

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

April 22, 2021

The April meeting of the board directors of McLean Electric Cooperative Inc. was held at the Cooperative's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021. 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 Director, Wendy Kinn, Staff Engineer, Lucas Schaaf, Operations Manager, Keith Thelen, 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 March 25, 2021, board meeting. The motion carried.

The estate of Hulda Mehlhoff was presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made and seconded to retire the capital credits for the estate. The motion carried.

The board reviewed a bad debt to be written off. A question was made as to whether the bad debt could be paid out of the existing capital credits for the account. A motion was made and seconded to table discussion to the May meeting.

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 2021 KW and KWH sales and revenue, financial ratios, and the preliminary March 2021, Form 7. March revenue is below budget by \$114,082.89 with year-to-date revenue below budget \$278,199.59.

- b) Reported that RESCO/IRMCO distributed a capital credit retirement of \$18,615.00.
  - c) 2020 Audit Review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the audit. The motion carried.
  - d) A motion was made and seconded to allocate capital credits for 2020 to the patrons. The motion carried.
2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
- a) Provided the work plan and IT update.
  - b) Reported on the White Shield projects.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Department Report were as follows:
- a) Provided the work load/work plan contract labor update.
  - b) Reported on the bucket truck replacement.
  - c) The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 2021, Safety Committee Meeting.
  - d) Reported that a Warehouse Intern has been hired and that the Cooperative has decided not to hire summer interns for the Turtle Lake shop.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Mark Doyle. Items discussed and actions taken during the General Manager/CEO Report were as follows:
- a) Provided a Covid-19 update.
  - b) Reconsidered Policy No. 608 - Sick Leave and Funeral Leave which would allow the American Rescue Plan to Sunset. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Sunset as of March 31, 2021. The motion carried.
  - c) Provided a McLean County Zoning Ordinance amendment update.

- d) Reviewed Policy No. 402 - Member Service and Line Extensions. A motion was made and seconded to eliminate the paragraphs regarding Single Phase and Three Phase Financing. The motion carried.
- e) A motion was made and seconded to eliminate the finance arrangement language but add 50% aid to construction for the first \$10,000.00 and allow the Board and General Manager to enter into contractual arrangements on a case by case basis. The motion carried.
- f) Provided a surplus property sale update.
- g) Discussed the Co-Bank No Barriers Program.
- h) Provided a report on the Touchstone Annual Meeting.
- i) Provided a report on the NRECA Town Hall.
- j) Provided a donation request from the North Dakota Hall of Fame.
- k) Discussed the upcoming 2021 Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The May board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021, which will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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