

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
ANNUAL MEETING

June 22, 2021

The 75<sup>th</sup> - 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the members of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the company's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021. The meeting was called by order by President Larry Gessele at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

Dinner was prepared by Kyle's Katering of Garrison, North Dakota, and served by the Garrison American Legion Baseball team the "Titans".

Secretary Rod Stockdill informed President Gessele that a quorum was present and President Gessele informed the attendees that the Cooperative was open for business.

President Gessele introduced Pastor Cory Phillips of Evangel Church of Garrison, North Dakota, who gave the opening invocation.

President Gessele recognized present and past military service personnel and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of the National Anthem by LaDonna Carpenter.

President Gessele introduced dignitaries and guests who were in attendance and recognized representative from each of North Dakota's Congressional Delegation. Senator's Hoeven and Cramer and Representative Armstrong, each of who read letters or gave a short statement to the attendees.

President Gessele also recognized MacKenzie Feuller, Miss Teen North Dakota International 2021 of Garrison, North Dakota, who provided a short address to the attendees.

President Gessele reported that the notice of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and minutes of the 74<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting were ready to be read for approval. It was moved that a reading of the notice and minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Gessele provided his President's report, as follows:

- He thanked those that helped put together this year's Annual Meeting. He pointed out what a difference a year makes because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the inability to have a quorum for the 2020 Annual Meeting.
- He discussed the balance between baseload and renewables.
- He reported that the hiring of new General Manager/CEO, Mark Doyle, and the retirement of former General Manager/CEO Martin D. Dahl.

- He recognized past directors and employees and introduced the directors to the attendees.
- President Gessele introduced the Member Advisory Committee members and thanked them for their input to the Cooperative.

President Gessele introduced General Manager/CEO, Mark Doyle, to provide his address to the attendees. Manager Doyle discussed the following:

- He introduced himself and thanked past Manager, Martin D. Dahl, for his service to the Cooperative
- He reported on how the Cooperative operated during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- He discussed the diversity of McLean Electric's membership and how things have evolved through the years.
- He reported that the Cooperative strives to provide service in a fair and equitable manner and discussed the Smart Hub and its benefits to the Cooperative's members.

Manager Doyle then provided the Financial Report for the Cooperative for 2020. Total revenue received was \$15,054,196.00 with total KWH sold in 2020 of 131,703,697 with a net margin of \$905,887.00. Net equity was 458,541 and total assets grew \$973,495.00.

Manager Doyle introduced Troy Presser, MEC Director as well as the Cooperative's Director to Central Power and the Central Power Director to Basin Electric who provided a Generation and Transmission Report.

- During his report, Director Presser mentioned that Central Power is in the process of syncing its substation for better reliability.
- He discussed the fire to the Glenburn Fire Hall and Central Power's donation to the fire department showing that Cooperatives are concerned for their communities.
- He stated that Basin Electric is currently interviewing for a new CEO. Basin Electric has entered a MOU to sell the Dakota Gasification Company to Bakken Energy and Mitsubishi America.
- He stated that the Basin Electric Leland Olds Station Unit 1 could be shut down due to age and not environmental concerns.
- He discussed the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and the February power failure in Texas and the resulting rolling blackouts.

Operation Round-up Committee - President Jude Iverson, was introduced to give an Operation Round-Up Report to the attendees. She introduced the Operation Round-up board members and reported that \$12,000.00 in two grant rounds were awarded in 2020 to the Max Public School, Farm Rescue, Guardian and Protective Services, Great Plains Food Bank, Little Lunches Backpack Program, Garrison Area Food Pantry, Our Savior's Lord Food Pantry, and the Mercer Community Center.

President Gessele announced that the Board of Directors have proposed the following By-Law amendments:

**Article III., Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The amendment would delete language that the annual meeting would be required to be held in the first six months following the end of the fiscal year.

**Article III., Section 5. Voting.** The amendment would allow a person to vote in person or by mail.

Attorney Counsel, David A. Lindell, explained the proposed amendments to the attendees and discussion from the membership was taken regarding the amendment to Section 5. During discussion, a motion from the floor was made and seconded to add that the mail election would be a quorum for the elections only. A showing hands vote was taken and the amendment failed. Both amendments passed.

Section 1 with 73 votes Yes to 3 votes No  
Section 5 with 60 votes Yes to 15 votes No

President Gessele introduced Secretary Rod Stockdill who announced that the terms for directors for Districts 2 and 6 were up for election due to being unable to hold the election in 2020 due to a lack of quorum and that Districts 4 and 7 were up for election. Since both President Larry Gessele and Vice-President, Darcy Klain, were up for election, Secretary Stockdill announced that the following candidates presented petitions for nomination:

District 2 - Clarence Behles  
District 4 - Darcy Klain  
District 6 - Karen A. Hanson  
District 7 - Larry Gessele

Since the incumbent candidates were the only candidates to present petitions, Secretary Stockdill asked for a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the directors. A motion was made and seconded and the directors were re-elected.

Manager Doyle announced the following employee service awards:

Anne Brawley - 10 years  
Trevor Thomas - 5 years

Manager Doyle announced that Rick Gienger will retire as a Lineman this fall after 44 years of service to the Cooperative. The attendees provided a standing ovation in honor of Lineman Gienger.

Manager Doyle presented the following scholarships:

1. McLean Electric/Basin Electric Scholarships of \$500.00 each to Ashley Ketterling of Turtle Lake/Mercer High School, daughter of Melissa and Todd Ketterling of Mercer, ND, and Addyson Hughes of Des Lacs-Burlington High School, daughter of Todd and Sara Hughes of Minot, ND.
2. McLean Electric Essay Scholarship of \$500.00 to James McElwain, sophomore at Bismarck State College, son of Holly and Jeffrey McElwain of Minot, ND.
3. The 2019 Youth Tour Essay Contest Winner is Wyatt Kerstan. Since the youth tour were cancelled in 2020 and 2021, the Cooperative offered a \$1,000.00 scholarship in lieu of being able to attend the tour to Wyatt Kerstan, son of Holly and Allen Kerstan.

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President Gessele announced that the 75<sup>th</sup> - 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting grand prize of \$1,000.00 would be given to a meeting attendee who was present. The 2021 winner was Shelly Fuller. Other door prizes were presented as well.

President Gessele thanked the attendees for attending the 75<sup>th</sup> - 76th Annual Meeting. The meeting upon a motion made, seconded and carried, was adjourned.

  
Secretary