

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
February 19, 2018

The February meeting of the Board of Directors of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Company's headquarters, in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 19th day of February, 2018. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele, at 8:00 o'clock a.m.

Directors present:

Clarence Behles
Larry Gessele
Darcy Klain
James Odermann
Troy Presser
Thomas Sheldon
Rod Stockdill

Also present were Finance Manager Wendy Kinn, Operations Manager Keith Thelen, General Manager/CEO Martin D. Dahl and Attorney David A. Lindell.

A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Odermann, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the January 26, 2018, board meeting, additional agenda items, review of director's checks, and approval of the membership and service applications. The motion carried.

The estates of Colin Stuble, Orlin Backes, and Bennett Everett, Sr., were presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made by Stockdill, seconded by Behles, to approve the estate retirements. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Business Department - Finance Manager, Wendy Kinn. Items discussed and actions taken during the Business Department's Report were as follows:
 - a) Provided the Financial Report for the Cooperative which included the KWH sales use and revenue, 2017 Budget to Actual review, preliminary January 2018, Form 7, financial ratios and YTD usage and revenue.
 - b) The 2018 budget will be updated to include solar pump revenue and G & T capital credit allocation.
2. Engineering Department - Manager Martin D. Dahl in place of Engineering Technician, Cara Bauer. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department's Report were as follows:

- a) Staking and mapping software could be changed in the near future.
 - b) The Cooperative is still receiving quotes for server conversion.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Report were as follows:
- a) Provided the February workload/workplan and contract labor update.
 - b) Reported that LED light installs are ongoing.
 - c) The board acknowledged the minutes of the February Safety Committee meeting.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Martin D. Dahl. Items discussed and actions taken during the Manager's Report were as follows:
- a) Reported that the Cooperative received a grant on behalf of the McLean Family Resource Center which was presented to the center in February.
 - b) Provided a staffing update. Sonja Moe is now handling the Benefits Administrator duties along with her Member Services duties.
 - c) GWRD report. The district has not fully left the Cooperative yet but should do so shortly.
 - d) NISC patronage. A distribution in the amount of \$1,650.59 was received from NISC.
 - e) Revolving loan fund. The Turtle Lake Hospital is looking to apply for a \$50,000.00-\$60,000.00 loan for the installation of an elevator in the hospital.
 - f) Cooperative auditor approval. A motion was made by Stockdill, seconded by Klain, for the Cooperative to hire Brady Martz to perform the 2017 audit. The motion carried.
 - g) Central Power Director election. A motion was made by Behles, seconded by Klain, to cast a unanimous ballot for Presser as the Central Power Director and Sheldon as alternate. The motion carried.
 - h) Provided the Rate Sub-Committee report.

- i) Building expansion change order. A change order for plumbing in the amount of \$1,721.15. A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Klain, to approve the change order. The motion carried.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

1. Central Power - Presser
2. Basin Electric - Presser

The Board then went into the Annual Strategic Planning Session.

During the Strategic Planning Session, there was discussion regarding the possible uses of Executive Sessions on a more regular basis. A motion was made by Odermann, seconded by Klain, for the board to have an Executive Session available during each meeting. The motion carried with Behles voting no.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The March monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at the Cooperative's headquarters which shall begin at 9:00 a.m.
2. The April 2018 monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, beginning time to be determined.

There was no other business voted on the Strategic Planning Session. There being no further business, upon a motion made and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary