

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
December 19, 2019

The December meeting of the Board of Directors of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Company's headquarters, in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 19th day of December, 2019. 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 December 2, 2019, 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 Kenneth Olson was presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made and seconded to retire the capital credits for the estate. 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 November, 2019 KW and KWH sales and revenue. Revenue for the month of November was over-budget \$82,644.73, and year-to-date revenue was over-budget \$124,706.00.
 - b) Reported that the 2019 capital credit retirement checks will be mailed December 20, 2019.
 - c) Reported the Cooperative will be receiving G&T capital credit retirements from Central Power and Basin Electric. A motion was made and seconded to pay out the G&T capital credits after the 1st quarter of 2020. The motion carried.

2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
 - a) Provided an update of the work load/work plan.
 - b) Provided an update of the NAWS Project.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Report were as follows:
 - a) The board acknowledged and reviewed the minutes of the December 13, 2019, Safety Committee meeting.
 - b) Provided an update on the December work load/work plan and contract labor.
 - c) Reported that a patron's home near Butte burned down on December 17, 2019. A motion was made and seconded to provide a waiver to the patron against back billing when power is reconnected.
 - d) Reported on the bucket truck bids. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a bucket truck from Altec. The motion carried.
 - e) Reported that the Cooperative sold three of its vehicles. A service vehicle for \$12,000.00; a car for \$6,000.00; and a Trailblazer for \$918.00.
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 attendance at the Midwest Annual Meeting.
 - b) Discussed the Energy Efficiency Loan Program. A motion was made and seconded for the Cooperative not to go with RUS borrowing, but rather possibly operate an Energy Efficiency Program in-house. The motion carried.
 - c) Reported on his attendance at the Touchstone Energy Conference meeting.
 - d) Continued the discussion on batteries and possible uses.
 - e) Follow-up with additional discussion on Policy 614 which was reviewed during the November meeting.
 - f) The Cooperative will receive capital credit retirement from Central Power consisting of a \$12,511.99 from 1988, and a renewable energy credit of \$13,599.34.

- g) Statewide Executive Director, Josh Kramer joined the meeting to provide a report on Statewide activities and 2020 outlook.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- a) Statewide Resolutions - Klain. A motion was made and seconded not to add McKenzie Electric's suggestion to the resolutions. The motion carried.
- b) Statewide - Stockdill
- c) Central Power - Presser
- d) Basin Electric - Presser

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The next monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. at the Cooperative's headquarters with a Member Advisory Committee meeting to follow that evening.
2. The February 2020 board meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2020 Strategic Planning Session which will be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 24th and 25th, with each day to begin at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

The board went into Executive Session. After the Executive Session, there being no further business. Upon a motion made and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary