

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**November 22, 2022**

**AGENDA ITEM # 1**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman  
(1:00 p.m.) Clifford B. Shealy, Vice President/Vice Chairman  
J. Allan Risinger, Treasurer  
Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary  
J. Carey Bedenbaugh, Jr.  
Eddie C. Best, Jr.  
Kenneth E. Lindler  
Alan R. Lunsford  
Justin B. Watts

**STAFF PRESENT:** B. Robert "Bob" Paulling, President and CEO  
Theresa D. Crepes. VP, Finance and Accounting  
Robert A. Wilbur, VP, Operations  
Lee H. Ayers, VP, Engineering  
Troy A. Simpson, VP, Member Services  
Steven Davidson, VP, Information Technology  
Vicki E. Ross-Bell, Administrative Services Manager

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** J. David Black

**INVOCATION:** Troy Simpson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA ITEM # 2**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Sox called the meeting to order, and then asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the 2023 budget presentation meeting held on October 19, 2022, and the last monthly meeting held on October 26, 2022. There were no corrections to these minutes, and Mr. Risinger made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shealy and unanimously passed.

**See Resolution # 1**

### **AGENDA ITEM # 3**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Chairman Sox stated the 2023 Proposed Budget was presented to the Board on October 19, 2022, and it was also discussed at the meeting held on October 26, 2022. Mr. Paulling discussed the highlights. Chairman Sox asked for any comments or questions. There were no questions or comments, and Mr. Risinger made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously passed.

### **See Resolution # 2**

There was no other unfinished business to come before the Board at this time.

### **AGENDA ITEM # 4**

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTING:**

**FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING:** Chairman Sox called on Mrs. Crepes for the Finance and Accounting report. Mrs. Crepes reported the year-to-date revenue was \$119,874,041, which is \$51,688 below budget at the end of October. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$69,983,294, which is over budget by \$1,157,359. The year-to-date margins were \$9,269,120 which is \$95,941 above budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 25.04% at the end of October for an increase of 0.28%. The deferred credits account balance changed by -\$465,910, and the ending balance was \$6,844,231.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 1,255 kWh in October. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$151.05 (account charge \$28.50) compared to Dominion's \$161.69 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$163.16 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$165.34 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 18,005 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,066.94 (account charge \$346.75) compared to Dominion's \$2,183.96 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,052.50 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,061.90 (account charge \$141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$2,500,637 income from CarolinaConnect. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Crepes for her report.

**OPERATIONS:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Wilbur for the Operations report. Mr. Wilbur reported the locations and the service district that the Mid-Carolina and Contractor crews worked in October. He then gave an update on the number of service orders that were processed by the Staking Technicians during the month. The right-of-way crews are still working in the New Chapin, Irmo, Lake Murray and Lexington areas. There were 119 dead trees cut during the month. Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors are still working in the Old Chapin area. He gave an update on the SCDOT and County projects. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Wilbur for his report.



**ENGINEERING:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Ayers for the Engineering report. Mr. Ayers reported that the routine inspection and maintenance was completed in October. He stated that Mid-Carolina crews assisted Santee Cooper operations personnel by backfeeding several substations to allow for transmission maintenance and upgrades. Mid-Carolina crews also performed maintenance and upgrades during these backfeeds.

Mr. Ayers then showed a chart graphing MWh purchased each month year-to-date from 2018-2022 with a five year running average. The next chart showed the MW Demand purchased each month year-to-date from 2018-2022 with a five year running average. The monthly outage report and notes for October were reviewed. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Ayers for the report.

**MEMBER SERVICES:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Simpson for the Member Services report. Mr. Simpson showed pictures of Mid-Carolina's Golf Tournament held in October, and stated the Cooperative has now raised over \$200,000 for Lexington Medical Center's Becky's Place. He then discussed and showed pictures of the Touchstone Energy Football Trophy and Mr. Football presentations made recently to the local high school students. Mr. Simpson gave a report on the Cooperative's social media engagement, and the quarterly schedule for the South Carolina Living magazine through the March 2023 issue. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Simpson for his report.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Davidson for the Information Technology report. He reported there were 37,217 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of November 1, 2022, which represents 62.8% of active accounts enrolled. In October, 80.8% of all payment transactions were made electronically, and 5.1% of payment transactions were entered manually through the Cooperative's cash-drawer application.

Mr. Davidson reported that 54.3% of October payments were made by Credit Card, and SmartHub payment transactions totaled 25.1% for the month. He reported that the Outage Management System upgrade was completed on November 9, 2022. Mr. Davidson gave a brief update on Cyber Security. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Davidson for his report.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Chairman Sox called on Mrs. Ross-Bell for the Administration report. Mrs. Ross-Bell referred to the monthly Operation Round-Up report. In October, the Trust Board approved 13 applications out of 19 for a total distribution of \$22,591. The Trust Fund balance at the end of the month was \$16,418. Mrs. Ross-Bell showed and discussed pictures of clothes that were purchased and donated to Batesburg/Leesville High School and Cayce Elementary School in lieu funds for snack packs.

Mrs. Ross-Bell then discussed the Board calendars through January 2023. Mrs. Ross-Bell reviewed the 2023 Board Meeting schedule that is required to be posted on the Cooperative's website and in the lobby at both offices. She then reviewed the ORS 2022 Compliance Examination and discussed the details of the additional requests from ORS starting in 2023. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Ross-Bell for her report.

### **AGENDA ITEM # 5**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Paulling for his report. Mr. Paulling reported there were no recordable accidents in October. A new Member Services Representative started on October 31, 2022. There is active recruitment for a part-time Custodian, and two Line Technicians.

Mr. Lindler made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirkland and unanimously passed.

Mr. Shealy made a motion to end executive session and reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Paulling for his report.

### **AGENDA ITEM # 6**

**LEGAL REPORT:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Black for the legal report. Mr. Black discussed several pending legal matters. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Black for his report.

### **AGENDA ITEM # 7**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman Sox read several thank you notes. He then stated that the Cooperative needed to appoint a "Trustee" Trustee for the CarolinaConnect Board. After a discussion, Mr. Risinger made a motion to appoint Mr. Marvin W. Sox to continue to serve on the CarolinaConnect Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shealy and unanimously passed.

#### **See Resolution # 3**

Chairman Sox stated the Board needed to appoint a "Trustee" Trustee for CEEUS and Line Equipment Boards for the next year. Mr. Risinger made a motion to appoint Ms. Donette Kirkland and Mr. Bob Paulling to serve on both Boards. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shealy and unanimously passed.

#### **See Resolution # 4**

Chairman Sox had nothing further to report at this time.

### **AGENDA ITEM # 8**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no committee reports at this time.



### AGENDA ITEM # 9

**ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS:** Chairman Sox stated that CarolinaConnect will meet on November 29, 2022. CarolinaConnect continues to increase the number of customers for each of the three Cooperative members. The Board of CarolinaConnect will vote on a budget for 2023 at the next meeting.

Mr. Risinger reported that Central's Board approved the budget for 2023 earlier in the month.

Ms. Kirkland reported CEEUS will meet again in Greenville, SC at Statewide's Winter Conference. She reported that Statewide is looking to build a new training center, since they train 500 people each year. If they can secure a site adequate enough, this will where the annual Lineman's Rodeo is held.

Mr. Shealy reported that the ECSC Trustee Association had a good meeting on October 28, 2022.

Chairman Sox stated that Federated is doing ok, but 2022 has been a tough year. Federated has been dealing with increased claims from hurricane damages and increased costs of equipment. There have been 16 line contacts this year to include public contacts, as well as employee contacts. Chairman Sox reported that any policies up for renewal this year will see an increase in insurance premiums.

Mr. Paulling stated that everything is going well with the SC Power Team.

There were no other reports at this time.

### AGENDA ITEM # 10

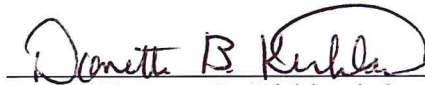
**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Sox called for any new business. There was no new business to come before the meeting at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Bedenbaugh to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shealy and unanimously passed.

### AGENDA ITEM # 11


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There was no action taken during the brief executive session.

### AGENDA ITEM # 12

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

  
Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

**APPROVAL:**

  
Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman of the Board

**S.C. 37 LEXINGTON**

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**RESOLUTION**

**# 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the 2023 budget presentation meeting held on October 19, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on October 26, 2022; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the minutes for the October 19, 2022, and the October 26, 2022, meetings, as presented.

I, Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. at a regular meeting duly assembled on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donette B. Kirkland", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.

Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

**S.C. 37 LEXINGTON**

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**RESOLUTION**

**# 2**

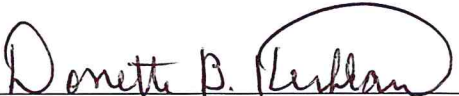
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Paulling presented and explained the Cooperative's proposed budget for 2023 at the annual Budget Presentation meeting held on October 19, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Paulling reviewed the proposed budget for 2023 at the Board Meeting held on October 26, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration, the Board of Trustees approved the proposed budget for 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves and adopts the Cooperative's budget for the year 2023, as presented.

I, Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. at a regular meeting duly assembled on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.

  
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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

**S.C. 37 LEXINGTON**

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**RESOLUTION**

**# 3**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has to nominate a "Trustee" Trustee for the CarolinaConnect Cooperative Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees desires to make nomination as hereinafter stated;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby makes the following nomination:

**CarolinaConnect Trustee for 2023**

Mr. Marvin W. Sox

I, Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. at a regular meeting duly assembled on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.

  
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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary



**S.C. 37 LEXINGTON**

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**RESOLUTION**

**# 4**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has to appoint a “Trustee” Trustee for CEEUS and Line Equipment Sales; and

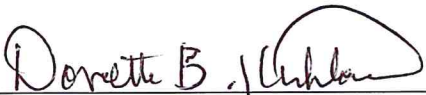
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees desires to make the appointment hereinafter stated;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby makes the following appointment:

**CEEUS and Line Equipment Board “Trustee” Trustee for 2023**

Ms. Donette B. Kirkland

I, Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. at a regular meeting duly assembled on the 22<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.

  
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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary