

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

September 29, 2023

The September meeting of the board of directors of McLean Electric Cooperative Inc. was held at the cooperative's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 29th day of September 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Gessele, at 8:30 a.m.

Directors present were:

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

Absent: Dave Lindell

Also in attendance were Finance Manager Wendy Kinn, Staff Engineer Lucas Schaaf, Operations Manager Keith Thelen, Communications Manager, Sonja Moe, and General Manager/CEO Mark Doyle.

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, 2023, board meeting. The motion carried.

The estates of Lillian Britton, Dorothy Thompson, Robert Knudson, and Nancy Fines 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 action taken during the Finance Department report were as follows:
 - a) Provided the Financial Report for the Cooperative which included the review of the August KW and KWH sales and revenue, financial ratios, and August Form 7.

YTD revenue is \$9,993,494.18 which is \$345,368.10 below budget. YTD KWH sales are 87,628,819 which is below budget 1,252,828. YTD demand sales are 6,836 below budget. The YTD August margin was \$304,678.

2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
 - a) Provided a staking/mapping/metering/IT update.
 - b) Provided a workload update.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Department Report were as follows:
 - a) Provided a workload update.
 - b) Provided an update on contract labor.
 - c) Provide an update that pole testing is complete. Changed 62 poles.
 - d) Provided an update on T & M Tree Service.
 - e) Provided an update that NDAREC Safety instructor Brian was here for a field visit this month.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Mark Doyle. Items discussed and actions taken during the General Manager/CEO Report were as follows:
 - a) A motion was made and seconded to approve the Rainbow Energy Service Agreement update. Motion carried.
 - b) A draft of the NDAREC Foundation Scholarship program was discussed.
 - c) CPEC/Garrison substation purchase was discussed. Central Power has approved the sale of the Garrison substation land to us for \$10. It is .22 acres located on the southeast side of our HQ property. A motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase. Motion carried.
 - d) There will be a virtual Touchstone Energy annual meeting held on November 29th at MEC headquarters. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Mark Doyle as the delegate. Motion carried.
 - e) Larry and Kathleen Gessele, Troy Presser, and Rod Stockdill will attend the BSC President's Club Dinner on October 12, 2023.

- f) Provided an overview of the NRECA Region 6 meeting that was September 12-14, 2023, in Des Moines, IA. NRECA has announced a 4.5% rate increase for dues.
 - g) Mark Doyle and Clarence Behles will be attending the Mid-West Electric Consumers' 66th annual meeting on December 12-14, 2023, in Denver, Colorado. A motion was made and seconded for Clarence to be the delegate and Mark the alternate. The motion carried.
 - h) NISC Call to Order will be moving forward to a web-based version. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the web-based version. The motion carried.
 - i) Mark discussed a \$5.00 rate increase to the Monthly Base Charge for Single-Phase Service, which will be \$46.00, and Three-Phase Service, which will be \$56.00. The rate change will be effective for the November 2023 usage month, which will be on the December 2023 bill. A motion was made and seconded to approve the rate change. The motion carried.
5. Communication Manager - Sonja Moe provided her report. October is co-op month and she is planning a free co-op pie & ice cream event with area cooperatives in Garrison on October 18 and in Turtle Lake on October 24.
 6. Manager Contract – a contract amendment for salary was negotiated with the manager. A motion was made and seconded to adjust the salary as recommended during negotiations.

OTHER BOARD REPORTS:

1. Statewide - Stockdill
2. Central Power - Presser
3. Basin Electric -

Presser UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The October board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023, which shall begin at 9:30 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