

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
September 23, 2021

The September meeting of the board directors of McLean Electric Cooperative Inc. was held at the Cooperative's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

Directors present were:

Clarence Behles - via telephone  
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 - via telephone, 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 August 24, 2021, board meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to revise the June minutes as presented. The motion carried.

The estates of Edward Fowler, Hilda Kohler, Robert Evans, Ronald Hummel, Sr., Norma Hanson, and Almit Brewer were presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made and seconded to approve the retirement of 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 August 2021 KW and KWH sales and revenue, financial ratios, and August Form 7.

August revenue was below budget by \$62,490.42, with year-to-date revenue below budget \$338,900.00. Year-to-Date KWH sales are below budget 4,353,000 with demand sales above budget 2,235.

- b) Reported the PPP Loan the cooperative received has been completely forgiven.
  - c) RESCO capital credit allocation for 2020 was \$26,494.00 of which 20% was paid in cash.
  - d) NDAREC Loan Guaranty - Doyle presented a resolution for the guaranty of a portion of the loan CFC has made with NDREC for its contribution to statewide's new building and BSC linemen's school. The guaranty is in the amount of \$151,666.67 of the total \$7,000,000.00 loan. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolutions and authorize the execution of the guaranty. The motion carried.
  - e) Reviewed the 2022 preliminary budget.
  - f) General Manager HCE bonus re-payment. A motion was made and seconded to rescind the HCE bonus re-payment requirement for the General Manager as was passed during the June 2021 board meeting. The motion carried.
  - g) Discussion was for the length of the Region V/VI Virtual Meeting. President Gessele declared the meeting to be a full day meeting.
2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
- a) Provided a work load/work plan update.
  - b) Reviewed the work plan progress report.
3. Operations Department - Mark Doyle for Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Department Report were as follows:
- a) Provided a work plan/work load and contract labor update.
  - b) Provided a new equipment update.

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) Provided a Rainbow Energy Center purchase of Coal Creek Station update.
  - c) Discussed the NDSU Quentin Burdick Center for Co-ops Equity Drive request. A motion was made and seconded to table the discussion to the October 2021 board meeting.
  - d) Reported that the Member Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> following the October monthly board meeting.
  - e) Provided an update of the renewal of the Turtle Lake Franchise.
  - f) Discussed the Totten Trail EV Charger sale.
  - g) A motion was made and seconded to provide the donation received from Touchstone Energy from the 2021 Annual Meeting would be provided to the North Dakota Western 4-H Camp for tree removal. The motion carried.
  - h) Provided a Member Services Report.
  - i) Presented a solar pump buy-out request from Thomas and Laurie Kohler. A motion was made and seconded to allow the Kohlers to buy-out at the minimum price necessary for the Cooperative to re-coop its costs. The motion carried.
  - j) A motion was made and seconded to eliminate the Cooperative's Solar Pump Program. The motion carried.
  - k) Provided a notice of the Touchstone Energy Director openings.
  - l) Discussed placing Cooperative property as surplus. Reported that the Cooperative has a F350 service pickup that is no longer needed. A motion was made and carried to sell the service truck on bids. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Statewide - Stockdill. He presented an NRECA Director Election Form. A motion was made and seconded for a ballot to be cast for Lynn Jacobson for director seat. The motion carried.
- b) Central Power - Presser
- c) Basin Electric - Presser

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The October board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Member Advisory Committee meeting.

The board went into Executive Session. After the 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