MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. January 24, 2019

The January meeting of the Board of Directors of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Company's headquarters, in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 24th day of January, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gessele, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Directors present:

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

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

A motion was made by Stockdill, seconded by Klain, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the minutes of the December 27, 2018, 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 Ruth Pochant, Arlene M. Kellar, Violet H. Nelson, Ray Ruby and Dorven White Bear were presented for capital credit retirement. A motion was made by Presser, seconded by Behles, 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 year end KWH sales use and revenue, financial ratios and the preliminary Income Statement and Balance Sheet in lieu of the Form 7 due to the Government shut-down. The cooperative's net revenue for 2018 was \$316,524.54 which is 2.89% above budget.
- 2. Engineering Department Lucas Schaaf, Staff Engineer. Items discussed and actions taken during the Engineering Department report were as follows:

- a) The department is continuing to work on the Cooperative's mapping system, creating new work order structures for 2019, and starting the easement procurement process for the 2019 construction season.
- b) Provided an IT update.
- c) Investigating a primary metering location for Blue Flint Energy and that will expand service to the area.
- d) The board reviewed a letter from Blue Flint Energy regarding the timing for the installation of the new transmission line.
- 3. Operations Department Keith Thelen. Items discussed and actions taken during the Operations Report were as follows:
 - a) Provided the January work load/work plan and contract labor update.
 - b) The board acknowledged the minutes of the January 2, 2019, Safety Committee Meeting. President Gessele urged the staff and management to stress "Safety, Safety, Safety".
- 4. General Manager's/CEO Report Martin D. Dahl. Items discussed and actions taken during the Manager's/CEO Report were as follows:
 - a) Continued the discussion of the Ann Carlsen Center donation request. He has received mixed responses from other state cooperatives. A motion was made by Odermann, seconded by Klain, for the cooperative to donate \$1,000.00 to the Ann Carlsen Center for 2019 and to re-evaluate for future donations annually. The motion carried.
 - b) Provided a report of his attendance at the CEO Conference.
 - c) Provided a report of his attendance at the Statewide MAC Meeting.
 - d) Reviewed and discussed the Statewide Annual Meeting.
 - e) 2019 Strategic Planning topics were discussed. 2019 Strategic Planning will be held February 28, 2019, following the monthly board meeting and March 1, 2019.
 - f) Discussed the proposed City of Garrison annexation.
 - g) Provided an RDFC meeting report.

REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- a) Statewide Stockdill
- b) Statewide Resolutions Committee Klain
- c) Central Power Presser
- d) Basin Electric Presser

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 1. The next monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.
- 2. Strategic planning meeting shall be held Thursday, February 28, 2019, following the February board meeting and Friday, March 1, 2019, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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

Secretary