

POWER YOU CAN TRUST

74th Annual Meeting — June 18, 2019



Lead Lineman
Rick Gienger

Program

- 5 p.m. Registration
- 5-6:20 p.m. Complimentary Supper – Catered by Kyle's Katering
- 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- Determination of a Quorum
- Invocation
- Welcome
- Reading of Notice and Previous Minutes
- President's Report
- General Manager's Report
- Financial Report
- Operation Round Up Report
- Election of Directors
- Service Awards
- Presentation of Scholarships
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Grand Prize Drawing
- 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



Larry Gessele
Board President

This past year has been a good one for MEC. Some of the good news is that MEC will be able to hold our rates for this year. Sixty to seventy percent of our costs is the cost of power we purchase from Basin Electric Cooperative and it looks like their rates will be holding steady.

Also, I would like to congratulate the entire staff on the

great job they have done for the members this year. As many of you know we had a severe storm blow through the central and eastern part of the county

last summer with winds blowing from 110-130 mph which did damage to a large area of MEC territory. Countless trees and power lines went down, especially around our local lakes.

The local fire departments along with ambulance crews were called out to help the victims of this storm. There was one fatality due to a camper rollover. In the middle of all that chaos, MEC crews were out with the fire and ambulance crews, making sure all those downed lines were rendered harmless. The next couple of days, the crews had to cut through numerous downed trees and put up many miles of power lines to get power back on to that part of the county. The job was done quickly and most importantly, it was done safely. As a special emphasis has been put on safety this past year – the board is very proud of the job performed by our entire staff this past summer. In closing, I would like to thank the staff and board members for being such a pleasure to work with this year and I look forward to working with you again this next year.

Board of Directors



Larry Gessele



Darcy Klain



Rod Stockdill



James Odermann



Clarence Behles



Troy Presser



Thomas Sheldon



Dave Lindell,
Attorney

Manager's Report



Martin Dahl
General Manager

Hello Everyone—
We look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting.

2018 was another great year for McLean Electric Cooperative. The margin for 2018 was high because we received over \$1.4 million in capital credits from our transmission provider. We budget for a 3 to 4% margin. This windfall capital

credit created a margin almost four times what we budgeted. The 2019 budget has a ½% margin for McLean in an effort to bring margins down.

Central Power will be building a new Max to Benedict transmission line, as well as a new line to Blue Flint. These new lines will save money and provide more reliable power. These lines were delayed because it took more time to secure easements than anticipated.

Demand billing is a subject that we need to discuss. You need to know that when you start a motor one time in a month you still pay that demand for that month. If you start a 40 HP motor once in a month it will cost about \$400. The best way to save money on demand is to only start those motors in a month that you know you will be using them. Demand rates work best when they are run often during the month. The effective rate goes down with continued use. You pay the same demand charge if you use it one day or 30 days. It is based on your peak demand for the month. Other tricks to save you money on demand are to not start all motors at once and to not run processes at the same time if you do not need to.

Federal Regulations—We are still waiting for the

final rule on the replacement of the Clean Power Plan. The WOTUS rule has not finished being re-written either. Other Federal issues include a FERC rule about standardizing the behind the meter controls. These are member owned control systems. On a state level, a net metering bill was defeated, a standard cost per Rail Road crossing passed, and a bill was introduced that would cause the PSC not to hold up a wind permit based on another agency. The Rail Road crossing price will be \$750 per crossing and time line issues must be addressed up-front.

I would like to talk a little about rates. We are half way through the third year without raising rates. Our biggest expense is our power cost. If our transmission provider can keep their rates close to the same, I am optimistic that we are able to hold rates for another year barring any unforeseen issues like severe storms, major regulation changes or other disasters. 60% of our total cost and 71% of our operations costs are for purchasing power.

We need to rebuild the Mercer circuit because of issues with cable failure. We plan to replace the two phases with three. This will also make Mercer irrigation projects more viable for our farm accounts in this area. We have completed a project near Strawberry Lake that should help minimize the blinks in that area.

We are working on a battery storage project. This pilot project is to prove we can save our members money if they will use batteries during our normal peak load times. We save over \$21 per KW when we switch off of grid power during peak times. These batteries need to be member owned in order to be in compliance with our generation provider contract.

I want to recognize our employees. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. These are the people that keep the lights on. I also want to thank the Board and membership.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve McLean Electric Cooperative.

Annual Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2017

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the members of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Garrison City Auditorium in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 19th day of June, 2018. 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 Legion Baseball Team, the "Titans."

President Gessele introduced Rev. Janis Sloka of Campus of the Cross of Rural 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 presentation of the National Anthem.

President Gessele introduced dignitaries and guests who were in attendance. He introduced representatives from each of North Dakota Congressional Offices: Jane Opdahl representing Senator Heitkamp, who provided a short address to the attendees; Sally Johnson representing Senator John Hoeven; and Rick Collin representing Representative Kevin Cramer, who each read a letter written by the respective Senator and Congressman to the attendees.

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 reported that the notice of the 72nd Annual Meeting and the minutes of the 72nd 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 introduced the Cooperative's Board of Directors and the Cooperative's employees to the audience, and provided his report to the attendees:

- He mentioned that much has changed during the past year. The Clean Power Plan and other federal regulations have been put on hold, but a trade war could be brewing which could affect rural America.

- He stated that millennials are becoming more active in Cooperative life and appear to be able to take Cooperative into the future.
- He thanked all of the Cooperative's employees for their work and dedication to the Cooperative during the past year.
- He recognized the members of the Cooperative's Member Advisory Committee and thanked them for their input to the Cooperative and the Cooperative's Board of Directors.

President Gessele then introduced General Manager/CEO Martin D. Dahl to provide his report. Manager Dahl discussed the following:

- 2017 was a very good year for the Cooperative with margins being higher than anticipated.
- Billing was changed to "Cycle 2" for all customers so billing shall be uniform for all customers.
- Irrigation services have improved.
- Central Power will start construction of the Max to Benedict and the Washburn to Blue Flint Ethanol lines this summer.
- Federal regulations are being rolled back by the current administration and he mentioned the Acre PAC and invited all of the attendees to become members of the Acre PAC.
- He discussed current rates. He mentioned that Basin Electric will hold its rates for at least to 2019 and Basin Electric should be able to hold its rate into 2019 also.
- He mentioned the proposed Mercer Irrigation Project and stated that the Cooperative is working with Garrison Diversion to set up an irrigation district within the next couple of years.
- He mentioned that the Cooperative is also looking into a battery storage project to improve efficiency and cost savings to patrons and they are waiting to see if the Cooperative will receive a grant before beginning a ten-battery test.
- He recognized all of the Cooperative's employees and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the Cooperative.

Annual Meeting Minutes, continued

Manager Dahl then provided the Financial Report for the Cooperative:

For 2017, total revenue received was \$14,506,228.00 with a total kwh sold in 2016 of 128,661,716 with a net margin of \$1,831,725.00. He reported that the financial ratios are healthy with TIER of 3.54 and DSC of 2.15 which are higher than required by the Cooperative's lenders. The Cooperative has 1,803 miles of line compared to 1,792 in 2017.

Manager Dahl introduced Troy Presser, MEC Director as well as the Cooperative Director to Central Power, and Central Power Director to Basin Electric, who provided Generation Transmission Report. During the report, Director Presser mentioned that:

- Basin Electric sells the transmission to the transmission cooperatives and has joined regional transmission service providers, SPP and MISO, and explained how the new transmission lines mentioned during Manager Dahl's report will eliminate a "pancake rate" Basin Electric has incurred and should save Basin Electric \$2.8 million.
- He mentioned other investments involving Basin Electric and Central Power which will improve service and benefit to McLean Electric's patrons.

President Gessele and Manager Dahl presented the following scholarships:

1. McLean Electric/Basin Electric Scholarship of \$500.00 each to Ally Behles, daughter of Cory and Cindy Behles of Garrison, North Dakota, and Hope Schreck, daughter of Galen and Bonnie Scheresky of Max, North Dakota.
2. McLean Electric Scholarship of \$500.00 to Brooke Goven, daughter of Brian and Tina Goven of Mercer, North Dakota.
3. Basin Electric Student Scholarship to Madeline Moe, daughter of Curtiss and Sonja Moe of Garrison, North Dakota.
4. The 2018 Youth Tour Essay Contest Winner is Rachel Goven, daughter of Gerard and Jill Goven of Turtle Lake, North Dakota, who gave a presentation of her 2018 tour experience.

Manager Dahl presented the following service awards:

- Les Larson — Engineer, 30 years
- Travis Voth — Lineman, 15 years
- Lucas Dusek — Lineman, 10 years

President Gessele announced the terms of Directors for District 4 and District 6 were up for election. He announced that the following candidates presented petitions for nominations:

District 4 — Darcy Klain

As Director Klain was unopposed, President Gessele asked for a motion to cast unanimous ballots for candidate Klain. A motion was made, seconded and carried, and Director Klain was re-elected.

President Gessele stated that there were no timely presented petitions for District 6 and the By-Laws allow for a nomination from the floor. Donald Sorge nominated Tom Sheldon as Director for District 6. A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Sheldon. The motion carried and Director Sheldon was re-elected.

Manager Dahl presented an Operation Round Up Report. He introduced the Operation Round Up Directors to the attendees and recognized the grant recipients during the past year.

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President Gessele announced that the 73rd Annual Meeting grand prize of \$1,000.00 would be given to a meeting attendee who was present. The 2018 winner was Carol Schmidt. Other door prizes were presented as well.

President Gessele thanked the attendees for attending the 73rd 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.

A total of \$16,200 in two grant rounds was awarded in 2018, while 2017 recipients received a total of \$21,850. Nine organizations received grants when MEC consumers "rounded up" through the program in 2018:

- Turtle Lake Chamber of Commerce (Bike Festival)
- Community Cupboard of Underwood
- Turtle Lake Summer Recreation Program
- Guardian and Protective Services (people with disabilities event)
- McLean Family Resource Center
- Great Plains Food Bank
- Turtle Lake's Tiny Turtles Daycare
- North Dakota Association for the Disabled

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.

The groundwork to establish Operation Round Up began in 2012. Since awarding its first grants in 2013, MEC members contributed \$83,600 to the program – \$67,000 in total grants to 43 recipients. 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.

McLean Electric's seven-member board of directors each appoints three people to the cooperative's advisory committee. The advisory committee, in turn, elects the Operation Round Up board of directors from among its membership. In addition to President Jude Iverson, Garrison; Vice Chair Debbie Boe, Turtle Lake other Operation Round Up board of directors include Secretary-Treasurer Jill Denning-Gackle, Garrison; Mark Jennings, Washburn; Steven Haakenson, Roseglenn; Lena Volochenko, Butte; and Karen Hanson, Turtle Lake.

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 director members are involved with the Operation Round Up board or its decision-making, McLean Electric General Manager Marty Dahl explained. The cooperative's role is advisory, and it helps administer the program. Dahl's role as an advisor to the Operation Round Up board is to ensure 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, clicking "Community" on the home page and scrolling down to "Operation Round Up" or calling its Garrison office, 701-463-6700 or toll-free 800-263-4922.

2018 Operation Round Up Financial Report

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2018)	\$ 18,722.94
INCOME	
Round Up Contributions	\$ 13,998.79
Total Income	\$ 13,998.79
EXPENSES	
Grants Awarded in 2018	\$ 16,200.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses	\$ 19,360.00
Ending Balance (December 31, 2018)	\$ 16,511.73

100% of 2018 Donations went to Community Programs



Balance Sheet

Assets		
	2018	2017
ELECTRIC PLANT		
In Service	40,079,582	36,841,557
Electric Plant Under Construction	2,851,636	3,461,444
Total Electric Plant	42,931,218	40,303,001
Less Accumulated Depreciation	10,659,939	10,060,966
Net Electric Plant	32,271,279	30,242,035
OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS		
Investments in Associated Companies	7,159,945	5,942,859
Other Investments	409,468	487,628
Total Other Assets and Investments	7,569,413	6,430,487
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	1,669,719	874,399
Accounts Receivable - Electric Bills	2,083,273	1,561,029
Curr Portion Other Investments - Loans Rec	81,753	98,621
Materials & Supplies	815,986	508,873
Other Current and Accrued Assets	10,211	42,151
Total Current Assets	4,660,942	3,085,073
DEFERRED DEBITS		
Total Deferred Debits	942,706	470,941
TOTAL ASSETS	45,444,340	40,228,536

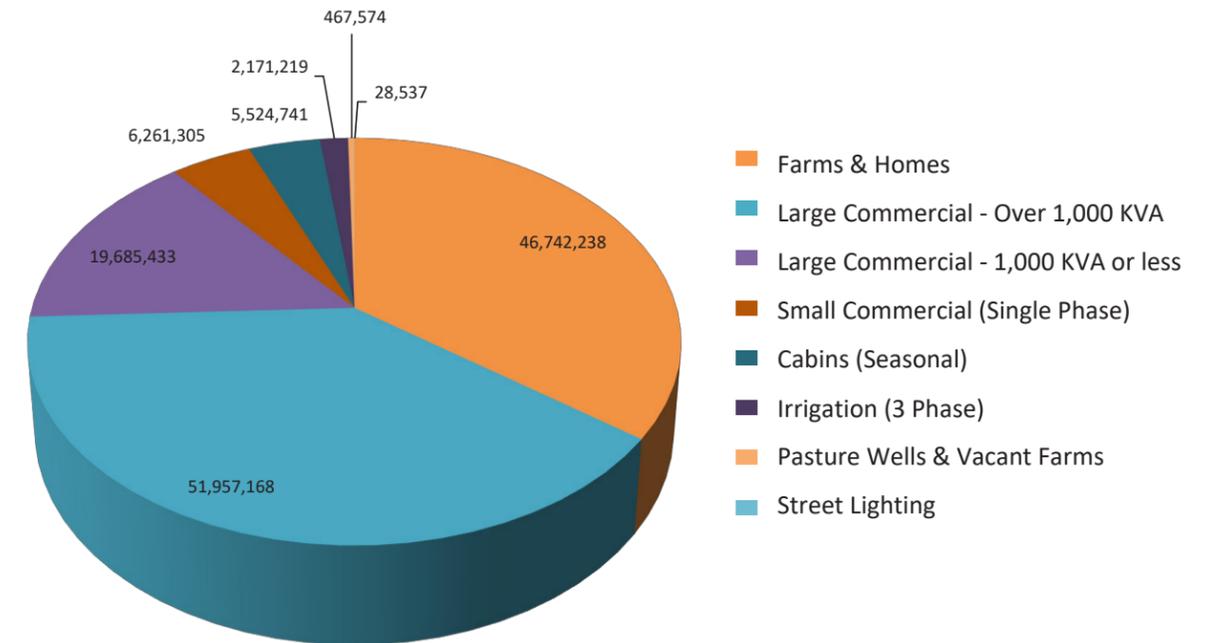
Balance Sheet

Liabilities		
	2018	2017
EQUITIES		
Patronage Capital - Members	14,704,796	12,804,654
Other Margins & Equities	957,719	934,434
Total Equities	15,662,515	13,739,088
LONG-TERM DEBT (RUS, FFB, COBANK)		
Total Long-Term Debt	27,709,894	23,655,093
Less Current Maturities	1,063,110	1,045,199
Total Long Term Debt (Net)	26,646,784	22,609,894
OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Capital Leases - Noncurrent	147,237	213,645
Accumulated Provision for Pension & Benefits	338,052	361,434
Total Non-Current Liabilities	485,289	575,079
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities - Long Term Debt	1,063,110	1,045,199
Current Maturities - Capital Leases	66,413	63,930
Line of Credit		300,000
Accounts Payable - Power Supplier	782,910	850,025
Accounts Payable - General	129,078	468,136
Member Deposits	38,771	48,401
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	540,462	494,998
Total Current Liabilities	2,620,744	3,270,689
DEFERRED CREDITS		
Advanced Payment for Electricity - Members	29,008	33,786
TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES	45,444,340	40,228,536

Statement of Operations

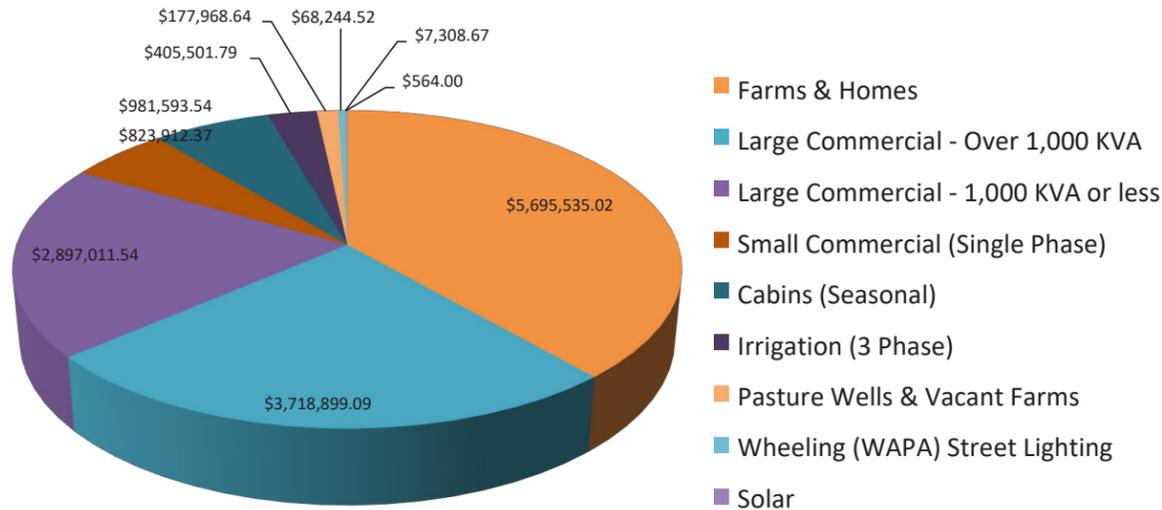
	2018	2017
OPERATING REVENUES		
Sales of Electricity	14,809,719	14,506,228
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Cost of Power	8,759,498	8,728,502
Operations & Maintenance	1,459,168	1,199,287
Member Accounts	359,395	333,552
Member Service	95,596	67,895
Administrative and General	1,035,180	984,745
Depreciation Taxes	1,090,011	995,629
Other	102,169	95,166
Sales Expense	13,781	16,089
	84,269	89,266
Total Operating Expenses	12,999,067	12,510,131
OPERATING MARGINS	1,810,652	1,996,097
FIXED CHARGES		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	881,902	769,417
Interest on Capital Lease Oblig	9,692	12,085
Total Fixed Charges	891,594	781,502
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AND OTHER CAP CREDIT NET	1,461,336	608,196
OPERATING MARGINS	2,380,394	1,822,791
NON-OPERATING MARGINS		
Merchandising	42,325	844
Interest Income	9,753	6,285
Gain (Loss) on Disposal prop	12,688	1,805
Total non-operating margins	64,766	8,934
NET MARGIN	2,445,160	1,831,725

kWh Usage



kWh Usage	
Farms & Homes	46,742,238
Large Commercial - Over 1,000 KVA	51,957,168
Large Commercial - 1,000 KVA or less	19,685,433
Small Commercial (Single Phase)	6,261,305
Cabins (Seasonal)	5,524,741
Irrigation (3 Phase)	2,171,219
Pasture Wells & Vacant Farms	467,574
Street Lighting	28,537
TOTAL	132,838,215

Revenue



Revenue From Sales of Energy		
Farms & Homes	\$	5,695,535.02
Large Commercial - Over 1,000 KVA	\$	3,718,899.09
Large Commercial - 1,000 KVA or less	\$	2,897,011.54
Small Commercial (Single Phase)	\$	823,912.37
Cabins (Seasonal)	\$	981,593.54
Irrigation (3 Phase)	\$	405,501.79
Pasture Wells & Vacant Farms	\$	177,968.64
Wheeling (WAPA)	\$	68,244.52
Street Lighting	\$	7,308.67
Solar	\$	564.00
TOTAL	\$	14,776,539.18

Year End Comparison

	2018	2017
Active Services	4,057	4,037
Farms and Homes	2324	2,302
Cabins (seasonal)	955	944
Small Commercial	299	305
Pasture wells & Vacant	249	255
Farm Irrigation (3 Phase)	83	84
Large Commercial	76	76
Large Commercial Oil	35	35
USAF	31	31
Street and Highway Lighting	5	5
Submeters	1,453	1,412
Load Control Devices	669	667
Residential	619	616
Irrigation (3 Phase)	50	51
Miles of Line		
Overhead	1320	1,333
Underground	484	470
kWh sold	132,838,215	128,661,716
Sales of Energy	\$ 14,776,539	\$ 14,480,216
Average Member Cost	11.12 ¢	11.25 ¢
Employees	22	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 3 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 changing electric distribution 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 a Title 1 Math teacher in Parshall. They have four children: daughter Jayma, who attends NDSU school of nursing Sanford; daughter Rayessa, Registered Nurse; son Myles, who is attending Yale University; son Tyson, who is an eighth-grader at Parshall Public School, and two grandchildren.

James enjoys hunting 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 of 28 years, Annette, live near Turtle Lake. They have three children: Megan, Tyler, Heather (deceased), daughter-in-law Scarlet, and one granddaughter, Lillian. 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.

Jason Ziemann – Candidate District 3



Hello from Jason Ziemann. I graduated from Washburn High School in 1996. I have 2 years of education in power process and technology and received an industrial maintenance certification from GRE. My employment experience consists of 5 years at Green Giant, 11 years at Great River Energy and 5 years with Grosz Wrecking.

After working for a co-op for 11 years and growing up with parents having combined 75+ years in the industry, I have come to appreciate what co-ops represent and all they contribute to the rural communities that they are comprised of.

Jason has 3 children: Deven 18, Piper 7, Oliver 4. Jason is active in the Garrison community as a volunteer fireman, member of the Garrison golf course, youth basketball coach and past youth football coach. He enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing, watching football, and attending dirt track car racing.

COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

THE SEVEN FOUNDING VALUES OF CO-OPS



OPEN & VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to everyone who is able to use their services and is willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.



EDUCATION, TRAINING & INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives.



DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.



COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together.



MEMBER ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperatives.



CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities.



AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are independent, self-help organizations controlled by their members.



Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives
The power of human connections®

Service Awards

45 years of service



Daryl Engel,
Meter Tech

20 years of service



Tonya Graeber,
Billing Supervisor

15 years of service



Marcia Zimmerman,
Accountant

10 years of service



Martin Dahl,
General Manager/CEO

10 years of service



Brian O'Shea,
Lineman Turtle Lake

5 years of service



Wendy Kinn,
Finance Manager

5 years of service



Julie Streich,
Customer Service Rep.

5 years of service



Keith Thelen,
Operations Manager

5 years of service



Kelly Schmaltz,
Warehouseman/Locator

Your Cooperative Staff

Management



Martin Dahl,
General Manager/CEO
10 years

Operations



Keith Thelen,
Operations Manager
5 years



Les Larson,
Engineering Consultant
31 years

Engineering



Lucas Schaaf,
Engineering Manager
1 year



Cara Bauer,
Staking Engineer
3 years



Austin Dillard,
Mapping & Computer Service Cord.
1 year

Finance & Accounting



Wendy Kinn,
Finance Manager
5 years



Marcia Zimmerman,
Accountant
15 years

Billing & Customer Service



Tonya Graeber,
Billing Supervisor
20 years



Julie Streich,
Customer Service Rep.
5 years



Renee Fetzer,
Customer Service Rep.
Administrative Assistant
34 years



Sonja Moe
Member Services/Benefits Admin.
2 years

Your Cooperative Staff

Garrison Line Crew



Nathan Ruud,
Line Foreman
17 years



Rick Gienger,
Lead Lineman
42 years



Lucas Dusek,
Lineman
11 years



Jesse Carter,
Lineman
4 years



Loren Desjardins,
Lineman
New Employee

Warehouseman/Locator



Kelly Schmaltz,
Warehouseman/Locator
5 years

Turtle Lake Line Crew



Travis Voth,
Line Foreman
16 years



Brian O'Shea,
Lineman
10 years



Trevor Thomas,
Lineman
3 years

Metering



Anne Brawley,
Technical Services Manager
8 years



Daryl Engel,
Meter Tech
45 years

McLean Electric Cooperative Awards Scholarships

The McLean Electric Cooperative scholarship committee has chosen Ally Behles and Joshua Thompson as recipients of the McLean Electric/Basin Electric scholarships. These scholarships were awarded on the basis of academic excellence, which includes the following criteria: ACT scores, work experience and participation in school and community activities. Both scholarships were for \$500 each.

This year seven applications were received. All applicants were rated favorably, which is an indication of the quality of students we have in McLean Electric's service territory. These scholarships will be presented at the 74th Annual Meeting June 18th in Garrison.



Ally Behles

Ally graduated from Garrison High School in May 2018 and is the daughter of Cory and Cindy Behles of Garrison. She is currently a freshman attending North Dakota State University where she is majoring in Industrial Engineering. Ally participated in many extracurricular school activities and volunteered in her community with youth programs. She is a seasoned baby-sitter for several families in the Garrison area and is also a hired hand at Behles Farms.



Joshua Thompson

Josh is the son of Jeremy and Karen Thompson of Max. He will graduate from Max Public School and will be attending the University of Jamestown to pursue a degree in history secondary education and hopes to become a history teacher at the high school level. During high school Josh has participated in football, basketball, baseball, band, pep club, drama, student council, science club and honor society. In his spare time, he helps on the family farm.

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: 'Describe how a cooperative can build a culture to best serve its members.' This scholarship will also be presented at the Annual Meeting.



Hannah Retterath

Hannah will graduate from Washburn High School and is the daughter of Justin and Rachel Retterath of Washburn. She will be attending North Dakota State University to major in Business Administration and Marketing. Hannah's ultimate goal is to own and operate a business of her own that serves a need in the community in which she lives. She has participated in many high school and community activities. Hannah also helps out at the Painted Woods Golf Course during tournaments.

Youth Tour Essay Winner



Garrison High School junior, Skyla Folden was the youth tour winner this year. Skyla Folden is the daughter of Nicole and Carey Gieser of Garrison. She is an outstanding individual. Throughout high school Skyla has attained many achievements, such as being a Garrison FFA officer for three consecutive years and managing the 25th annual McLean County Ag Show. She has also participated in the FCA, National Honor Society, trap shooting, band, and drama. Skyla currently is working at the local Farmers Union Oil Cooperative. In her spare time, she enjoys hunting and fishing with her family. Skyla will be graduating from Garrison High School on the spring of 2020 with plans of going to college at NDSU to obtain a degree in agricultural business.

Skyla and other North Dakota students joined students from across the country June 15-21, 2019 in Washington, D.C.



Proposed By-Law Change

By-Law Change Synopsis

Currently, the Bylaws state that those that sign a petition supporting a candidate for director are supposed to have their primary residence in the director district of the director they are supporting. The Bylaws further states that if there are no candidates for an open position on the board, nominations from the floor must be from members whose primary residence is in the director district of the director they are nominating.

In order to more fully represent the members, the language is proposed to be reworded so any member, in good standing, with a meter in the director district can sign a petition for a director candidate or can nominate a director candidate from the floor if no candidate is running in that district. Directors will still need to have their primary residence in the district.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

SECTION 8. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

a) **NOMINATION AND ELECTION.** Whenever a vacancy in a director position shall exist by virtue of a director's term expiring, any member in good standing of this Corporation and residing within the district in which the vacancy occurs, may become a candidate for the office of director for such vacancy by filing at the Corporation Headquarters at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the annual meeting, a nomination petition setting forth the name of the person so nominated for the office of director and is signed by at least fifteen (15) members in good standing ~~who also reside~~ **with a meter** within the director district in which the vacancy exists. No nominations shall be received from the floor at the annual meeting unless no petitions are filed, in which instance members ~~residing~~ **with a meter** within the district in which the vacancy exists, may nominate a director from the floor for its district. At the annual meeting, the members present, and voting shall select, by secret written ballot, a director to fill the expired director term in that district. The ballots shall list the candidates by district. Each member present and voting shall be entitled to vote for one (1) nominee for each vacancy in each district. The director candidate receiving the most votes in each district for which an election is held shall be declared to be the elected director of the Corporation from that particular district. In the event that there are no more director nominees than there are vacancies, the director candidates may be elected by voice vote at the annual meeting.

Next Year MEC 75th Anniversary — June 16, 2020

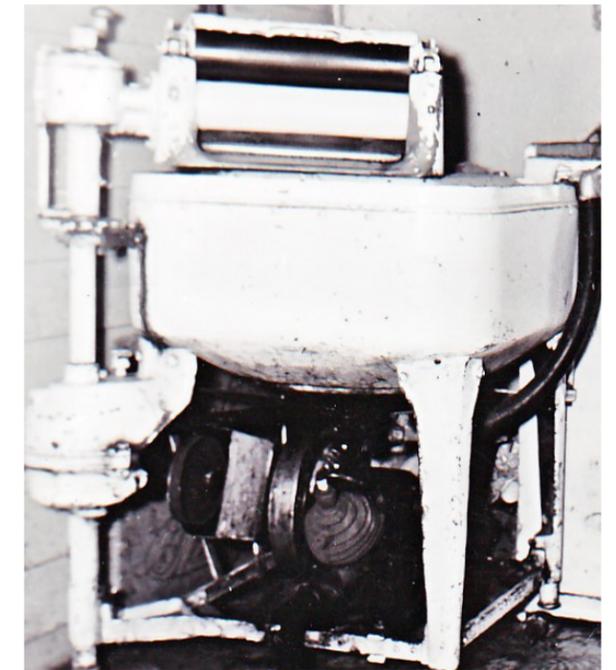
The year 2020 marks a milestone in McLean Electric Cooperative history — the year it incorporated with a goal to electrify rural McLean County.

Farmers began a grass roots effort to bring “country folks” to comfort levels their neighbors in towns across North Dakota already enjoyed — the chance to grab a cold milk bottle from a refrigerator, enjoy light with the flick of a switch, or even listen to the wonders of radio. It took a few years for the dream to become reality — laying the groundwork, securing funding, and building and energizing lines. However, by the late 1940s rural McLean County was becoming electrified — in the home, barn, and even farm workshops.

In celebration of its 75th anniversary of incorporation, the cooperative invites members to send McLean Electric their early recollections of life before and after electricity or electric heat came into their lives. The stories will be compiled as part of its commemoration. Please limit stories to 300 words and submit by Sept. 30, 2019. They can be emailed to Member Services Representative Sonja Moe, (sonjadm@mcleanelectric.com) or mail hard copies to Sonja Moe, McLean Electric Cooperative, Box 399, Garrison, N.D. 58540-0399.



Electric welder: The coming of electricity to rural McLean County eased farm work with things such as an electric welder.



Electric clothes washer: Housework, cooking, and washing clothes took on a different meaning with less work required for things such as washing and drying clothes. Even so, this early clothes washer has a much different look than today's high efficiency washers and dryers.

Member Gift



Ten-dollar credit will automatically be applied to each valid member account when member registers at MEC's 2019 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.

On the cover: Rick Gienger, Lead Lineman for 42 years at MEC is re-sagging an energized conductor to keep the power on to our members down line.