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

October 24, 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 7:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 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 October agenda was approved as presented.

## **Prior Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion properly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the September 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

## **Treasurer's Report**

A list of checks issued during September was reviewed. Cash disbursements for September were discussed as well as the cash position and requirements. The September purchased power breakdown was also reviewed. In addition, the October 1, 2019 receipts and disbursements, up to a point of time in October 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 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.

Director of Finance and Accounting, Daniel Drumeller, reported on a FEMA related topic.

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 electric heat discounts for our Members, a recent meeting with WVPA's Economic Development staff and MJM's participation in the upcoming Carlinville Halloween parade on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Administrator, Jen Peterson, reported that front office procedures are continuing to improve, and the department is working alongside Coordinator Gross to enrich Member service interactions.

Director of Engineering and Operations, Joe Heyen, gave an update on numerous projects being worked on by his department. He announced that a search for a new Warehouse Person is being conducted with the news of Ron Dugan's retirement in the coming months. He also reported on truck functionality issues and that the Bunker Hill substation had been broken into within the last few hours.

There were then discussions regarding the construction progress of the new building.

Section I, Policy 4 – *Member Attendance at Board Meetings* was discussed, and the presented changes were approved by a motion made, seconded and passed unanimously. A copy of the changes and signed policy is attached here to. In addition, policies related to distributed generation were also discussed and tabled for further discussion.

CEO Cutler informed the Board that a Residential Time-of-Use Pilot Program was being researched for Board consideration.

At this time Brooke Gross and Joe Heyen left the meeting.

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**

On October 8, 2019 there was a crew safety meeting held reviewing hazard recognition and trenching and shoring. The next safety meeting will be November 7, 2019.

#### **AIEC**

Director Niemann reported on the monthly Board meeting.

#### **Wabash Valley Power Association**

Director Lehmann reported that a monthly WVPA Board meeting was not held in October.

There were discussions regarding NRECA class 944.1 (BLC) Giving and Receiving Feedback by Jody Severson being presented on Nov. 6, 2019 at the AIEC.

## **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. Tuesday, November 26, 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.