

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

November 21, 2022

The November meeting of the board of directors of McLean Electric Cooperative Inc. was held at the Cooperative's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Gessele, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Directors present were:

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

Also in attendance were Finance Manager Wendy Kinn, Staff Engineer Lucas Schaaf, Operations Manager Keith Thelen, Communications Manager Sonja Moe, 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 October 24, 2022, board meeting. The motion carried.

The estates of Roy Steinke and Charles Heidt were presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made and seconded to approve the retirement of the capital credits for the estates. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Finance Department - Wendy Kinn. Items discussed and actions taken during the Finance Department report were as follows:
  - a) Provided the November Financial Report for the Cooperative which included the review of the October financial ratios, KW and KWH sales and revenue and preliminary October, 2022, Form 7.  
  
October margin was \$59,213.00. YTD margin is \$639,003.00 which is above budget \$482,071.00. YTD revenue is below budget 250,697.  
YTD KW sales were 133,343. YTD KWH sales are above budget 1,525,791. YTD demand sales are above budget 392.

- b) 2022 capital credit retirement checks will be sent out December 28, 2022.
  - c) Reviewed Policy 317.0 Year to Date Budget to Actual Variance Report.
  - d) Reported that the Garrison Substation move expense reimbursement from Central Power is expected to be approximately \$1,025,000.00.
  - e) 2023 budget review and approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2023 budget. The motion carried.
2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf - Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
- a) Provided a mapping/staking update.
  - b) Provided an IT update.
  - c) Reported the Cooperative purchased a new pickup for metering.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Department Report were as follows:
- a) Reported that two linemen helped Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative with down power lines following the November storm.
  - b) Provided the November workload update.
  - c) Provided a pole change-out update.
  - d) Reported that he met with WSI and the Cooperative is in line for a 25% discount on its WSI insurance expense for 2023.
  - e) The board reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2022, safety committee meeting.
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 FEMA update.

- b) Provided a report of the Statewide Public Relations Advisory Committee meeting with Stockdill.
  - c) Provided a report of the Statewide Legislation Advisory Committee.
  - d) Statewide director election. A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for Stockdill as director. The motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for Klain as alternate director. The motion carried.
  - e) Statewide Annual Meeting delegate appointment. Stockdill, Klain, Behles and Odermann will be the delegates. Hanson, Gessele, and Presser are the alternate delegates.
  - f) Stated that RDFC Director nominations are open. No nominations were made from the board.
5. Communications Director - Sonja Moe. Items discussed and actions taken during the Member Relations Report were as follows:
- a) Provided an update of prior and upcoming activities and donations made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The December board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2022, which shall begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The Cooperative Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2022, at Totten Trail.

Touchstone Energy Virtual Business Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2022.

Midwest Electric Consumer's Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 5-8, 2022, in Denver, Colorado.

NDAREC Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 6-8, 2023, in Bismarck.

NRECA Power X-Change is scheduled for March 3-8, 2023, in Nashville, Tennessee.

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