

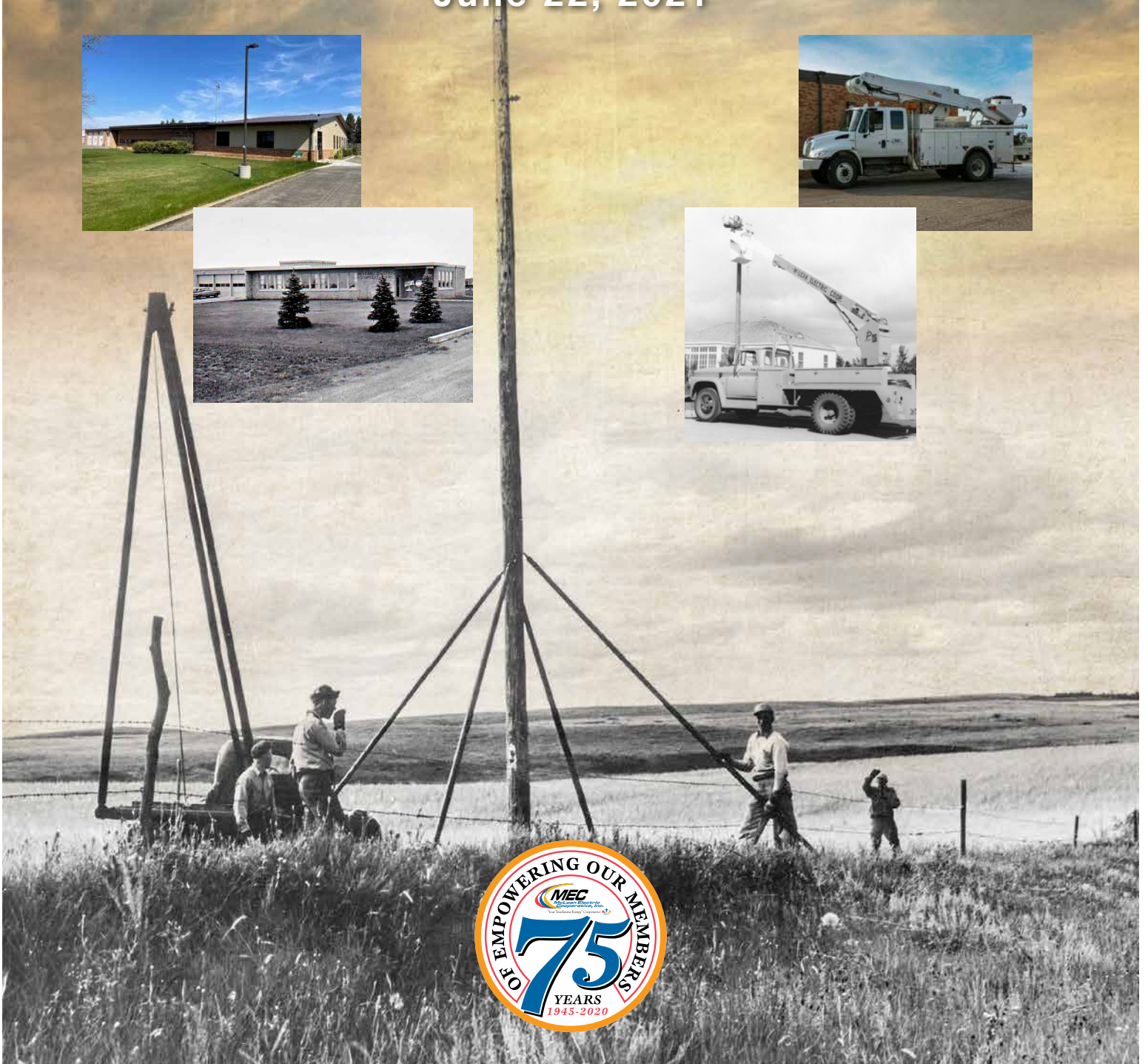


A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

RE-ENERGIZING THE LEGACY

75th - 76th Annual Meeting

June 22, 2021



PROGRAM

- 5:00 p.m. Registration and Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- Determination of Quorum
- Invocation
- Welcome
- Reading of notice and previous minutes
- President's Report
- General Manager's Report
- Financial Report
- Operation RoundUp Report
- Service Awards
- Presentation of Scholarships
- Election of Directors
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT

“It shall be the aim of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc. to make electric energy available to its members at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management.”

McLean Electric Cooperative Founding Board of Directors, 1945

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time people and businesses were in a virtual lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. True, things have opened up somewhat since then, but as Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over till it's over." The virus still has a haunting presence and has forever changed the way

people approach a pandemic.

Speaking of change, MEC has had several big ones this year. We would like to officially welcome Mark Doyle aboard as our new general manager/CEO. Mark had to hit the ground running as the pandemic started soon after he was hired. To his credit and also our employee's credit-they all kept MEC delivering power almost without a hitch.

A hitch came in February when Texas got hit with that cold snap and WAPA (which is one of our power providers)

was given as little as 10 minutes (in some cases) to shed power load or risk having a significant portion of the grid go down. In that short time, we did not know how many, when, or where any of our substations would be shut down for the estimated time. We tried to notify our members as quickly as we could. We are in the process of trying to get changes made so when the next polar vortex hits there will be a better response. It also brings to front and center the need for adequate baseload sources to supplement intermittent energy sources.

All in all, it was a good year for MEC. I would like to thank all the MEC employees for going above and beyond their normal duties to get us through this tough stretch. Also, I would like to thank the board of directors for their valuable input and all the time they put in during the many meetings and interviews that we did this past year. It certainly made my job easier. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Larry Gessele
Board President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Larry Gessele



Darcy Klain



Rod Stockdill



James Odermann



Clarence Behles



Troy Presser



Karen Hanson



Dave Lindell,
Attorney

MANAGER'S REPORT



I will start by thanking you for the opportunity to be your new General Manager/CEO. It is an honor.

Things did not start under normal circumstances. The pandemic in this area was in full stride! But as you should expect, the McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) staff did not let that

interfere with delivering the service you deserve. It was amazing how the staff did not let anything go undone even while the offices were closed. Some office staff came in on shifts to complete their work. As for our line crews, they were isolated from each other to reduce exposure risks. Since then, we have taken steps to allow for a more mobile workforce. Most tasks can be done remotely. I could not be more satisfied with the performance of the service they provide.

Now as we look forward to the future, we must reflect on the past. 2020 is definitely one to remember even though we wish we could all forget. McLean Electric had its 75th Anniversary celebration planned but with the pandemic complications, the celebration and annual meeting were not held. This year, things have hopefully turned the corner and we can all enjoy some normalcy. 75 years is a long-time to be in business. You as member-owners should be proud of an institution that continues to serve and grow.

From a business perspective, 2020 was a pretty good year for MEC. We ended with about 3.4% in plant growth, net margins were in line with 2019 and we retired \$480,203 in capital credits. 2020 sure could have ended worse considering the pandemic and the mild winter for our fourth quarter but our gross revenue was only down \$57,000 from 2019 while operating expenses stayed pretty static.

We are always striving to provide better services to our member-owners. 2021 started with some challenges also. In February, we found much of the Midwest in a deep freeze with unprecedented weather patterns from North Dakota to Texas. This is nothing extraordinary for us in North Dakota but Texas was struggling a bit. This situation created an energy shortage and we stepped up and did what we could. Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) had to make some tough decisions which included cycling off some of our substations to shed load. We greatly appreciate your understanding during those extraordinary times.

I would like to finish up with acknowledging the retirement of your previous manager, Mr. Martin Dahl. I have had a professional relationship with Marty for several years and know that he has done an excellent job of managing your cooperative. It was unfortunate that we were unable to give him the celebration of his legacy that he deserves. If you get a chance, thank him for his many years of service to the member-owners of McLean Electric Cooperative.

Warm Regards,

Mark Doyle
General Manager

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2019

The 74th Annual Meeting of the members of McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Garrison City Auditorium in Garrison, North Dakota, on the 18th day of June 2019. The meeting was called by order by President Larry Gessele at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner was prepared by Kyle's Katering of Garrison, North Dakota, and served by the Garrison High School FFA Chapter.

Secretary Rod Stockdill informed President Gessele that a quorum was present and President Gessele informed the attendees that the Cooperative was open for business.

President Gessele introduced Pastor Annie Langseth of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Garrison, North Dakota, who gave the opening invocation.

President Gessele recognized present and past military service personnel and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the presentation of the National Anthem.

President Gessele introduced dignitaries and guests who were in attendance and recognized that the North Dakota Congressional Delegation wrote letters of appreciation to the Cooperative.

The keynote speaker, Dan Inmann, Vice-President and Chief Information Security Officer for Minnkota Power Cooperative, was introduced and he presented information and an update about Minnkota Power and gave an overview of the MPC System and facilities and service territory of the Cooperative. He discussed the 2019 Polar Vortex event and how Minnkota Power met its patron's needs during the event. He also discussed the balance between Minnkota Power's baseload vs. renewables and discussed Minnkota Power's Project Tundra for CO2 capture and reuse.

After the keynote speaker, President Gessele reported that the notice of the 74th Annual Meeting and minutes of the 73rd Annual Meeting were ready to be read for approval. It was moved that a reading of the notice and minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Gessele introduced the Cooperative's Board of Directors and the Cooperative's employees to the attendees, and provided his report:

- He mentioned that the Cooperative has held its rates for the past year and that 67% of MEC's power is purchased from Basin Electric and it appears that Basin's rate will remain steady throughout 2019.
- He reported about the 2018 storm to western McLean County and the Cooperative's response and mentioned that the Cooperative's Board of Directors stress safety.
- He announced that 2020 will mark the 75th Annual Meeting and asked that the attendees provide the Cooperative of stories that would be available to be read during the 75th Annual Meeting.

President Gessele introduced the Member Advisory Committee Members and thanked them for their input to the Cooperative.

President Gessele introduced General Manager/CEO Martin D. Dahl to provide his report.

Manager Dahl discussed the following:

- 2018 was a great year for the Cooperative with margins being very high.
- The board is budgeting for 2019 a margin of .5% in 2020.
- The Cooperative is halfway through their third year of no rate increases with no rate increases foreseen in the short term.
- He discussed demand billing and how it can affect a patron's monthly bill.
- He discussed the following Legislative issues: Grants not becoming income; promoting the proposed infrastructure package; retaining the power marketing agencies such as WAPA; pension funding; waiting for the replacement of the Clean Power Plan and the rewrite of the Waters of the United States; and laws restricting railroad crossing costs.
- Reported that Central Power Electric Cooperative should complete the Max to Benedict and Washburn to Blue Flint lines in 2019.
- He provided a battery storage back-up project update.
- He recognized all of the Cooperative's employees and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the Cooperative.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

Manager Dahl then provided the Financial Report for the Cooperative and he introduced the Cooperative's Financial Director, Wendy Kinn to the attendees.

For 2018, total revenue received was \$14,897,719.00 with a total KWH sold in 2018 of 132,838,215 with a net margin of \$2,445,160.00. The Cooperative has total assets of

\$45,444,340.00. He reported that the financial ratios are higher than required by the Cooperative's lenders with TIER of 3.54, DSC of 2.17, and an equity to assets ratio of 34.17.

Manager Dahl introduced Troy Presser, MEC Director, as well as the Cooperative's Director to Central Power and the Central Power Director to Basin Electric, who provided a Generation and Transmission Report. During his report, Manager Presser mentioned that Central Power is working with Minnkota to shed Ottetail Power lines with the Max to Benedict line as an example that directly affects McLean Electric. He also reported that the Washburn to Blue Flint line should be finished in August 2019. He reported that Basin's DGC Fertilizer Project has been a success and it continues to do so.

Operation Round-Up - Committee President, Jude Iverson, was introduced to give a Operation Round-Up Report to the attendees. She introduced the Operation Round-Up board members and reported that \$16,200.00 was awarded in 2018 to the Turtle Lake Chamber of Commerce Bike Fest, Underwood Cupboard, Turtle Lake Summer Recreation Program, Guardian and Protective Services, McLean Family Resource Center, Great Plains Food Bank, Turtle Lake Tiny Turtle's Daycare, and North Dakota Association for the disabled.

President Gessele announced that the Board of Directors have proposed a By-Law amendment. The proposed amendment is to Article 3, Section 8 - Nomination, and Election of Directors. The amendment would change the language for Director petitions and potential floor nominations to allow members who have a meter but do not reside in the District to sign petitions or make nominations for a director of the district where the meter is located. The election for the By-Law was by secret ballot and the By-Law Amendment passed with 146 aye to 5 votes no.

President Gessele announced the terms of directors for District 1, District 3, and District 5 were up for election. He announced that the following candidates presented petitions for nomination. District 1 - James Odermann;

District 3 - incumbent Rod Stockdill and Jason Ziemann; District 5 - Troy Presser. Each of the candidates provided a short address to the attendees. Directors Odermann, Presser, and Stockdill were re-elected as directors.

Manager Dahl announced the following employee service awards:

- Daryl Engel - 45 years
- Tonya Graeber - 20 years
- Marcia Zimmerman - 15 years
- Martin Dahl - 10 years
- Brian O'Shea - 10 years
- Wendy Kinn - 5 years
- Julie Streich - 5 years
- Keith Thelen - 5 years
- Kelly Schmaltz - 5 years

President Gessele and Manager Dahl presented the following scholarships:

1. McLean Electric/Basin Electric Scholarship of \$500.00 each to Ally Behles, daughter of Cory and Cindy Behles of Garrison, North Dakota and Joshua Thompson, son of Jeremy and Karen Thompson of Max, North Dakota.
2. McLean Electric Scholarship of \$500.00 to Hannah Retterath, daughter of Justin and Rachel Retterath of Washburn, North Dakota.
3. The 2019 Youth Tour Essay Contest Winner is Skyla Folden, daughter of Nicole and Carey Gieser of Garrison, North Dakota.

President Gessele asked for any old business. There was none.

President Gessele announced that the 74th Annual Meeting grand prize of \$1,000.00 would be given to a meeting attendee who was present. The 2019 winner was Wendy Kinn. Other door prizes were presented as well.

President Gessele thanked the attendees for attending the 74th Annual Meeting. The meeting upon a motion made, seconded and carried, was adjourned.

OPERATION ROUND UP®



Operation RoundUp is a voluntary program in which McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) consumers round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar. The money goes into a trust fund, with grants awarded by a seven-member volunteer board.

A total of \$12,000 in two grant rounds was awarded in 2020. Eight organizations received grants when MEC consumers “rounded up” through the program in 2020.

- Max Public School
- Farm Rescue
- Guardian and Protective Services (people with disabilities event)
- Little Lunches Backpack Program
- Great Plains Food Bank
- Garrison Area Food Pantry
- Our Savior's Lord Food Pantry
- Mercer Community Center

Operation Round Up funds support qualifying individuals, families or organizations in need of financial assistance. It assists with personal or family emergencies and community based education, health, charitable, scientific or safety programs or projects. Recipients must live within McLean Electric’s service area, but don’t have to be MEC members.

The groundwork to establish Operation Round Up began in 2012. Since awarding its first grants in 2013, MEC members contributed \$111,994.10 to the program and \$101,658.30 in total grants awarded to 65 recipients.

The most a McLean Electric account could contribute annually is \$11.88. For most MEC consumers, contributions average about \$6 annually when each month’s bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar. McLean Electric’s seven-member board of directors each appoints three people to the cooperative’s advisory committee. The advisory committee, in turn, elects the Operation RoundUp board of directors from among its membership. In addition to Chair Jude Iverson, Garrison; other Operation RoundUp board of directors include Vice Chair Debbie Boe, Turtle Lake; Secretary-Treasurer Jill Denning-Gackle, Garrison; Mark Jennings, Washburn; Steven Haakenson, Roseglen; Lena Volochenko, Butte; and Carla Landenberger, Underwood.

The Operation Round Up board focuses on the organization’s goals and mission in its ranking process as it reviews applications. Serving on the Operation Round Up board of directors is a voluntary, non-paying position. No McLean Electric Cooperative employees or board of director members are involved with the Operation RoundUp board or its decision-making. The cooperative’s role is helping administer the program and to ensure bylaws and IRS 501(c)(3) regulations are followed.

Recipients can apply more than one time and must be an Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt organization. Individuals with medical or emergency financial needs can receive grants through nonprofit organizations’ grant requests.

More information is available on McLean Electric’s website, www.mcleanelectric.com, clicking “Community” on the homepage and scrolling down to “Operation RoundUp” or call the MEC office and visit with Sonja Moe, 701-463-6700 or toll-free 800-263-4922.

2020 Operation Round Up Financial Report

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2020)	\$ 7,988.06
INCOME	
Round Up Contributions	\$ 14,357.74
Total Income	\$ 14,357.74
EXPENSES	
Grants Awarded in 2020	\$ 12,000.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses	\$ 12,010.00
Ending Balance (December 31, 2020)	\$ 10,335.80

100% of 2020 Donations went to Community Programs

BALANCE SHEET

	Assets	
	2020	2019
ELECTRIC PLANT		
In Service	43,915,501	42,422,443
Electric Plant Under Construction	2,396,581	2,225,464
Total Electric Plant	46,312,082	44,647,907
Less Accumulated Depreciation	12,363,742	11,344,160
Net Electric Plant	33,948,340	33,303,747
 OTHER ASSETS AND INVESTMENTS		
Investments in Associated Companies	7,851,215	7,505,592
Other Investments	529,674	517,515
Total Other Assets and Investments	8,380,889	8,023,107
 CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	2,755,623	2,402,397
Accounts Receivable - Electric Bills	1,765,548	2,055,531
Curr Portion Other Investments - Loans Rec	88,408	97,567
Materials & Supplies	1,376,299	1,382,199
Other Current and Accrued Assets	11,049	10,996
Total Current Assets	5,996,927	5,948,690
 DEFERRED DEBITS	717,656	824,773
Total Deferred Debits	717,656	824,773
 TOTAL ASSETS	49,043,812	48,100,317

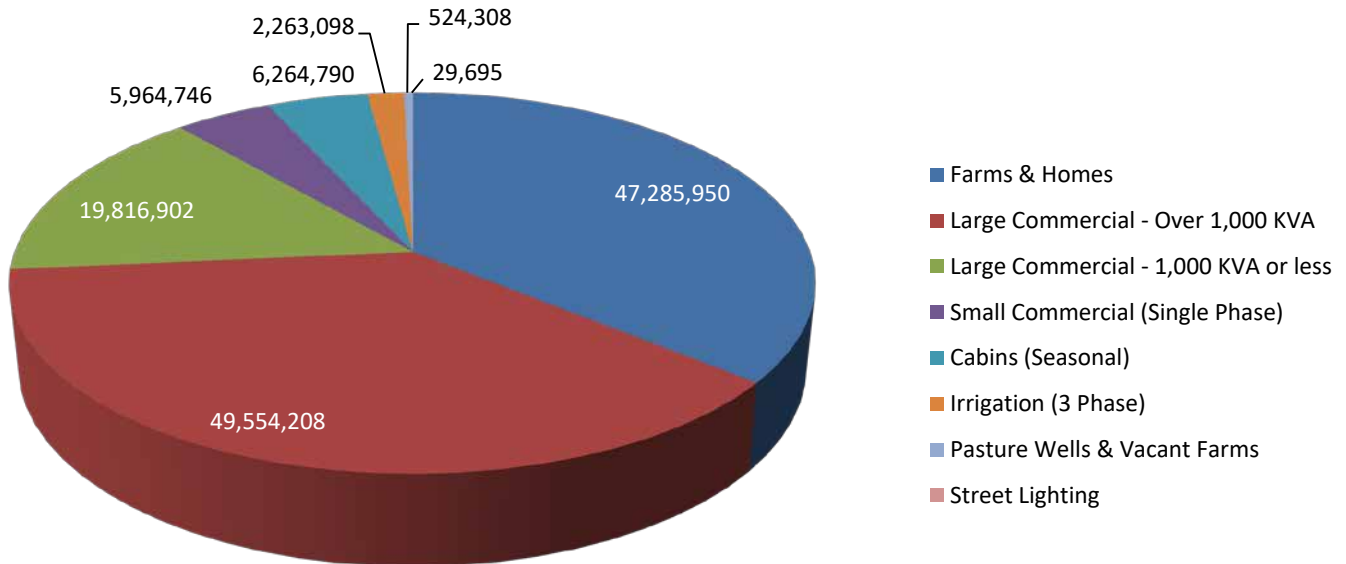
BALANCE SHEET

	Liabilities	
	2020	2019
EQUITIES		
Patronage Capital - Members	15,411,534	14,985,850
Other Margins & Equities	1,020,425	987,568
Total Equities	16,431,959	15,973,418
LONG-TERM DEBT (FFB, CFC, COBANK)		
Total Long-Term Debt	30,549,222	29,916,014
Less Current Maturities	1,335,367	1,315,046
Total Long Term Debt (Net)	29,213,855	28,600,968
OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Capital Leases - Noncurrent	6,103	65,453
Accumulated Provision for Pension & Benefits	614,393	447,367
Total Non-Current Liabilities	620,496	512,820
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Maturities - Long Term Debt	1,335,367	1,315,046
Current Maturities - Capital Leases	59,345	81,784
Line of Credit	-	-
Accounts Payable - Power Supplier	747,487	893,236
Accounts Payable - General	72,562	61,546
Member Deposits	37,193	34,334
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	461,000	567,882
Total Current Liabilities	2,712,954	2,953,828
DEFERRED CREDITS		
Advanced Payment for Electricity - Members	64,548	59,283
TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES	49,043,812	48,100,317

