

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
September 27, 2019

The September meeting of the Board of Directors of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Company's headquarters, in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 27th day of September, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele, at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

Directors present:

Clarence Behles
Larry Gessele
Karen Hanson
Darcy Klain
James Odermann
Troy Presser
Rod Stockdill

Also present were Staff Engineer Lucas Schaaf, Operations Manager Keith Thelen, General Manager/CEO Martin D. Dahl, and Attorney David A. Lindell.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the August 26, 2019, board meeting, additional agenda items, review of director's checks, and approval of the membership and service applications/transfers. The motion carried.

The estates of John Lynn, Doris Zimmerman, Esther Steinwand, A. Caroline Cook, Phyllis Kastner, Violet Gessele, Kenneth Fjeldahl, and Angeline Christopherson, were presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made and seconded to retire the capital credits for the estates. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Finance Department - General Manager/CEO - Martin D. Dahl in place of Wendy Kinn who was absent. Items discussed and actions taken during the Finance Department report were as follows:
 - a) Provided the Financial Report for the Cooperative which included the review of the August, 2019 KW and KWH sales and revenue, financial ratios, and the preliminary August 2019, Form 7. Year-to-date revenue is under budget by \$41,461.00 and revenue for the month of August was under-budget \$72,428.00.
 - b) Reviewed the preliminary 2020 budget.

2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
 - a) Discussed irrigation installation cost issues.
 - b) Discussed subdivision infrastructure cost issues.
 - c) Provided a Max Water Treatment Plant update.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Report were as follows:
 - a) The board acknowledged the minutes of the August 29, 2019, Safety Committee meeting.
 - b) Provided the September work load/work plan and contract labor update.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Martin D. Dahl. Items discussed and actions taken during the General Manager's/CEO Report were as follows:
 - a) Reported that the Underwood Ambulance loan application appears to be complete for a closing sometime in October.
 - b) Provided an update of the Energy Efficiency Loan Program.
 - c) Provided Region 6 meeting report.
 - d) Basin Electric Annual Meeting delegate appointment. Director Klain was appointed as delegate with alternate Director Behles.
 - e) Provided a Federated Insurance Annual Meeting report.
 - f) Provided a charging station update. A lower class station has been found for the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center.
 - g) Provided a Tribal Solar Power update.
 - h) Reported that the CFC 2019 patronage allocation for the Cooperative is \$707.78 with \$354.39 retired.
 - i) Discussed the Coop insurance rate.
 - j) NRECA voting delegate - Director Stockdill was appointed delegate with alternate Director Klain.

- k) Provided a donation request for State Spelling Bee. A motion was made and seconded to approve a \$300.00 donation to the State Spelling Bee. The motion carried.
- l) Reviewed the WAPA/Three Affiliated Tribes service contract. A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract renewal. The motion carried.
- m) Reported that a Touchstone Energy rate increase.
- n) Provided a donation request for the Garrison Area Resource Center Food Bank. A request was made for \$5,000.00 to be matched by Basin Electric and CoBank. A motion was made to approve the donation of \$5,000.00 with the motion dying for lack of a second. The motion was reinstated for the Cooperative to provide \$3,000.00 with an additional \$2,000.00 from Rural Development Finance Corporation for the matching funds. The motion was seconded and carried.
- o) Discussed the irrigation project near Lake Audubon at the mouth of the McClusky Canal and stated that user contracts will be developed.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- a) Statewide - Stockdill
- b) Central Power - Presser
- c) Basin Electric - Presser

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The next monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 8:15 o'clock a.m. at the Cooperative's headquarters.

The board went into Executive Session. After the Executive Session, there being no further business. Upon a motion made and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary