

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
November 30, 2020

The November meeting of the board directors of McLean Electric Cooperative Inc. was held at the Cooperative's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 30th day of November, 2020. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Directors present at the headquarters were:

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

Those present virtually were:

Darcy Klain

Also in attendance were Finance Director, Wendy Kinn, Staff Engineer, Lucas Schaaf, Operations Manager, Keith Thelen, General Manager/CEO, Mark Doyle, and Attorney David A. Lindell.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of additional agenda items, review of directors checks, approval of the membership and service applications/transfers, the minutes of the October 21, 2020 board meeting. The motion carried.

The following estates were presented for capital credit retirement: Marjorie Cleveland, Barbara Wenger, Norman Karlson, Roberta Alme, Robert Petz, Greg Bierschbach, Theodore Everett, and Gladys Howard. A motion was made and seconded to retire the capital credits for the estates. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. Finance Department - Wendy Kinn. 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 October 2020 KW and KWH sales and revenue, financial ratios, and the preliminary October 2020, Form 7. October revenue is below budget by \$13,996.19. Year to date

revenue was over budget \$385,985.46. KWH sales are over budget 1,397,475 and demand is over budget by 5,292.

- b) 2020 Capital Credit Retirement - It was suggested that the G&T portion of the 2020 capital credit retirement should be distributed to the patrons by December 31, 2020, with the MEC portion to be distributed in June 2021. Staff would like the retirements to occur in June beginning in 2021.
 - c) Bank signature cards - A motion was made and seconded to remove Marcia Zimmerman and add Tonya Graeber and Karen Thompson to the BNC and Garrison State Bank signature cards. The motion carried.
2. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Department Report were as follows:
- a) Provided the work load/work plan and contract labor update. Reported that the crews have been staying separate as much as possible. The board commended Manager Thelen on the linemen covid protocol.
3. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
- a) Provided a work plan update.
 - b) Reported that the Totten Trail EV Station is operational.
4. General Manager's/CEO Report - Mark Doyle. Items discussed and actions taken during the General Manager/CEO Report were as follows:
- a) Provided a Covid-19 update. The cooperative is at full employment at this time.
 - b) Provided a GRE/Blue Flint Ethanol update.
 - c) Discussed WAPA heat credits with Three Affiliated Tribes. Reported that Three Affiliated Tribes have not yet signed a contract.
 - d) Provided an Air Force update.
 - e) Provided an update of the Red River Water Division Project.

- f) Reviewed MEC donations and public relations given in November with Member Services Manager, Sonja Moe.
- g) Discussed employee Christmas gifts due to the fact that the Cooperative Christmas party for 2020 was cancelled.
- h) Director Compensation - A motion was made and seconded to increase the board President's monthly compensation to \$400.00 per month which would be \$100.00 more than the other directors. The motion carried with President Gessele voting No.
- i) 2021 Budget Review - A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021 budget as presented. The motion carried.
- j) Discussion regarding Virtual Special Meetings - A motion was made and seconded that the amount of any compensation for attendance at virtual special meetings shall be declared by the board president after said meeting. The motion carried. President Gessele declared compensation for the October 1, 2020, Virtual Special Meeting, shall be at a ½ day meeting compensation.
- k) Revisited Christmas employee compensation. A motion was made to compensate each Cooperative employee with a \$275.00 gift card for Christmas. The motion died for lack of second. A motion was made and seconded to compensate each Cooperative employee with a \$250.00 gift card in lieu of having a company picnic and Christmas party in 2020. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Statewide - Stockdill - Director Stockdill was nominated as a Statewide delegate for 2021 with Klain as the alternate delegate. Director Stockdill presented a Resolution that the attendance at the Annual Meeting be limited to one person from each Co-op and to waive Statewide's By-Laws regarding quorum and virtual participation for the 2021 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.
- b) Central Power - Presser.
- c) Basin Electric - Presser

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. Midwest Energy Consumers will be held on December 9, 2020, virtually.
2. Touchstone Energy meeting will be held on December 10, 2020, virtually from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
3. The December board meeting will be held Monday, December 21, 2020, to begin at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

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

Secretary