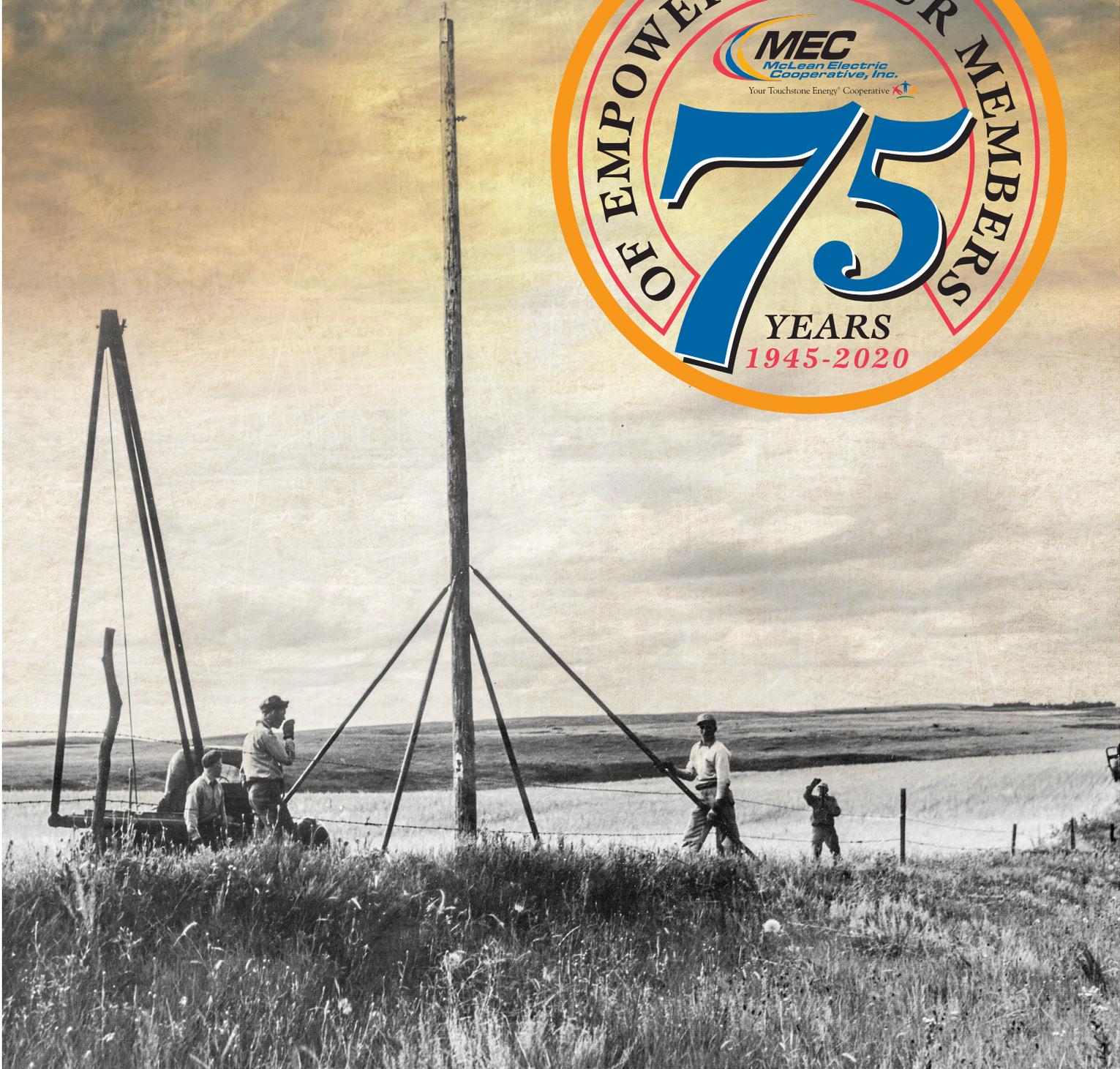


McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc.

JULY 21, 2020



PROGRAM

- 6:30 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Call to Order
Determination of a Quorum
Reading of Notice and Previous Minutes
General Manager's Report
Financial Report
Election of Directors
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Larry Gessele



Darcy Klain



Rod Stockdill



James Odermann



Clarence Behles



Troy Presser



Karen Hanson



Dave Lindell,
Attorney

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This summer McLean Electric will reach a notable milestone. 75 years ago this co-op was formed and things were never quite the same since. The people who were instrumental in getting this co-op started were part of the Greatest Generation. They certainly knew about hardship and uncertainty, coming out of the Great Depression and World War II. It's ironic that the generation before them faced a pandemic similar to the one the current generation is facing.

To be sure, we are facing uncertain times, but if you have ever questioned where the strength of this country comes from, listen to the Ode to the Common Man by Aaron Copland. He managed to transform that strength to music. The common man and woman have been the backbone of this country through every crisis it has had and they will be again. I see that strength in all the McLean Electric employees and I see it in the McLean Electric members all across our service area.

As flexibility is a key to long term survival and success in any business, the pandemic situation has McLean Electric redoubling its focus on maintaining safe, reliable power to its members through this turbulent time and at the same

time, as our current manager is retiring later this year, the board is focusing our efforts on a manager search for his replacement.

The board and I would like to thank all of the current and former employees and board members who helped build this co-op. Their vision and dedication are sincerely appreciated.

Also, we would like to thank Marty Dahl for his many years of service to this co-op. He will leave McLean Electric in very good shape. We wish all the best to Marty and Alisa as they enter their retirement.

In closing, as we are in the midst of change, we will have to adjust to the "new normal" (whatever that will be!) One thing is certain, we will emerge from this experience changed, for sure, but stronger and wiser.

The board and I thank you all for your support.

Sincerely,

Larry Gessele
Board Chairman

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

MANAGER'S REPORT



I want to take a little time to address our members as we dodge the land mines of 2020. Covid-19 has been more than a distraction so far this year. The restrictions resulting from Covid-19 have forced McLean Electric to dial back our Annual meeting to a small group that will basically just take care of business. We had

hoped to have a celebration for 75 years in business. This celebration will be scheduled for 2021. We are hopeful that we will be beyond the Covid-19 crisis by then. I do want to thank our members for their patience as we closed our lobby and shop areas to all non-McLean Electric personnel. It would be very hard to keep the lights on if our staff and crews were forced to quarantine. We have since opened the lobby but we are not allowing people into the staff and crew areas to keep our people safe and healthy.

2019 was a very good year for McLean Electric. We received \$212,000 in capital credit distributions from our G&T's. That amount, added to our margins, will trigger a Capital Credit retirement this year of nearly \$1,000,000. We are financially strong, we have reliable equipment, and we are poised for continued reliability improvements. Our gross revenues were over \$15,000,000 in 2019. Our growth areas in 2019 were primarily White Shield, grain drying, some irrigation, a few cabins and some oil. I am also pleased to say that we are half way through our fourth year without a rate increase. The rates are stable at this time.

Our financial ratios exceed all covenant requirements of our lenders. We were also able to secure our construction financing at a 1.147% interest rate. This all indicates that you own a very healthy electric cooperative.

I have had several questions regarding the potential closure of Coal Creek Station. Although this closure will be devastating to McLean County and the State it will only have minimal impact on McLean Electric. At this time Blue Flint is looking at repowering to natural gas for steam and will continue to run as long as they are profitable. Their CEO was very positive on how they plan to move forward. We will lose the GRE pump loads that pump cooling water for the plant but the growth at White Shield will offset that loss in revenue. In addition, the pumps could be marketable for water supply or irrigation.

This is my last Annual Meeting as the General Manager. I am retiring at the end of August. In the nearly 12 years as the General Manager of McLean Electric I have gotten to know several people throughout the service area, the state and the country that have been great allies, mentors and friends. I want to thank all of you for your support and friendship. I also want to thank the entire membership as well as the Board for providing the opportunity to serve McLean Electric in this capacity. I also want to thank my very capable staff for their hard work and dedication to the cooperative. It has been my pleasure to be part of the team.

God Bless and Happy Trails,

Martin Dahl,
General Manager

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2019

The 74th Annual Meeting of the members of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Garrison City Auditorium in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 18th day of June 2019. The meeting was called by order by President Larry Gessele at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner was prepared by Kyle's Katering of Garrison, North Dakota, and served by the Garrison High School FFA Chapter.

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 Annie Langseth of St. Paul's Lutheran 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 presentation of the National Anthem.

President Gessele introduced dignitaries and guests who were in attendance and recognized that the North Dakota Congressional Delegation wrote letters of appreciation to the Cooperative.

The keynote speaker, Dan Inmann, Vice-President and Chief Information Security Officer for Minnkota Power Cooperative, was introduced and he presented information and an update about Minnkota Power and gave an overview of the MPC System and facilities and service territory of the Cooperative. He discussed the 2019 Polar Vortex event and how Minnkota Power met its patron's needs during the event. He also discussed the balance between Minnkota Power's baseload vs. renewables and discussed Minnkota Power's Project Tundra for CO2 capture and reuse.

After the keynote speaker, President Gessele reported that the notice of the 74th Annual Meeting and minutes of the 73rd 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 attendees, and provided his report:

- He mentioned that the Cooperative has held its rates for the past year and that 67% of MEC's power is purchased from Basin Electric and it appears that Basin's rate will remain steady throughout 2019.
- He reported about the 2018 storm to western McLean County and the Cooperative's response and mentioned that the Cooperative's Board of Directors stress safety.
- He announced that 2020 will mark the 75th Annual Meeting and asked that the attendees provide the Cooperative of stories that would be available to be read during the 75th Annual Meeting.

President Gessele introduced the Member Advisory Committee Members and thanked them for their input to the Cooperative.

President Gessele introduced General Manager/CEO Martin D. Dahl to provide his report.

Manager Dahl discussed the following:

- 2018 was a great year for the Cooperative with margins being very high.
- The board is budgeting for 2019 a margin of .5% in 2020.
- The Cooperative is halfway through their third year of no rate increases with no rate increases foreseen in the short term.
- He discussed demand billing and how it can affect a patron's monthly bill.
- He discussed the following Legislative issues: Grants not becoming income; promoting the proposed infrastructure package; retaining the power marketing agencies such as WAPA; pension funding; waiting for the replacement of the Clean Power Plan and the rewrite of the Waters of the United States; and laws restricting railroad crossing costs.
- Reported that Central Power Electric Cooperative should complete the Max to Benedict and Washburn to Blue Flint lines in 2019.
- He provided a battery storage back-up project update.
- 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 and he introduced the Cooperative's Financial Director, Wendy Kinn to the attendees.

For 2018, total revenue received was \$14,897,719.00 with a total KWH sold in 2018 of 132,838,215 with a net margin of \$2,445,160.00. The Cooperative has total assets of

\$45,444,340.00. He reported that the financial ratios are higher than required by the Cooperative's lenders with TIER of 3.54, DSC of 2.17, and an equity to assets ratio of 34.17.

Manager Dahl 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, Manager Presser mentioned that Central Power is working with Minnkota to shed Ottertail Power lines with the Max to Benedict line as an example that directly affects McLean Electric. He also reported that the Washburn to Blue Flint line should be finished in August 2019. He reported that Basin's DGC Fertilizer Project has been a success and it continues to do so.

Operation Round-Up - Committee President, Jude Iverson, was introduced to give a Operation Round-Up Report to the attendees. She introduced the Operation Round-Up board members and reported that \$16,200.00 was awarded in 2018 to the Turtle Lake Chamber of Commerce Bike Fest, Underwood Cupboard, Turtle Lake Summer Recreation Program, Guardian and Protective Services, McLean Family Resource Center, Great Plains Food Bank, Turtle Lake Tiny Turtle's Daycare, and North Dakota Association for the disabled.

President Gessele announced that the Board of Directors have proposed a By-Law amendment. The proposed amendment is to Article 3, Section 8 - Nomination, and Election of Directors. The amendment would change the language for Director petitions and potential floor nominations to allow members who have a meter but do not reside in the District to sign petitions or make nominations for a director of the district where the meter is located. The election for the By-Law was by secret ballot and the By-Law Amendment passed with 146 aye to 5 votes no.

President Gessele announced the terms of directors for District 1, District 3, and District 5 were up for election. He announced that the following candidates presented petitions for nomination. District 1 - James Odermann;

District 3 - incumbent Rod Stockdill and Jason Ziemann; District 5 - Troy Presser. Each of the candidates provided a short address to the attendees. Directors Odermann, Presser, and Stockdill were re-elected as directors.

Manager Dahl announced the following employee service awards:

- Daryl Engel - 45 years
- Tonya Graeber - 20 years
- Marcia Zimmerman - 15 years
- Martin Dahl - 10 years
- Brian O'Shea - 10 years
- Wendy Kinn - 5 years
- Julie Streich - 5 years
- Keith Thelen - 5 years
- Kelly Schmaltz - 5 years

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 Joshua Thompson, son of Jeremy and Karen Thompson of Max, North Dakota.
2. McLean Electric Scholarship of \$500.00 to Hannah Retterath, daughter of Justin and Rachel Retterath of Washburn, North Dakota.
3. The 2019 Youth Tour Essay Contest Winner is Skyla Folden, daughter of Nicole and Carey Gieser of Garrison, North Dakota.

President Gessele asked for any old business. There was none.

President Gessele announced that the 74th Annual Meeting grand prize of \$1,000.00 would be given to a meeting attendee who was present. The 2019 winner was Wendy Kinn. Other door prizes were presented as well.

President Gessele thanked the attendees for attending the 74th Annual Meeting. The meeting upon a motion made, seconded and carried, was adjourned.

OPERATION ROUND UP®



Operation RoundUp 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 \$22,550 in two grant rounds was awarded in 2019. Fourteen organizations received grants when MEC consumers "rounded up" through the program in 2019.

- Turtle Lake Public Library
- Little Lunches Backpack Program
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Guardian and Protective Services (people with disabilities event)
- Garrison-Max Ambulance
- Great Plains Food Bank
- Darvis and Shelly Arndt (house fire)
- Garrison Area Food Pantry
- Our Savior Food Pantry
- Max Community Library
- Market Place for Kids
- Turtle Lake Chamber
- ND 4H Foundation
- Mercer Community Center

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 \$97,636.36 to the program and \$89,560 in total grants awarded to 57 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 RoundUp board of directors from among its

membership. In addition to Chair Jude Iverson, Garrison; other Operation RoundUp board of directors include Vice Chair Debbie Boe, Turtle Lake; Secretary-Treasurer Jill Denning-Gackle, Garrison; Mark Jennings, Washburn; Steven Haakenson, Roseglen; Lena Volochenko, Butte; and Carla Landenberger, 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 director members are involved with the Operation RoundUp 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 RoundUp 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 homepage and scrolling down to "Operation RoundUp" or call the MEC office and visit with Sonja Moe, 701-463-6700 or toll-free 800-263-4922.

2019 Operation Round Up Financial Report

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2019)	\$ 16,511.73
INCOME	
Round Up Contributions	\$ 14,036.33
Total Income	\$ 14,036.33
EXPENSES	
Grants Awarded in 2019	\$ 22,550.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses	\$ 19,360.00
Ending Balance (December 31, 2019)	\$ 7,988.06

100% of 2019 Donations went to Community Programs

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	2019	2018 (As Restated)
ELECTRIC PLANT		
In Service	42,422,443	40,079,582
Electric Plant Under Construction	2,225,464	2,656,921
Total Electric Plant	44,647,907	42,736,503
Less Accumulated Depreciation	11,344,160	10,659,939
Net Electric Plant	33,303,747	32,076,564
OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS		
Investments in Associated Companies	7,505,592	7,159,945
Other Investments	517,515	409,468
Total Other Assets and Investments	8,023,107	7,569,413
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	2,402,397	1,669,719
Accounts Receivable - Electric Bills	2,055,531	2,083,273
Curr Portion Other Investments - Loans Rec	97,567	81,753
Materials & Supplies	1,382,199	815,986
Other Current and Accrued Assets	10,996	10,211
Total Current Assets	5,948,690	4,660,942
DEFERRED DEBITS	824,773	942,706
Total Deferred Debits	824,773	942,706
TOTAL ASSETS	48,100,317	45,249,625

BALANCE SHEET

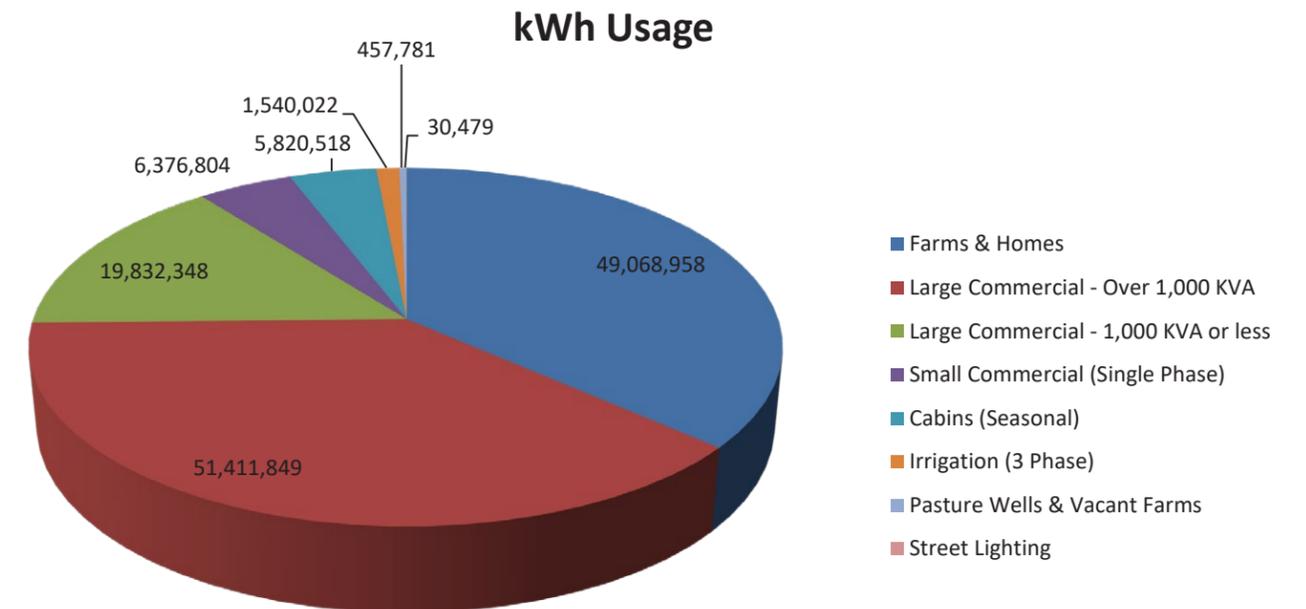
Liabilities	2019	2018 (As Restated)
EQUITIES		
Patronage Capital - Members	14,985,850	14,510,081
Other Margins & Equities	987,568	957,719
Total Equities	15,973,418	15,467,800
LONG-TERM DEBT (RUS, FFB, COBANK)		
Total Long-Term Debt	29,916,014	27,709,894
Less Current Maturities	1,315,046	1,063,110
Total Long Term Debt (Net)	28,600,968	26,646,784
OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Capital Leases - Noncurrent	65,453	147,237
Accumulated Provision for Pension & Benefits	447,367	338,052
Total Non-Current Liabilities	512,820	485,289
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities - Long Term Debt	1,315,046	1,063,110
Current Maturities - Capital Leases	81,784	66,413
Line of Credit	-	-
Accounts Payable - Power Supplier	893,236	782,910
Accounts Payable - General	61,546	128,983
Member Deposits	34,334	38,771
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	567,882	540,557
Total Current Liabilities	2,953,828	2,620,744
DEFERRED CREDITS		
Advanced Payment for Electricity - Members	59,283	29,008
TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES	48,100,317	45,249,625

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Statement of Operations

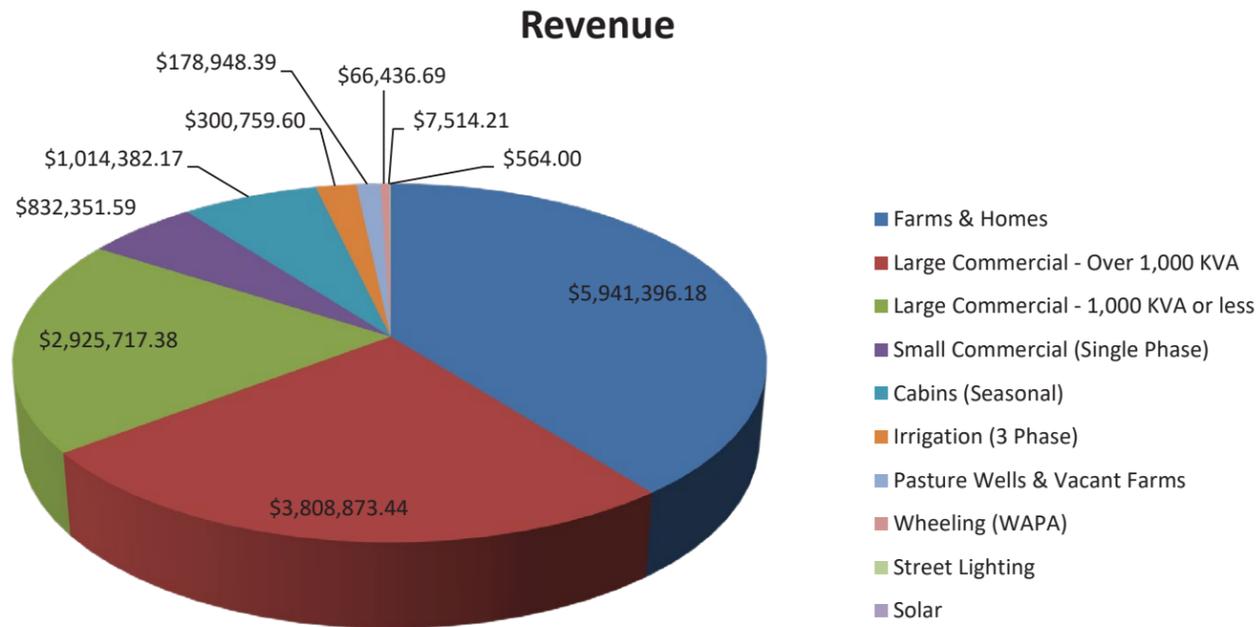
	2019	2018 (As Restated)
OPERATING REVENUES		
Sales of Electricity	15,105,144	14,802,880
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Cost of Power	8,783,309	8,759,498
Operations & Maintenance	1,927,212	1,653,883
Member Accounts	388,559	359,395
Member Service	118,582	95,596
Administrative and General	1,155,754	1,035,180
Depreciation	1,181,730	1,090,011
Taxes	101,202	102,169
Other	16,781	13,782
Sales Expense	85,933	84,269
Total Operating Expenses	13,759,062	13,193,783
OPERATING MARGINS	1,346,082	1,609,097
FIXED CHARGES		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	972,673	881,902
Interest on Capital Lease Oblig	8,066	9,692
Total Fixed Charges	980,739	891,594
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G&T AND OTHER CAP CREDIT	565,299	1,461,336
NET OPERATING MARGINS	930,642	2,178,839
NON-OPERATING MARGINS		
Merchandising	(30,203)	42,602
Other Income	-	6,563
Interest Income	41,441	9,753
Gain (Loss) on Disposal prop	17,568	12,688
Total non-operating margins	28,806	71,606
NET MARGIN	959,448	2,250,445

KWH USAGE



kWh Usage	
Farms & Homes	49,068,958
Large Commercial - Over 1,000 KVA	51,411,849
Large Commercial - 1,000 KVA or less	19,832,348
Small Commercial (Single Phase)	6,376,804
Cabins (Seasonal)	5,820,518
Irrigation (3 Phase)	1,540,022
Pasture Wells & Vacant Farms	457,781
Street Lighting	30,479
TOTAL	134,538,759

REVENUE



Revenue From Sales of Energy	
Farms & Homes	\$ 5,941,396.18
Large Commercial - Over 1,000 KVA	\$ 3,808,873.44
Large Commercial - 1,000 KVA or less	\$ 2,925,717.38
Small Commercial (Single Phase)	\$ 832,351.59
Cabins (Seasonal)	\$ 1,014,382.17
Irrigation (3 Phase)	\$ 300,759.60
Pasture Wells & Vacant Farms	\$ 178,948.39
Wheeling (WAPA)	\$ 66,436.69
Street Lighting	\$ 7,514.21
Solar	\$ 564.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,076,943.65

YEAR END COMPARISON

Year End Comparison

	2019	2018
Active Services	4,088	4,057
Farms and Homes	2289	2324
Cabins (seasonal)	992	955
Small Commercial	303	299
Pature wells & Vacant Farms	268	249
Irrigation (3 Phase)	86	83
Large Commercial	79	76
Large Commercial Oil	35	35
USAF	31	31
Street and Highway Lighting	5	5
Submeters	1488	1453
Load Control Devices	665	669
Residential	612	619
Irrigation (3 Phase)	53	50
Miles of Line		
Overhead	1304	1320
Underground	493	484
kWh sold	134,538,759	132,838,215
Sales of Energy	15,143,580 \$	14,776,539
Average Member Cost	11.26 ¢	11.12 ¢
Employees	23	22

MEET THE CANDIDATES

CLARENCE BEHLES — INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 2



Clarence Behles is a farmer/rancher north of Garrison. He currently represents District 2 on the McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) board of directors. He presently holds the office of assistant secretary-treasurer. He would like to continue to be a voice for District 2. Clarence has been a farmer/rancher since 1982. He has served as a director for CHS Garrison elevator for six years. He is currently a volunteer for the Garrison Rural Fire District since 1999. Clarence and his wife Darci have been married for 28 years. They have two children, Justin (26) and Julie (23). Besides spending time with family and friends, (having coffee with the old farts), he also enjoys NASCAR racing, golfing in scrambles, watching movies and taking care of his animals.

LARRY GESSELE — INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 7



Larry Gessele is a farmer from the southeastern part of McLean County. He currently represents District 7 on the McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) board of directors as the president. He would like to contribute in the process of selecting a new general manager at McLean Electric. Larry has been farming all his life. He has a bachelor of science degree in ag economics and animal science from North Dakota State University. He has served on the Turtle Lake-Mercer school board for eight years; the Farm Credit Services, Mandan board for 15 years, with three terms as chairperson; nine years on the equity elevator board of Turtle Lake as secretary-treasurer. He also served on the board of Our Savior's Lutheran Church Mercer, as treasurer and chairman.

Larry has served on the Mercer volunteer fire department for 48 years and has been a 4-H leader. Larry and his wife Kathy have been married 40 years. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family and traveling. He also enjoys golf, studying history, especially the World War II era.

SERVICE AWARDS

35 YEARS OF SERVICE



Renee Fetzer,
Customer Service Rep.
Administrative Assistant

5 YEARS OF SERVICE



Jesse Carter,
Lineman

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®

YOUR COOPERATIVE STAFF

MANAGEMENT



Martin Dahl,
General Manager/CEO
11 years

OPERATIONS



Keith Thelen,
Operations Manager
6 years



Les Larson,
Engineering Consultant
32 years

ENGINEERING



Lucas Schaaf,
Engineering Manager
2 years



Austin Dillard,
Mapping & Computer Service Cord.
2 years



Sonja Moe
Member Services/Benefits Admin.
3 years

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING



Wendy Kinn,
Finance Manager
6 years



Marcia Zimmerman,
Accountant II
16 years



Karen Thompson,
Accountant I
1 year

BILLING & CUSTOMER SERVICE



Tonya Graeber,
Office Manager
21 years



Julie Streich,
Customer Service Rep.
6 years



Renee Fetzer,
Customer Service Rep.
Administrative Assistant
35 years

YOUR COOPERATIVE STAFF

GARRISON LINE CREW



Nathan Ruud,
Line Foreman
18 years



Rick Gienger,
Lead Lineman
43 years



Lucas Dusek,
Lineman
12 years



Jesse Carter,
Lineman
5 years



Loren Desjardins,
Lineman
1 year

WAREHOUSEMAN/LOCATOR



Kelly Schmaltz,
Warehouseman/Locator
6 years

TURTLE LAKE LINE CREW



Travis Voth,
Line Foreman
17 years



Brian O'Shea,
Lineman
11 years



Trevor Thomas,
Lineman
4 years

METERING



Anne Brawley,
Technical Services Manager
9 years



Daryl Engel,
Meter Tech
46 years

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The McLean Electric Cooperative scholarship committee has chosen Ross Hardy and Joshua Thompson as recipients of the McLean Electric/Basin Electric scholarships. These scholarships were awarded based on 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 11 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.



ROSS HARDY

Ross will graduate from Minot High School and is the son of Glen and Konnie Hardy of Minot. He will be attending Minot State University to earn a degree with a double major in computer science and math. As a long-term goal, he hopes to use his degree to continue to learn more about the use of computers. Ross participates in track; he is a member of the Science Bowl team and National Honor Society. He also volunteers at the local animal shelter and YMCA.



JOSHUA THOMPSON

Josh is the son of Jeremy and Karen Thompson of Max. He graduated from Max Public School in 2019 and is attending the University of Jamestown pursuing a degree in history secondary education. Josh has a strong dedication to his family and farm. He was scheduled to travel with the University of Jamestown band to Europe at the end of this school year giving him a unique experience in music and world history. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trip will be rescheduled.

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 cooperatives can be economic engines for their local communities.*



RACHEL GOVEN

Rachel will graduate from Turtle Lake-Mercer High School and is the daughter of Gerard and Jill Goven of Turtle Lake. She will be attending the University of North Dakota to major in business/marketing and hopes to become a successful businesswoman and entrepreneur. Rachel was McLean Electric's delegate to the 2018 Youth Tour in Washington, DC; ND Youth Leadership Council (YLC) in 2019 and U.S. Senate Youth Program delegate in March 2020.

YOUTH TOUR ESSAY WINNER



Wyatt is a sophomore at Max Public School and is the son of Holly and Allen Kersten. He enjoys raising different types of animals like poultry, beef, goats, and rabbits. He also enjoys playing basketball, 4-H, and FFA. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this year's youth tour was canceled. Wyatt is planning on attending next year for McLean Electric.



