

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
October 24, 2022

The October meeting of the board of directors of McLean Electric Cooperative Inc. was held at the Cooperative's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 24th day of October, 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
Troy Presser
James Odermann
Rod Stockdill

Also in attendance were Finance Manager Wendy Kinn, 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 September 27, 2022, board meeting. The motion carried.

The estates of Gail Landgren, Lorene Gerhart, and Shirley Klain 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 October Financial Report for the Cooperative which included the review of the September financial ratios, KW and KWH sales and revenue and preliminary September, 2022, Form 7.

September margin was \$137,983.00. YTD margin is \$579,791.00 which is above budget \$435,540.00. YTD revenue was 11,460,478 below budget 249,289. YTD KWH sales were 99,422,652 and 2,667,826 above budget.

- b) 2022 capital credit retirement. A motion was made and seconded for the Cooperative to retire up to a 1/20th of the current capital credit balance provided the Cooperative has enough cash to retire the capital credits without having to borrow funds to make the payments. The motion carried.
 - c) Reported on her attendance at the NISC Member Information Conference and the Office Manager's and Accountants meeting.
 - d) Discussed the 2023 preliminary budget.
2. Engineering Department - Mark Doyle in place of Lucas Schaaf, Staff Engineer - Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
- a) Discussed the Interconnect Policy.
 - b) Provided a Basin Electric 345 KV line update.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Department Report were as follows:
- a) Provided a work load update.
 - b) The new Garrison Sub was transferred to MEC by Central Power on October 17th.
 - c) Pole changeout/straightening from summer storm damage is ongoing.
 - d) Provided a Crooked Lake project update.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Mark Doyle. Items discussed and actions taken during the General Manager/CEO Report were as follows:
- a) Provided EV Charger update. A motion was made and seconded to direct Manager Doyle to meet with the North Dakota Historical Society regarding the possible transfer of the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center EV Charger to the Historical Society. The motion carried.
 - b) Reported on his attendance at the Basin Electric 345 KV line open house in Underwood, ND, held on October 20, 2022.

- c) MEC Trust Board report. The Trust Board met October 20, 2022, and elected the following officers:

President	Mark Jennings
Vice-President	Debbie Boe
Secretary/Treasurer	Carla Landenberger

- d) Strategic Planning/Member Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting dates. The MAC will meet January 26, 2023, following the January 2023 board meeting and Strategic Planning is tentatively set for Thursday, February 9, 2023.

- e) Industry Annual Meeting delegate appointments:
 - 1. Basin Electric Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 8-10, 2022. Odermann will be delegate with Behles as alternate delegate. District Caucus - Gessele will be delegate.
 - 2. Touchstone Energy Virtual Business Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2022. Manager Doyle will be the delegate.
 - 3. Midwest Electric Consumers Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 5-8, 2022, in Denver, CO. Hanson will be the delegate with Behles as the alternate delegate.

- f) 2022 Equipment Replacement. A motion was made and seconded to rotate out units 19 and 22, a skid steer, and a flat bed utility trailer, and try to find replacements. The motion carried.

- 5. Member Relations - Sonja Moe. Items discussed and actions taken during the Member Relations Report were as follows:
 - a) Provided an update of prior and upcoming activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The November board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022, which shall begin at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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

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

Basin Electric Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 8-10, 2022, in Bismarck.


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.

NDARC Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 6-8, 2022, in Bismarck.

NRECA Power X-Change is scheduled for March 3-8, 2022, 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