# M.J.M. ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 24, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperative", was held via video conference at 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by W. Kay Schultz, Chairman, who chaired the meeting and William Heyen served as Secretary.

## **Roll Call**

Upon roll call, Director Schultz reported the following Board Directors to be present: William Heyen, W. Kay Schultz, Louis Johnson, Robert Lehmann, Dennis Stewart, James Niemann, Marcie Tonsor, Paul Bartlett, and Robert Moore. Also present at the meeting were Lee J. Plummer, Attorney, Laura Cutler, President/CEO, Jen Peterson, Executive Administrator, and Jeremy Pattillo, Director of Finance and Accounting.

## Agenda

Upon motion properly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the November agenda was approved as presented.

## **Prior Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion properly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the October 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

# **Treasurer's Report**

A list of checks issued during October was reviewed. Cash disbursements for October were discussed as well as the cash position and requirements. The October purchased power breakdown was also reviewed. In addition, the November 1, 2020 receipts, and disbursements, up to a point of time in November were reviewed. Upon a motion properly made, second and carried unanimously, the Treasurer's report was approved.

## CFC

CEO Cutler reported on current interest rates.

### **Operating Report**

CEO Cutler presented her report which included the Financial and Statistical Report.

An opportunity was given to discuss MJM business activities which are reported to the Board at various times during the month. Information pertaining to outages, work orders, new services, and equipment changeouts were also provided for review.

CEO Cutler discussed past power supplier costs and MJM's kWh sales.

Executive Administrator Peterson gave an overview of non-paid service disconnections in November. The front office is continuing to work with Members who request extensions.

Joe Heyen, Director of Engineering and Operations and Brooke Gross, Communication and Member Services Coordinator joined the meeting.

Joe Heyen gave an update on numerous projects being worked on by his department. MJM is in search of a reconditioned transformer for the Witt substation and COVID-19 has continued to put working restrictions on crews. Some MJM employee families have directly been affected by the disease.

Brooke Gross provided an update on her activities.

Due to the November policy committee meeting being postponed due to COVID-19 quarantine requirements, by a voice vote it was rescheduled for December 11, 2020 at 8AM. Attorney Plummer has been in contact with Corey Stone, Local 51, about Section II, Policy 34 – Drug and Alcohol Policy.

The 2021 Annual Meeting was discussed. Brooke Gross discussed options to expand voting opportunities that would give MJM Membership additional ways to cast a vote beyond our traditional methods.

Executive Administrator Peterson presented the 2020 Write Off list which totaled \$4,569.50. By a motion properly made, seconded, and passed unanimously, the 2020 Write Off list in the amount of \$4,569.50, comprised of 10 Members, was approved as presented and is attached hereto.

There was a motion and second authorizing the sale of the following three buildings: \$55,110.00 for the Farm Credit building, \$31,000.00 for the house and \$91,000.00 for the old MJM Headquarters." Upon a voice vote, the motion passed.

Nancy McDonald, VP of Member Services at the AIEC, joined the meeting and reviewed the 2020 ACSI Survey results from 568 MJM participants. MJM received an overall score of 82 which is 11 points higher as compared to 2011. After the presentation, McDonald left the meeting.

Chris Franzen, IT Administrator, joined the meeting and provided statistical IT results from the previous month and discussed technological topics with the Board. Afterwards, he left the meeting.

At this time, a Director made a motion to approve the Operating Report which was seconded and approved unanimously.

# **Job Training and Safety**

Executive Peterson reported the November 18<sup>th</sup> safety meeting was canceled due to an increase of county COVID-19 infections. The next all employee safety meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Joe Heyen and Brooke Gross left the meeting.

#### AIEC

Director Bartlett reported on the monthly AIEC meeting.

# **Wabash Valley Power Association**

Director Lehmann reported on the monthly WVPA meeting.

## **NRECA**

Director Niemann reported on 971.1 Governance Challenges of Evolving Distribution Cooperatives. Niemann suggested that Directors completing online training over the course of two different days, only request one day's worth of per diem as compared to two full per diem payments, one for each day. Executive Peterson discussed future NRECA Director education opportunities.

## **Old Business**

Nothing for discussion.

#### **New Business**

Nothing for discussion.

# **Next Month's Board Meeting**

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2020 at 8am.

Jen Peterson and Jeremy Pattillo left the meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, for the meeting to go into Executive Session. After the discussions concluded, there was a motion and second, which passed, to come out of Executive Session.

# Adjournment

After further discussions took place, a motion was properly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned. Upon a voice vote, that motion passed.