

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
December 27, 2018

The December meeting of the Board of Directors of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Company's headquarters, in Garrison, North Dakota, and via conference telephone call due to inclement weather, on the 27th day of December, 2018. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Directors present:

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

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

A motion was made by Odermann, seconded by Klain, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the December 3, 2018, board meeting, additional agenda items, review of director's checks, and approval of the membership and service applications/transfers. The motion carried.

The estate of Alois Ness was presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Stockdill, to retire the capital credits for the estate. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Finance Department - Martin D. Dahl in place of 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 November KWH sales use and revenue, financial ratios, preliminary November, Form 7, and year-to-date statistics. The year-to-date revenue is ahead of budget, in the amount of \$384,499.57.
2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf, Staff Engineer. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
 - a) Provided the staking/engineering update. The department is preparing for the 2019 construction season.

- b) Provided an IT report.
 - c) Reviewed the latest work plan for the Cooperative.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Report were as follows:
- a) Provided the December work load and contract labor update.
 - b) Reported that the Turtle Lake crew had a near miss but no injuries occurred.
 - c) The board acknowledged the minutes of the December 5, 2018, Safety Committee Meeting.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Martin D. Dahl. Items discussed and actions taken during the Manager's/CEO Report were as follows:
- a) Discussed the Ann Carlsen Center donation. Further information will be gathered for the January board meeting.
 - b) Provided a revolving loan fund update. The Underwood Ambulance District should be submitting an application in April.
 - c) Discussed Marathon Water Heaters. Water heaters, elements and thermostats were purchased by the Cooperative for warranty purposes only.
 - d) Provided a report on his attendance at the Midwest meeting.
 - e) Provided a report on his attendance at the Lewis & Clark Development Council Meeting.
 - f) Provided a report on the Statewide Legislative Advisory Committee meeting.
 - g) Provided an update on the possible City of Garrison annexation of the Cooperative premises.
 - h) Discussed the Cooperative's disconnect policy.
 - i) Discussed a donation to the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Upon a motion made by Sheldon, seconded by Behles, for the 2019 donation to be paid to North Dakota Parks & Recreation for use in the Interpretive Center. The motion carried.

j) RUS Data Certifier & Security Administrator appointments. A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Klain, to appoint Manager Dahl as the RUS Data Certifier and Engineer Lucas Schaaf as the RUS Security Administrator. The motion carried.

k) Discussed the Blue Flint Transmission Line Project.

POLICY REVIEW:

The following policies were reviewed:

1. Policy No. 401.0 - Area Coverage
2. Policy No. 402.1 - Member Service and Line Extension Motor Loads
3. Policy No. 403.0 - Mobile Home Installations
4. Policy No. 404.0 - Wiring Inspections
5. Policy No. 405.0 - Easements/Distribution Lines
6. Policy No. 406.0 - Relocation of Lines
7. Policy No. 408.0 - Cooperative Liability for Damages to Consumer Public Property

A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Stockdill, to approve the policies as read and presented. The motion carried.

Policy No. 402.0 - Member Service and Line Extensions - A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Behles, to approve Policy No. 402.0 with the proposed amendments. The motion carried.

Policy No. 407.0 - Meter Testing. A motion was made by Odermann, seconded by Klain, to approve Policy No. 407.0 with the proposed amendments. The motion carried.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- a) Statewide - Stockdill
- b) Statewide Resolutions Committee - Klain
- c) Central Power - Presser
- d) Basin Electric - Presser

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The next monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Cooperative's Headquarters.

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

Secretary