

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

July 25, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the “Cooperative”, was held at the Cooperative’s offices located at 264 North East Street, in the City of Carlinville, Illinois at 8:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 25, 2019.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Agenda

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

Prior Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion properly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the June 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer’s Report

A list of checks issued during June was reviewed. Cash disbursements for June were discussed as well as the cash position and requirements. The June purchased power breakdown was also reviewed. In addition, the July 1, 2019 receipts and disbursements, up to a point of time in July 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. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to name Director Niemann as the CFC voting delegate. The CFC voting ballot was completed and signed by Director Niemann.

Operating Report

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

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 change outs were also provided for review.

CEO Cutler informed the Board that the AIEC now offers free Cost of Service studies to their Cooperative Members on a rotational basis.

Executive Administrator Peterson provided quarterly reporting on solar banking and purging for those Members on Net Metering and reviewed a Capital Credit bill stuffer that will be distributed to active Members who are scheduled to receive a credit in September.

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

Coordinator Gross spoke on several topics including a review of the Jerseyville parade that MJM participated in, the status of Membership cleanups and the 10-gallon milk challenge whereas MJM pledged to donate 10 gallons of milk to Catholic Charities in August.

Director of Engineering and Operations, Joe Heyen, gave an update on numerous projects going on in his department. The Jerseyville substation now has a portable substation installed to assist with load control while other maintenance is being performed. He gave an update on the Bunker Hill substation project, ROW spraying status and truck issues that are being worked on.

CEO Cutler provided an update regarding the Jerseyville Logistics Park project. The developer of the project reported to CEO Cutler that MJM could expect more detailed information in the coming weeks.

Joe Heyen left the meeting.

CEO Cutler reviewed new building project expenses and payment disbursements made. Additional information such as field reports are provided weekly by MJM "Owner's Representative" Rob Wirth of Wirth Professional Services, Inc. After today's Board meeting, the Board of Directors, Laura Cutler, Joe Heyen and Attorney Lee Plummer visited the building site to further discuss progress.

Coordinator Gross lead a discussion regarding MJM's logo and presented ideas on implementing a refreshed logo when the new building is completed. Further discussion will take place at a later meeting.

Coordinator Gross also gave an overview of the plans for the upcoming ice cream socials which will be held August 8th in Piasa and August 15th in Hillsboro.

CEO Cutler and Attorney Plummer lead a discussion regarding a program called **Operation Round Up** which would be a separate entity with its own board of trustees appointed by MJM directors who would oversee the funds. Funds would come from MJM Members who wish to participate by having their electric bill rounded up each month. The trustees would review applications from organizations or individuals for charitable purposes and distribute funds according to the bylaws of the fund. A motion was properly made, seconded and passed unanimously to give MJM's Membership an opportunity to vote for or against the Operation Round Up opt-out program at the 81st MJM Annual Meeting on March 7, 2020.

Brooke Gross left the meeting.

After discussions, a motion was properly made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the proposed 2-year Audit agreement with Jackson Thornton CPAs and Consultants.

Chris Franzen, IT Administrator, joined the meeting and reviewed MJM network statistics and provided a technology tip. 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 Administrator Peterson reported that an all employee safety meeting was not held in the month of July, however, crews completed weekly safety meetings. MJM held a Wellness Day event at Carlinville Area Hospital on July 23rd. Additional training information is available in the "Closed Circuit" report.

AIEC

Director Bartlett reported that an AIEC Board meeting was not held in July; however, the AIEC Annual Meeting will be held next week. The full Board of Directors, CEO Cutler and Attorney Plummer will be attending.

Wabash Valley Power Association

Director Lehmann reported on the July Board meeting.

NRECA

Nothing for discussion.

Old Business

Nothing for discussion.

New Business

Nothing for discussion.

Next Month's Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. Thursday, August 22, 2019.

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.