



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

77th Annual Meeting June 21, 2022



PROGRAM

- 5:00 p.m. Registration and Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- Determination of Quorum
- Invocation
- Welcome
- Reading of notice and previous minutes
- President's Report
- General Manager's Report
- Financial Report
- Operation RoundUp Report
- Service Awards
- Presentation of Scholarships
- Election of Directors
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT

“It shall be the aim of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc. to make electric energy available to its members at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management.”

McLean Electric Cooperative Founding Board of Directors, 1945

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



What a difference a year makes! In the last 2 weeks, moisture finally arrived in the area, though not in the form that was necessarily welcomed. The second storm (which was an ice event) hit McLean Electric hard, especially in the northern and western parts of our territory. We had between 300 to 350 poles go down. We had 3 local crews plus 3 crews from other areas trying to get service to our members as quickly as possible.

These ice events happen every decade or so and the RECs prepare for them, but one of this magnitude put a huge strain both physically and financially on our co-op. The costs for materials have risen dramatically and that's if you can get them! We will be applying for FEMA funding to offset some of the costs. A huge thanks to Senator Hoeven and Governor Burgum for helping clear the path for that.

Once all the facts and figures come in, the board and management of MEC will have to re-evaluate our situation at our strategic planning session in June. After this event, 2 things were evident:

1. Our efforts to continually upgrade our system did help prevent more damage.
2. We will need to upgrade certain parts of our system to allow us to locate outages quickly and accurately.

I would like to congratulate the board and staff for a very successful year overall and when you see a MEC employee be sure and thank them for the great job they did during this last storm!

Sincerely,

Larry Gessele
Board President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Larry Gessele



Darcy Klain



Rod Stockdill



James Odermann



Clarence Behles



Troy Presser



Karen Hanson



Dave Lindell,
Attorney

MANAGER'S REPORT



Well, 2021 was another year for the history books. The pandemic seemed to be the major driver of the year. But we also realized that we cannot put life on hold, and we eventually began to move on with our lives. We learned to adapt.

McLean Electric Cooperative has also been

adapting. We have been busy with load growth! Our system has grown substantially in most areas. Overall, we have been seeing approximately 5% growth.

Areas like White Shield far surpass that with it averaging around 20%. We are amazed at the investment into infrastructure that MHA Nation has done in their segments. We applaud the efforts as they enhance their communities!

Another area we have been patiently waiting for is the sale of Coal Creek Station from Great River Energy to Rainbow Energy. Many of our members are affected by Coal Creek and it was great to hear the sale closed on May 1, 2022. Congratulations to all the employees and those ancillary businesses! We look forward to working with Rainbow Energy in 2022.

As we gather here today, the winter storm(s) we have endured are gone. They did bring us some much-needed moisture, but they also brought us hardship. We all greatly appreciate your patience, understanding, and support through our restoration process!! We want to thank our fellow electric coops, Cavalier Rural Electric Cooperative from Langdon, ND, Capital Electric Cooperative from Bismarck, ND, and Central Power Electric Cooperative our power provider from Minot, ND for coming to our aid! We

also want to thank Coal Creek Construction, Underwood, ND, and Vetsch Independent Power, Bismarck, ND for also coming to our aid and providing exceptional service!

The storm did cause extensive damage, but other electric coops had far worse devastation. We were lucky!

McLean Electric is in excellent standing. Rates have been stable since 2017. There is no anticipation of any increases through 2022. We ended with net margins of over \$2M which were better than 2020 and we retired \$530,955 in capital credits.

We are always looking at rates and ways to improve our services. As a cooperative, it is our duty to make sure we deliver our services in a fair and equitable manner. This is done by reviewing rates annually. I promise you that as we propose changes to our services in the future, it is with your best interests in mind.

Now as we look forward, we can anticipate as much evolution. The energy industry continues to evolve. It is our job to keep the membership informed of these changes. During our April storm, we tried our best to keep you all informed through Facebook and our website, but our only real option was a message service through SRS. In the future, we would like to utilize other options like SmartHub. We invite you to sign up for SmartHub to enhance our abilities to reach you and provide real-time notice of situations that may occur. Of course, we will continue to keep our website and Facebook page up to date.

We look forward to serving the member-owners of McLean Electric Cooperative.

Warm Regards,

Mark Doyle
General Manager

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 22, 2021

The 75th - 76th Annual Meeting of the members of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the company's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 22nd 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 76th Annual Meeting and minutes of the 74rd 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

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

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 75th - 76th 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 75th - 76th Annual Meeting. The meeting upon a motion made, seconded and carried, was adjourned.

OPERATION ROUND UP®



Operation Round Up is a voluntary program in which McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) consumers round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. The money goes into a trust fund, with grants awarded by a seven-member volunteer board.

Operation Round Up funds support qualifying individuals, families, or organizations in need of financial assistance. It assists with personal or family emergencies and community-based education, health, charitable, scientific, or safety programs or projects. Recipients must live within McLean Electric’s service area, but don’t have to be MEC members.

A total of \$14,260 in two grant rounds was awarded in 2021. Eight organizations received grants when MEC consumers “rounded up” through the program in 2021:

- Quilts of Valor
- Our Savior’s Lord Food Pantry
- Garrison Area Food Pantry
- Turtle Lake Public Library
- Turtle Lake Chamber of Progress (Bike Fest)
- Camp of the Cross
- St. Paul’s Lutheran Church- Individual medical financial assistance(recipient is confidential)
- Camp of the Cross – Individual medical financial assistance (recipient is confidential)

The groundwork to establish Operation Round Up began in 2012. Since awarding its first grants in 2013, MEC members contributed \$126,429.50 to the program. Grants totaling \$115,770 have been granted to 74 recipients since the program's inception.

The most a McLean Electric account could contribute annually is \$11.88. For most MEC consumers, contributions average about \$6 annually when each month’s bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Operation RoundUp board of directors shall be elected and voted on by McLean Electric’s seven-member board of directors. Operation Roundup directors are President Jude Iverson, Garrison; Secretary-Treasurer Jill Denning-

Gackle, Garrison; Mark Jennings, Washburn; Debbie Boe, Turtle Lake; Steven Haakenson, Parshall; Lena Volochenko, Butte; Carla Landeberger, Underwood.

The Operation Round Up board focuses on the organization’s goals and mission in its ranking process as it reviews applications. Serving on the Operation Round Up board of directors is a voluntary, non-paying position.

No McLean Electric Cooperative employees or board of directors are involved with the Operation Round Up board or its decision-making. The cooperative’s role is advisory, and it helps administer the program and ensuring bylaws and IRS 501(c)(3) regulations are followed.

Recipients can apply more than one time and must be an Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt organization. Individuals with medical or emergency financial needs can receive grants through nonprofit organizations' grant requests. More information is available on McLean Electric’s website, www.mcleanelectric.com under “Community/Operation Round Up” or call the MEC office and visit with Sonja Moe at 701-463-6700 or toll-free 800-263-4922.

2021 Operation Round Up Financial Report

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2021)		\$	10,335.80
 INCOME			
Round Up Contributions	YTD	\$	14,435.40
Total Income	YTD	\$	14,435.40
 EXPENSES			
Grants Awarded in 2021		\$	14,260.00
Administrative Expenses		\$	-
Total Expenses		\$	14,260.00
 Ending Balance (December 31, 2021)		 \$	 10,511.20

BALANCE SHEET

Assets		
	2021	2020
ELECTRIC PLANT		
In Service	45,121,620	43,915,501
Electric Plant Under Construction	3,691,964	2,396,581
Total Electric Plant	48,813,584	46,312,082
Less Accumulated Depreciation	13,064,983	12,363,742
Net Electric Plant	35,748,601	33,948,340
OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS		
Investments in Associated Companies	8,075,320	7,851,215
Other Investments	467,123	529,674
Total Other Assets and Investments	8,542,443	8,380,889
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	284,458	2,755,623
Accounts Receivable - Electric Bills	2,353,464	1,765,548
Curr Portion Other Investments - Loans Rec	78,012	88,408
Materials & Supplies	1,378,297	1,376,299
Other Current and Accrued Assets	12,182	11,049
Total Current Assets	4,106,413	5,996,927
DEFERRED DEBITS	638,670	717,656
Total Deferred Debits	638,670	717,656
TOTAL ASSETS	49,036,127	49,043,812

BALANCE SHEET

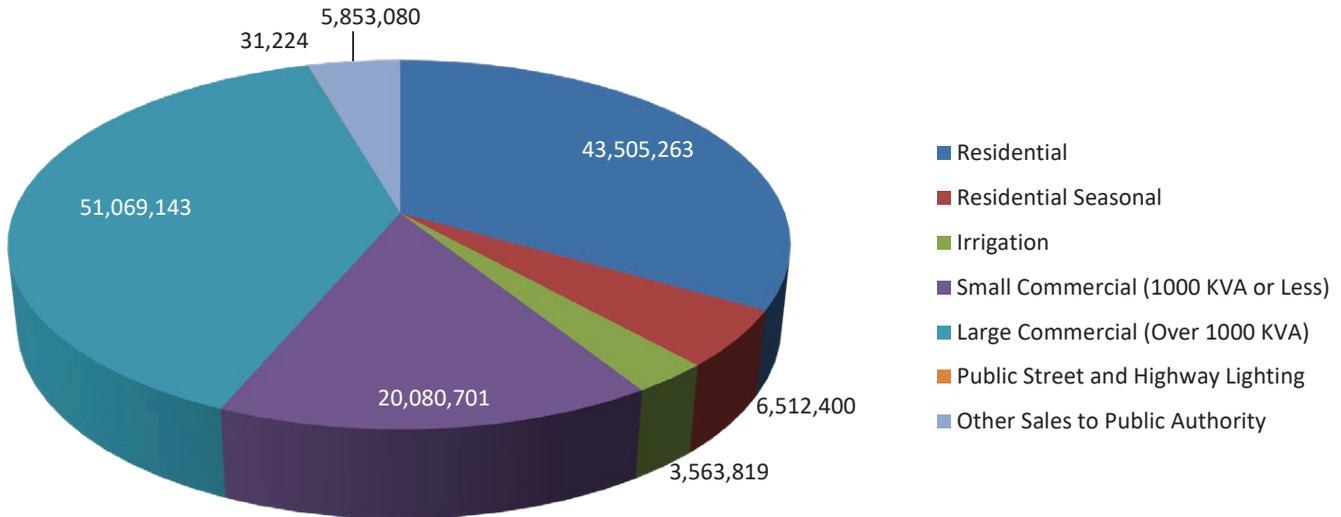
Liabilities

	2021	2020
EQUITIES		
Patronage Capital - Members	16,936,920	15,411,534
Other Margins & Equities	1,047,738	1,020,425
Total Equities	17,984,658	16,431,959
LONG-TERM DEBT (FFB, CFC, COBANK)		
Total Long-Term Debt	29,213,855	30,549,222
Less Current Maturities	1,351,266	1,335,367
Total Long Term Debt (Net)	27,862,589	29,213,855
OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Capital Leases - Noncurrent	-	6,103
Accumulated Provision for Pension & Benefits	467,538	614,393
Total Non-Current Liabilities	467,538	620,496
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities - Long Term Debt	1,351,266	1,335,367
Current Maturities - Capital Leases	6,103	59,345
Line of Credit	-	-
Accounts Payable - Power Supplier	817,556	747,487
Accounts Payable - General	38,272	72,562
Member Deposits	42,406	37,193
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	381,344	461,000
Total Current Liabilities	2,636,947	2,712,954
DEFERRED CREDITS		
Advanced Payment for Electricity - Members	84,395	64,548
TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES	49,036,127	49,043,812

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

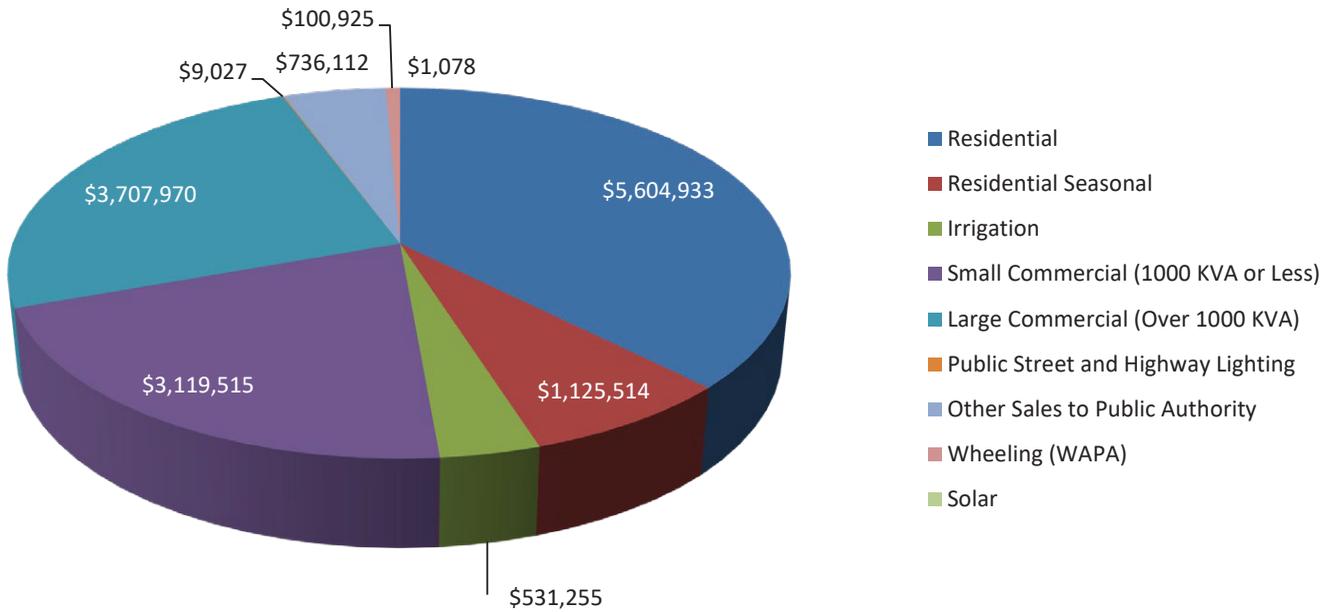
	2021	2020
OPERATING REVENUES		
Sales of Electricity	14,955,663	15,064,196
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Cost of Power	8,428,876	8,730,731
Operations & Maintenance	1,669,745	1,943,085
Member Accounts	355,469	410,576
Member Service	91,179	125,887
Administrative and General	1,064,774	1,156,236
Depreciation	1,274,363	1,212,968
Taxes	97,694	105,676
Other	14,415	13,242
Sales Expense	71,144	76,894
Total Operating Expenses	13,067,659	13,775,295
OPERATING MARGINS	1,888,004	1,288,901
FIXED CHARGES		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	948,702	982,814
Interest on Capital Lease Oblig	1,190	4,450
Total Fixed Charges	949,892	987,264
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G&T AND OTHER CAP CREDIT	553,780	625,672
NET OPERATING MARGINS	1,491,892	927,309
NON-OPERATING MARGINS		
Merchandising	(7,028)	(43,541)
Paycheck Prot. Prog. Forgiveness	518,131	-
Other Income	2,725	-
Interest Income	7,878	22,119
Gain (Loss) on Disposal prop	42,743	-
Total non-operating margins	564,449	(21,422)
NET MARGIN	2,056,341	905,887

KWH USAGE



kWh Usage	
Residential	43,505,263
Residential Seasonal	6,512,400
Irrigation	3,563,819
Small Commercial (1000 KVA or Less)	20,080,701
Large Commercial (Over 1000 KVA)	51,069,143
Public Street and Highway Lighting	31,224
Other Sales to Public Authority	5,853,080
TOTAL	130,615,630

REVENUE



Revenue From Sales of Energy	
Residential	\$ 5,604,933
Residential Seasonal	\$ 1,125,514
Irrigation	\$ 531,255
Small Commercial (1000 KVA or Less)	\$ 3,119,515
Large Commercial (Over 1000 KVA)	\$ 3,707,970
Public Street and Highway Lighting	\$ 9,027
Other Sales to Public Authority	\$ 736,112
Wheeling (WAPA)	\$ 100,925
Solar	\$ 1,078
TOTAL	\$ 14,936,329

YEAR END COMPARISON

	2021	2020
Active Services	4,197	4,107
Residential	2618	2,566
Residential Seasonal	1041	1,010
Irrigation	90	90
Small Commercial (1000 KVA or Less)	407	400
Large Commercial (Over 1000 KVA)	2	2
Public Street & Lighting	8	8
Other Sales to Public Authority	31	31
Submeters	1529	1,496
Load Control Devices	659	662
Residential	607	609
Irrigation (3 Phase)	52	53
Miles of Line		
Overhead	1282	1,293
Underground	505	505
kWh sold	130,615,630	131,703,697
Sales of Energy	14,834,327	\$ 14,953,441
Average Member Cost	11.36 ¢	11.35 ¢
Employees	19	22

MEET THE CANDIDATES

JAMES ODERMANN – INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 1



James Odermann farms and raises cattle in northwestern McLean County near Parshall. James currently represents District 1 for the past 6 years on McLean Electric Cooperative’s (MEC) board of directors. James is seeking re-election because he wants to be part of the direction MEC takes in the many challenging new and existing issues that confront the electric industry.

James has served on the McLean Electric member advisory board as well as the Operation Round Up board. He is active in other community organizations, including the St. Bridget Church council, as the township clerk for Cremerville Township, Parshall Area Community Foundation. He has also been on the school board, served on the local volunteer fire department and first responders.

He attended Dickinson State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration. James is married to Leslie who is retiring this year from Parshall High School after 30 years of teaching. They have four children: daughters Jayma and Rayessa who are both Registered Nurses at Sanford hospital in Bismarck; son Myles, who is attending Stanford Law School; son Tyson, who is a junior at Parshall Public School, and three grandchildren. James enjoys hunting, working with his dogs, golf and reading. Most importantly, James enjoys spending time with his family.

TROY PRESSER – INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 5



Troy Presser is a farmer/rancher in eastern McLean County. Troy currently represents District 5 on McLean Electric Cooperative’s (MEC) board of directors. He is seeking re-election to continue to improve power quality while controlling costs and treating all members fairly. As a current MEC board director, Troy received the Director Gold certificate from NRECA. This is the highest director education certificate available. He also represents MEC on the Central Power Cooperative board of directors. Through that board, he represents Central Power on the Basin Electric board of directors.

Troy and his wife, Annette, live near Turtle Lake. They have three children: Megan, Tyler, Heather (deceased), daughter-in-law Scarlet, and two granddaughters, Lillian and Chevelle. Troy is an active member with Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake Wildlife Club, Medicine Hill Township Supervisor, ND Red Angus Association. Troy enjoys hunting, fishing, golf and trap shooting.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

ROD STOCKDILL – INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 3



Rod Stockdill currently represents District 3 on McLean Electric Cooperative’s (MEC) board of directors. As a former MEC employee who was asked to run for the board several years after retirement, my cooperative knowledge and background can be beneficial in guiding the cooperative in the future.

As a MEC board director, Rod serves as MEC’s representative for the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) board of directors. He has taken board leadership credentials and is a NRECA credentialed director. Rod served in the North Dakota National Guard. He came to McLean Electric as a line worker, advancing to line foreman, and retired as operations manager in 2007. He also served as a technician for West McLean Soil Conservation district. Rod and his wife, Patricia, live near Garrison along Lake Sakakawea with their two Brittany hunting dogs. Rod is active in the American Legion Post 49 of

Garrison and Sakakawea Pheasants Forever as a member/habitat chairman. Rod has a part-time taxidermy business, RPS Taxidermy. Rod enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

SERVICE AWARDS

20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Nathan Ruud,
Line Foreman

5 YEARS OF SERVICE



Sonja Moe,
Communications Mgr

YOUR COOPERATIVE STAFF

MANAGEMENT



Mark Doyle,
General Manager/CEO
2 years

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING



Wendy Kinn,
Finance Manager
8 years

ENGINEERING



Lucas Schaaf,
Engineering Manager
4 years



Karen Thompson,
Accountant
3 years



Austin Dillard,
Mapping & Computer Service Cord.
4 years

COMMUNICATIONS



Sonja Moe
Communication Mgr/
5 years



Daryl Engel,
Meter Tech
48 years

BILLING & CUSTOMER SERVICE



Tonya Graeber,
Office Manager
23 years



Levi Kinn,
Meter Tech
5 months



Julie Streich,
Customer Service Rep.
8 years



Renee Fetzer,
Customer Service Rep./Work Order Clerk
37 years

YOUR COOPERATIVE STAFF

OPERATIONS



Keith Thelen,
Operations Manager
8 years

GARRISON LINE CREW



Nathan Ruud,
Line Foreman
20 years



Lucas Dusek,
Lineman
14 years



Jesse Carter,
Lineman
7 years



Loren Desjardins,
Lineman
3 years



Conner Moe,
Apprentice Lineman
3 months

TURTLE LAKE LINE CREW



Travis Voth,
Line Foreman
19 years



Brian O'Shea,
Lineman
13 years



Trevor Thomas,
Lineman
6 years

WAREHOUSEMAN/LOCATOR



Kelly Schmaltz,
Warehouseman/Locator
8 years

2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

As part of our commitment to community and area youth, McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) is pleased to announce the 2022-23 student scholarship winners, whose families are member-owners of MEC. This year, 12 applications were received. All applicants were rated favorably, which is an indication of the quality of students we have in MEC's service territory. These scholarships will be presented at the 77th annual meeting June 21 in Garrison..

BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Basin Electric Power Cooperative provides two \$500 to McLean Electric Cooperative to be awarded as a scholarship to two qualified candidates. These scholarships were awarded based on academic excellence, which includes the following criteria: ACT scores, work experience, and participation in school and community activities.



MACKENZIE FULLER

Mackenzie will graduate from Garrison High School and is the daughter of Michelle and Aaron Fuller of Garrison. She will be attending the University of North Dakota to obtain a degree in human resources. She is a member of the N.D. Air National Guard and will attend basic training and tech school to pursue a degree in intelligence.

She is active in basketball and football cheer, dance, honor society, FFA, Future Business Leaders of America, yearbook and choir, and serves as senior class secretary. She also was Miss Teen North Dakota International 2021, Miss Teen McLean County International 2019-20; Miss Geographic Center's Outstanding Teen 2019; and Miss Hazen-Beulah's Outstanding Teen 2018.



ANDREW HAAKENSON

Andrew will graduate from Parshall High School and is the son of Anita and Steve Haakenson of Parshall. He will be attending North Dakota State University (NDSU) in the fall, pursuing a degree in agriculture. He is active in 4-H, FFA as the FFA president, National Honor Society, honor roll, basketball, baseball and church. Andrew plans to return to his family farm after college to be a fourth generation farmer.

MCLEAN ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP

Each entry had to include a short statement for an essay question to be eligible for the \$500 scholarship. This year's essay question was: What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think challenges should be addressed?



BEN SCHERESKY

Ben will graduate from Max High School and is the son of Bonnie and Galen Scheresky of Max. He will be attending NDSU in the fall to pursue a career in agricultural economics. He is active in FFA, 4-H, student council, honor society, basketball, community service and his church. He plans on utilizing his degree in his future farming and ranching career.

YOUTH TOUR WINNER



GRACE GOVEN

Grace Goven, a junior at Turtle Lake-Mercer High School, has been selected to represent McLean Electric Cooperative on the all-expense-paid 2022 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., this June. Grace is the daughter of Jill and Gerard Goven of Turtle Lake. During the weeklong tour, Grace and other students from across North Dakota will travel with the Montana youth delegates. They will tour sites, monuments, attractions and congressional offices. They will learn about electric cooperatives and discuss issues facing their community and nation.

JUNE 19 TO 24, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C.

AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

- To enter the essay-writing contest, you must be a sophomore or junior in high school.
- You and your parents or guardian must be served by McLean Electric Cooperative.
- If you have any questions, please contact Sonja Moe, McLean Electric, at 701-463-6700 during regular business hours.
- The deadline is Dec. 10, 2021. You can email entries to Sonja Moe at sonjadm@mcleanelectric.com or mail a hard copy to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, 4031 Hwy. 37 Bypass NW, PO Box 399, Garrison, ND 58540-9447.

TOP 3 REASONS TO ENTER THE ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST

1. All-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., compliments of McLean Electric Cooperative
2. A whole week to visit unforgettable historic monuments, museums and the U.S. Capitol
3. A learning experience you'll never forget

ESSAY QUESTION:

If you were asked to help promote your cooperative's annual membership meeting, what ideas do you have for increasing attendance among young member-owners and students? Please provide specific examples for unique communications strategies, scheduling and special activities for member-owners and their families.

North Dakota Electric Cooperative
YOUTH TOUR

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MEMBER GIFT



Ten-dollar credit will automatically be applied to each valid member account when member registers at MEC's 2022 Annual Meeting. Credit will show on the member's July MEC bill. Actual certificate does not need to be sent to MEC. Limit of one bill credit per member account. Not redeemable for cash.

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