

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
February 24, 2021

The February meeting of the board directors of McLean Electric Cooperative Inc. was held at the Cooperative's headquarters in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

Directors present were:

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

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, and the minutes of the January 28, 2021 board meeting. The motion carried.

The estates of Larry Sorenson, Maureen Hochsprung, and Richard Baron 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 - 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 January 2021 KW and KWH sales and revenue, financial ratios, and the preliminary January 2021, Form 7. January revenue is below budget by \$150,363.85 which was expected due to mild weather in January. KWH sales were below budget 2,149,758 with year to date demand below budget by 2,048.

- b) Discussed Asset Management Clean-up. She reported that a list of the assets will now be kept current.
  - c) Discussed the Paycheck Protection Program Loan. A motion was made and seconded for the Cooperative to pursue a second PPP Loan if MEC qualifies. The motion carried.
2. Engineering Department - Lucas Schaaf. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:
- a) Provided the work plan update and an IT update.
  - b) Reviewed the work plan progress report.
3. Operations Department - Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Department Report were as follows:
- a) Provided the work load update.
  - b) Presented the 2020 inventory adjustment amounts as follows:  
  
Account #154 - Electric Materials - \$5,952.15  
Account #155 - Merchandise - \$509.76  
  
A motion was made and seconded to adjust the inventory down by the said amounts in those accounts. The motion carried.
  - c) Provided a capital asset update.
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.
  - b) Provided a Coal Creek Station/Blue Flint update.
  - c) Reported that the NRECA Virtual Annual Meeting will be held on March 4, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., the NISC Virtual Annual Meeting will be held on March 11, 2021, and the Co-Bank Virtual Annual Meeting will be held on March 18, 2021. The Central Power Virtual Annual Meeting will be held on March 24, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Presser as Central Power delegate and Gessele as an alternate.

- d) Discussed 2021 Annual Meeting. It was determined to set the meeting for Tuesday, June 22, 2021, and for By-Law Amendments to be developed that would allow the Annual Meeting to be held at any time during the year and allow for mail-in ballots.
- e) Reported that the Cooperative applied for a PPP Loan in the amount of \$518,132.02.
- f) Discussed the 2021 NRECA Youth Tour. It is not known if the tour will be held in 2021. A motion was made and seconded for the Cooperative to continue a competition similar to the Statewide Essay Competition that would award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a high school Junior whose families are MEC members with the topic to be picked by the General Manager and judged by a professor from Bismarck State College. The motion carried.
- g) A motion was made and seconded for the Cooperative to offer up to \$3,000.00 to local youth groups within MEC's territory that made a positive impact in their community with applications to be judged by the Board. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. The March board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, which will begin at 9:30 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.



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Secretary