooperative will respond.
- e) Provided a member accounts update. Enerbase has made an offer to purchase the EV Charging Station at Totten Trail and move it to its Washburn location. A motion was made and seconded to approve the sale. The motion carried.
- f) Elections were presented for NCSC Co-Bank and CFC. A motion was made and seconded to cast a ballot for Robert “Mac” McLennan for Co-Bank director. The motion carried.
- g) The Cooperative will continue to contribute 10% of its CFC retired capital credits to the CFC Integrity Fund which is an increase from 5% to 10%.
- h) Discussed the Youth Group Grant. No applications were received and the program will be renewed in September 2021.
- i) Garrison High School Ag Education Shop Building Capital Campaign Request. A motion was made and seconded for the Cooperative to donate \$5,000.00 to the campaign. The motion carried.
- j) Summer hours discussion - Manager Doyle suggested to change the Cooperative hours from 8:00-5:30 Monday through Thursday and 8:00-12:00 on Fridays. A show of hands vote approved the change.


COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Statewide - Stockdill.
- b) Central Power - Presser
- c) Basin Electric - Presser

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. 2021 Annual Meeting - Tuesday, June 22, 2021.
2. The June board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021, which will begin at 8:30 a.m.
3. The July board meeting will be held on Friday, July 23, 2021, which will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The board went into Executive Session. After the Executive Session, there being no further business, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary