

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
August 25, 2017

The August meeting of the Board of Directors of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the North Shore Inn & Suites, in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele, at 8:05 o'clock a.m.

Directors present:

Clarence Behles  
Larry Gessele  
Darcy Klain  
James Odermann  
Troy Presser  
Thomas Sheldon  
Rod Stockdill

Also present were General Manager Martin D. Dahl, Business Manager Brett Holtz, Operations Manager, Keith Thelen, Engineering Department Director, Scott Iverson, and Attorney David A. Lindell.

Manager Dahl introduced Sonja Moe who is the new Member Services Director for the Cooperative.

A motion was made by Odermann, seconded by Behles to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the July 26, 2017, board meeting, additional agenda items, review of director's checks, and approval of the membership and service applications. The motion carried.

The estates of Lois Rustad and Dorothy Fahlgren were presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made by Behles, seconded by Presser, to approve the estate retirements. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Business Department - Brett Holtz. Items discussed and actions taken during the Business Department's Report were as follows:
  - a) Provided the Financial Report for the Cooperative which included the KWH use and revenue for July 2017, review of the July 2017, financial ratios, and a preliminary Form 7 for July, 2017.
  - b) Reported on his attendance at the Office Manager/Accountant Annual Meeting.

- c) Discussed the Cooperative's insurance coverage with the board.
  - e) Reported that the 2016 Form 990 is complete and ready for board review and approval.
2. Engineering Department - Scott Iverson. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department's Report were as follows:
- a) Reported that the security system with CompCam. System installation will begin shortly.
  - b) Discussed work orders and the use of "as-builts" in connection with mapping.
  - c) Reported that the IT Server will be switched over to the Citrix Server with Basin Electric and that the Cooperative will have to follow Basin's password policy.
  - d) Reported that he will be moving from McLean Electric on September 25, 2017. The board thanked Scott for his service and congratulated him on his upcoming venture.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Report were as follows:
- a) Provided the August workload/workplan update.
  - b) Provided a Contract Labor report.
  - c) Reported that the trucks were dielectric tested for bucket and digger trucks last month. The board acknowledged the minutes of the August 2, 2017, Safety Committee meeting.
4. General Manager's Report - Martin D. Dahl. Items discussed and actions taken during the Manager's Report were as follows:
- a) Provided an update of the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center billing issue. Both entities have agreed to forfeit the capital credits back to the Cooperative.
  - b) Provided a RDFC Report.
  - c) Provided a GRWD Report. The district has hired a new manager/maintenance person, Todd Martinson, who starts his employment in August, 2017.

- d) RUS Loan - A motion was made by Odermann, seconded by Klain, to approve a Resolution for the Authorization, Ratification, and Confirmation of the Execution of Loan Documents and Secretary's Certificate. The motion carried.
- e) Reported on his attendance at the Statewide MAC meeting.
- f) Reported on his attendance at the Central Power MAC meeting.
- g) Reported on his attendance at the Basin MAC meeting.
- h) Proposed solar rate/power discussion - He presented a proposed rate schedule "SP" for solar power. A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Stockdill, to approve the proposed rate. The motion carried.
- i) Form 990 approval continued from the Business Department report - A motion was made by Stockdill, seconded by Sheldon, to approve the 2016 Form 990. The motion carried.
- j) Discussed a metering technician position for the Cooperative and reported that the union representatives have asked for the metering technician to be included in the union.
- k) Reviewed the Cooperative's Safety Report.
- l) Provided a building addition construction update. He asked for approval of a partial payment to the contractor in the amount of \$110,954.30. A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Sheldon, to approve payment. The motion carried.
- m) Discussed the Cooperative's radio tower. Manager Dahl has received inquiry for the purchase of the tower. He will begin discussions with the potential buyer. A motion was made by Klain, seconded by Behles, to authorize management to negotiate the sale of the tower. The motion carried.
- n) NRECA voting delegate appointment - Stockdill is the delegate with Klain as the alternate.
- o) Reported that a RESCO patronage dividend in the amount of \$5,063.00 was received.
- p) Camp of the Cross donation request - A \$100.00 donation will be made that will be matched by the camp.

- q) CFC Directory election - A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Odermann, to cast a vote for incumbent, Brad Schadin. The motion carried.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

1. NRECA Legal Seminar 58 - Attorney Lindell
2. Central Power - Presser
3. Basin Electric - Presser

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The September monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the North Shore Inn & Suites, Garrison, North Dakota, which shall begin at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business, upon a motion made and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary