

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

April 23, 2020

The April meeting of the Board of Directors of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held via telephone conference due to the COVID 19 pandemic, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Directors present:

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

Also present were Finance Manager Wendy Kinn, Staff Engineer Lucas Schaaf, Operations Manager Keith Thelen, General Manager/CEO Martin D. Dahl, and Attorney David A. Lindell.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the additional agenda items, review of director's checks, and approval of the membership and service applications/transfers. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2020, board meeting. The motion carried.

The estates of Bertha Dieterle, David Olson, Loel Nelson, Glenn Schreiner, George Officer, Patrick Carpentier, Elvina Fiedler, and Terry Vandal were presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made and seconded to retire 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 Financial Report for the Cooperative which included the review of the March 2020 KW and KWH sales and revenue and February financial ratios.

Revenue was ahead of budget by \$132,317.40 with large commercial ahead of budget \$80,479.27, total KWH sales ahead of budget 737,337, and KW sales ahead of budget by 3,697.

- b) Reported that the Cooperative received a draft copy of the 2019 audit.
2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
- a) Provided the current work load update.
  - b) Provided Max Water Treatment update.
  - c) Continued the discussion on the 2020 Irrigation Transformer Change-out Study.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Report were as follows:
- a) Reported that there was no Safety Committee meeting in the past month due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, but crews have been practicing safety measures regarding the pandemic. The Board reviewed the NDAREC Safety Matters Report.
  - b) Provided a current work load and contract labor update.
  - c) Discussed the Light Maintenance Program. He would like to discontinue this program since some bulbs are no longer available. A motion was made and seconded to discontinue the program. The motion carried.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Martin D. Dahl. Items discussed and actions taken during the General Manager's/CEO Report were as follows:
- a) Reported on his RESCO conference call meeting.
  - b) The Cooperative completed a FFB draw-down of \$2,000,000.00 at 1.157%, and discussed to invest it in an FDIC insured CD.
  - c) Reported that Statewide has been conducting weekly video meetings.
  - d) NISC is working to increase software efficiencies for the Cooperative.
  - e) Discussed the CARES Payroll Protection Plan. It does not appear that the Cooperative is eligible and no application will be made.
  - f) 2020 Annual Meeting discussion. It was moved and seconded to postpone the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting which was scheduled for June 16, 2020, until a date later in the year when larger groups are allowed to gather. The motion carried.

- g) Pick-Sloan Rate discussion. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2020 Pick-Sloan Rate. The motion carried.
- h) Reported that the current custodial service is proposing a \$1,100.00 a month raise. Management has proposed to look into bidding the services.
- i) Patron metering issue. It appears that a patron had been overcharged and will be reimbursed.
- j) Provided an update on ongoing meter testing.
- k) Provided an update on the Whiting Oil bankruptcy and potential for other oil and gas related bankruptcies.
- l) Discussed the GRE potential closure of the Coal Creek Power Station.
- m) Bad debt write-off. The bad debt of Joshua Proto in the amount of \$791.20 was presented for write-off. A motion was made and seconded to write-off the bad debt and send it to collections. The motion carried.
- n) The Board reviewed and discussed the 2020 Strategic Planning Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The May 2020 board meeting will be held Thursday, May 28, 2020, to begin at 8:30 o'clock a.m. The meeting may be held by telephone conference again due to potential government executive orders.

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.

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Secretary