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

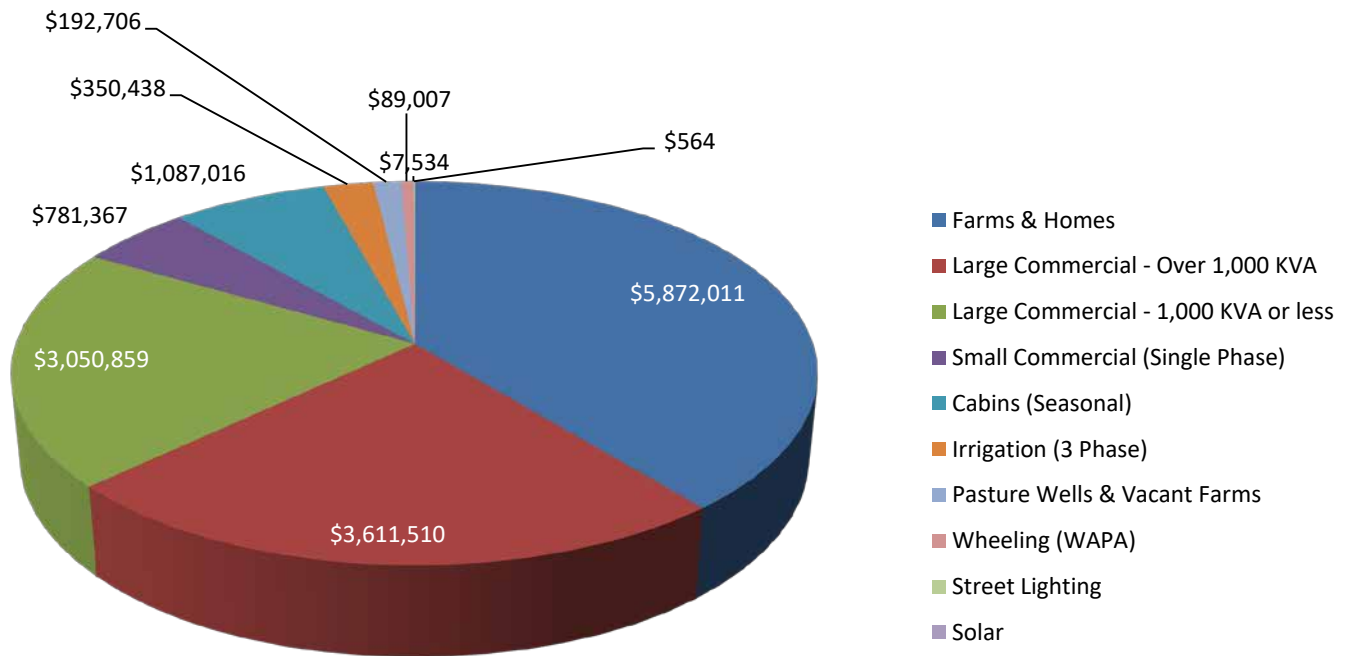
	2020	2019
OPERATING REVENUES		
Sales of Electricity	15,064,196	15,105,144
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Cost of Power	8,730,731	8,783,309
Operations & Maintenance	1,943,085	1,927,212
Member Accounts	410,576	388,559
Member Service	125,887	118,582
Administrative and General	1,156,236	1,155,754
Depreciation	1,212,968	1,181,730
Taxes	105,676	101,202
Other	13,242	16,781
Sales Expense	76,894	85,933
Total Operating Expenses	13,775,295	13,759,062
OPERATING MARGINS	1,288,901	1,346,082
FIXED CHARGES		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	982,814	972,673
Interest on Capital Lease Oblig	4,450	8,066
Total Fixed Charges	987,264	980,739
O. MARGIN AFTER FIXED CHGES	301,637	365,343
G&T AND OTHER CAP CREDIT	625,672	565,299
NET OPERATING MARGINS	927,309	930,642
NON-OPERATING MARGINS		
Merchandising	(43,541)	(30,203)
Other Income	-	-
Interest Income	22,119	41,441
Gain (Loss) on Disposal prop	-	17,568
Total non-operating margins	(21,422)	28,806
NET MARGIN	905,887	959,448

KWH USAGE



kWh Usage	
Farms & Homes	47,285,950
Large Commercial - Over 1,000 KVA	49,554,208
Large Commercial - 1,000 KVA or less	19,816,902
Small Commercial (Single Phase)	5,964,746
Cabins (Seasonal)	6,264,790
Irrigation (3 Phase)	2,263,098
Pasture Wells & Vacant Farms	524,308
Street Lighting	29,695
TOTAL	131,703,697

REVENUE



Revenue From Sales of Energy		
Farms & Homes	\$	5,872,011
Large Commercial - Over 1,000 KVA	\$	3,611,510
Large Commercial - 1,000 KVA or less	\$	3,050,859
Small Commercial (Single Phase)	\$	781,367
Cabins (Seasonal)	\$	1,087,016
Irrigation (3 Phase)	\$	350,438
Pasture Wells & Vacant Farms	\$	192,706
Wheeling (WAPA)	\$	89,007
Street Lighting	\$	7,534
Solar	\$	564
TOTAL	\$	15,043,012

YEAR END COMPARISON

	2020	2019
Active Services	4,107	4,088
Farms and Homes	2,298	2,289
Cabins (seasonal)	1,010	992
Small Commercial	284	303
Pasture wells & Vacant Farms	268	268
Irrigation (3 Phase)	90	86
Large Commercial	83	79
Large Commercial Oil	35	35
USAF	31	31
Street and Highway Lighting	8	5
Submeters	1496	1,488
Load Control Devices	662	665
Residential	609	612
Irrigation (3 Phase)	53	53
Miles of Line		
Overhead	1,293	1,304
Underground	505	493
kWh sold	131,703,697	134,538,759
Sales of Energy	\$ 14,953,441	\$ 15,143,580
Average Member Cost	11.35 ¢	11.26 ¢
Employees	22	23

MEET THE CANDIDATES

CLARENCE BEHLES — INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 2



Clarence Behles is a farmer/rancher north of Garrison. He currently represents District 2 on the McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC board of directors. He presently holds the office of assistant secretary-treasurer. He would like to continue to be a voice for District 2. Clarence has been a farmer/rancher since 1982. He has served as a director for CHS Garrison elevator for six years. He is a retired volunteer firefighter for the Garrison Rural Fire District. Clarence and his wife Darci have been married for 28 years. They have two children, Justin (26) and Julie (23). Besides spending time with family and friends, (having coffee with the old farts), he also enjoys NASCAR racing, golfing in scrambles, watching movies and taking care of his animals.

DARCY KLAIN — INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 4



Darcy Klain is a farmer/rancher from Ruso. She has served on the McLean Electric Cooperative Board of Directors for six years. She has also worked for the South McLean Soil Conservation District and has been an ag loan officer for Dakota West Credit Union. She has an Associate's Degree from Minot State University. She is married to Durnell and they have three adult children: Tyler (Carrie), Dalyce (Adam), and Trey. She also is Grammy to her Granddaughter, Finley!

She is active in the TL-M FFA Alumni, St. Olaf's Church, McLean County 4-H, the North Dakota Simmental Association, and the North Dakota Junior Simmental Association. She enjoys gardening, traveling, and attending livestock shows and sporting events.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

KAREN A. HANSON — INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 6



Karen Hanson farms with her husband, Richard, in the midst of the triangle between Turtle Lake, Washburn, and Underwood for 30 years. She has represented District 6 on the McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) board directors for the past two years. She is eager to continue serving McLean Electric's member-owners, learn and understand more about the industry, and contribute to the cooperative's success.

Karen has served on the MEC Operation RoundUp® board of directors and church council. She has also volunteered her time as a Sunday school teacher, LYO Leader, high school class advisor and substitute bus driver. She enjoys quilting, cooking, and exploring new places! Karen and her husband, Richard have been married for 31 years. They have three adult children: Rachel is the CFO at Northland Health Centers based in Turtle Lake, Joshua is a Journeyman Lineman at Otter Tail Power Company based in Garrison, and Jacob is a Vision Engineer for Mikron (automation company) in Denver, Colorado.

LARRY GESSELE — INCUMBENT CANDIDATE DISTRICT 7



Larry Gessele is a farmer from the southeastern part of McLean County. He currently represents District 7 on the McLean Electric Cooperative (MEC) board of directors as the president. He would like to contribute in the process of selecting a new general manager at McLean Electric. Larry has been farming all his life. He has a bachelor of science degree in ag economics and animal science from North Dakota State University. He has served on the Turtle Lake-Mercer school board for eight years; the Farm Credit Services, Mandan board for 15 years, with three terms as chairperson; nine years on the equity elevator board of Turtle Lake as secretary-treasurer. He also served on the board of Our Savior's Lutheran Church Mercer, as treasurer and chairman.

Larry has served on the Mercer volunteer fire department for 48 years and has been a 4-H leader. Larry and his wife Kathy have been married 40 years. They have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family and traveling. He also enjoys golf, studying history, especially the World War II era.

SERVICE AWARDS

10 YEARS OF SERVICE



Anne Brawley,
Technical Services Manager

5 YEARS OF SERVICE



Trevor Thomas,
Lineman

YOUR COOPERATIVE STAFF

MANAGEMENT



Mark Doyle,
General Manager/CEO
1 year

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING



Wendy Kinn,
Finance Manager
7 years

OPERATIONS



Keith Thelen,
Operations Manager
7 years



Karen Thompson,
Accountant
2 years

ENGINEERING



Lucas Schaaf,
Engineering Manager
3 years



Tonya Graeber,
Office Manager
22 years



Austin Dillard,
Mapping & Computer Service Cord.
3 years



Julie Streich,
Customer Service Rep.
7 years



Sonja Moe
Communication Mgr/Benefits Admin.
4 years



Renee Fetzter,
Customer Service Rep./Work Order Clerk
36 years

YOUR COOPERATIVE STAFF

GARRISON LINE CREW



Nathan Ruud,
Line Foreman
19 years



Rick Gienger,
Lead Lineman
44 years



Lucas Dusek,
Lineman
13 years



Jesse Carter,
Lineman
6 years



Loren Desjardins,
Lineman
2 years

WAREHOUSEMAN/LOCATOR



Kelly Schmaltz,
Warehouseman/Locator
7 years

TURTLE LAKE LINE CREW



Travis Voth,
Line Foreman
18 years



Brian O'Shea,
Lineman
12 years



Trevor Thomas,
Lineman
5 years

METERING



Anne Brawley,
Technical Services Manager
10 years



Daryl Engel,
Meter Tech
47 years

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The McLean Electric Cooperative scholarship committee has chosen Ashlee Ketterling and Addyson Hughes as recipients of the McLean Electric/Basin Electric scholarships. These scholarships were awarded based on academic excellence, which includes the following criteria: ACT scores, work experience, and participation in school and community activities. Both scholarships were for \$500 each.

This year 13 applications were received. All applicants were rated favorably, which is an indication of the quality of students we have in McLean Electric's service territory. These scholarships will be presented at the 76th Annual Meeting on June 22 in Garrison.



ASHLEE KETTERLING

Ashlee will graduate from Turtle Lake Mercer School and is the daughter of Melissa and Todd Ketterling of Mercer. She will be attending BSC in the fall with interests in music, photography, history, and psychology. Ashlee has been active in the spelling bee, the special Olympics, acalympics, math meets, band, choir, volleyball, class president, and vice president. She is on the honor roll, invited to the Masonic honors and the National Society of High School Scholars. She is also active with 4-H, Trinity youth group, taught Sunday school and bible school, youth synod delegate, and mission work through her church.



ADDYSON HUGHES

Addyson will graduate from DesLacs-Burlington High School and is the daughter of Todd and Sara Hughes of Minot. She will be attending Minot State University in the fall, pursuing a degree in biology and business and a doctorate in Optometry. Addyson is in the National Honor Society, honor roll, student of the month, varsity volleyball, softball, student council, FBLA, LYO. She volunteers at the soup kitchen and domestic violence crisis center, Burlington food pantry, the Minot Zoo, helps homebound elderly, caroling at nursing homes, and many more community activities.

MCLEAN ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP

Each entry had to include a short statement for an essay question to be eligible for the \$500 scholarship. This year's essay question was: ***Describe how cooperatives can be economic engines for their local communities.*** This scholarship committee has chosen James McElwain as this year's recipient. This scholarship will also be presented at the 76th Annual Meeting on June 22 in Garrison.



JAMES MCELWAIN

James is the son of Holly and Jeffrey McElwain of Minot. He will be a sophomore at BSC in the fall pursuing a career in power plant technology. After graduation, he hopes to obtain a job in ND working for one of the coal or gas plants and live in a rural area and be a vital member of the community in the state that he loves.

BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSED

Here is the proposed amendment to the bylaws for consideration at the June 22 annual meeting.

MCLEAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS JUNE 22, 2021

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members shall be held in ~~the first six (6) months following the end of~~ each fiscal year, at such place in the County of McLean, State of North Dakota, as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting, for the purpose of electing directors, presenting reports for the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. The place and date of such meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days before the date of such meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to make adequate plans and preparations for the annual meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

SECTION 5. VOTING.

Each member shall be entitled to only one vote. All questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person or by mail, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation of these Bylaws. Voting by Mail. Any member may vote by mail for directors and the ballots for all the nominated directors shall be submitted with the notice of the annual meeting.

Voting by mail on other matters shall only be allowed and authorized by the Board of Directors. To be accepted as a mail ballot, each mailed-in ballot must be received in an envelope which contains the signature of the member stating that such member acknowledges the enclosed ballot to be the member's vote and certifies that they will not be voting on the issues contained on the ballot in any other manner. Each ballot will be considered and counted toward a quorum. Mail ballots, when used, must be received in the Cooperative's office not later than noon of the day of the meeting of the members in order to be counted or tabulated. Joint membership shall be entitled to one vote by mail. The failure of any member to receive a ballot shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at a meeting.

MEMBER GIFT



Ten-dollar credit will automatically be applied to each valid member account when member registers at MEC's 2021 Annual Meeting. Credit will show on the member's July MEC bill. Actual certificate does not need to be sent to MEC. Limit of one bill credit per member account. Not redeemable for cash.

In recognition of the incorporators of McLean Electric Cooperative who through their vision, spirit, dedication and hard work started an organization on August 26, 1945 that has provided immeasurable benefits to it's rural electric membership over the past 76 years.

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