

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

April 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 1

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

STAFF PRESENT: R. 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 G. Davidson, VP, Information Technology
Vicki E. Ross-Bell, Administrative Services Manager

ATTORNEY PRESENT: J. David Black

INVOCATION: Mark Svrcek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ITEM # 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Sox called the meeting to order, and he welcomed the Team Leads for Mid-Carolina to the meeting. He then asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on March 25, 2025. Mr. Risinger made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 1

AGENDA ITEM # 3

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

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 \$46,741,371, which is \$66,282 over budget at the end of March. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$26,381,087, which is under budget by (\$468,031). The year-to-date margins were \$2,582,033, which is (\$95,815) below budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 23.05% at the end of March for a decrease of -0.56%. She discussed the 2025 Capital Credit Statistics. Mrs. Crepes stated that active member accounts received the credit with their March billing, and the checks for inactive accounts were mailed on March 24, 2025. The deferred credits account balance changed by (\$413,829), and the ending balance was \$6,205,138.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 1,143 kWh in March. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$182.55 (account charge \$36.40) compared to Dominion's \$164.94 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$154.74 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$161.64 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 17,046 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,291.84 (account charge \$474.50) compared to Dominion's \$2,407.66 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,479.34 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,429.55 (account charge \$141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$1,711,892 from CarolinaConnect year-to-date. 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 on the locations the Mid-Carolina and Contractor crews worked in March. The right-of-way crews have completed work in the Coldstream area. He reported they are still working in the Leesville and Pelion areas. The right-of-way crews began working in the Hollywood area this month.

Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors are still working in the Circle Substation area. He reported that Tomberlin Pole Treatment has completed work in the Friarsgate Substation area, and they are working in the Springhill Substation area. Year-to-date, Tomberlin has inspected 5,475 poles.

The clearing started in early December for the Carolina Crossroads project, and the final plans were due in March 2025. The plans have not been received. Mr. Wilbur showed a video of the Lineman's Rodeo that was held in March at York Electric Cooperative. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Wilbur for the report.

ENGINEERING: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Ayers for the Engineering report. Mr. Ayers reported that the routine inspection and maintenance were completed. He stated the foundation work at Lake Murray Substation continues. The power transformer is delayed by the manufacturer until May. Clean up and catch up have been finished on the Fiber Optic Plant.

Mr. Ayers then showed a chart graphing MWh purchased each month year-to-date from 2021-2025 with a five-year running average. The next chart showed the MW Demand purchased each month year-to-date from 2021-2025 with a five-year running average. The monthly outage report for March was discussed. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Ayers for his report.

MEMBER SERVICES: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Simpson for the Member Services report. Mr. Simpson discussed the Cooperative's successful 2025 Annual Meeting and showed pictures taken at the schools throughout the 12-hour registration period. He discussed the recent Chamber meetings that the Cooperative hosted throughout the community. Mr. Simpson announced the seven Touchstone Energy scholarship winners. He discussed the social media engagement that recently highlighted Lineman Appreciation Day. Mr. Simpson reviewed the quarterly schedule for the *South Carolina Living* magazine through the June 2025 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. Mr. Davidson reported there were 42,721 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of April 1, 2025, which represents 70.42% of active accounts enrolled. He stated that 85.10% of all March payment transactions were made electronically. Mr. Davidson reported that an additional 1,318 members enrolled in TextPower this month, bringing the enrollment total to 51,596. He stated there are now 3,002 members enrolled in Pay-As-You-Go, and 168 payments were made through the new InComm system in March.

Mr. Davidson reported that a total of 5,990 attendees participated in the 2025 Annual Meeting. Out of this total, 1,923 attended at the Chapin Middle School location, while 4,067 attended at the Beechwood Middle School location. Mr. Davidson provided a detailed breakdown, highlighting trends in active locations by district, registration counts by time of day, and patterns across decades.

Mr. Davidson reported there were 33,250 emails received during the month, and 9,339 emails were blocked prior to reaching Cooperative's email servers, 22 of those emails contained viruses. He then gave an update on Cybersecurity. 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. The Trust Board did not meet in March. However, one application was submitted and approved by the Trust Board via email, along with the monthly ministry donations for a total of \$16,159. The Trust Fund balance at the end of March was \$38,346. Mrs. Ross-Bell noted that between March 18 and April 8, 2025, the Administration team conducted visits to five local ministries, We Care Center, Sharing God's Love, God's Helping Hands, Mission Lexington, and Christian Ministry Center, to engage with staff and gain further insight into their operations.

Mrs. Ross-Bell then made a recommendation to change the Trust Board Bylaws, Article XXV, Amount of Expenditures. The change would give the Trust Board the option to donate up to 50% of the monthly deposit (up from 25%) to five local ministries. This change reflects the current practices when funds are available. Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve the recommended change to the Trust Board Bylaws, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunsford and unanimously approved.

See Resolution # 2

Mrs. Ross-Bell provided an overview of the Board calendars through June 2025. Chairman Sox and Ms. Kirkland will attend the NRECA Legislative Conference April 27-29, 2025, and Mr. Lunsford will attend the ECSC Trustee Association Meeting May 7-9, 2025. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Ross-Bell for her report.

AGENDA ITEM # 5

CEO'S REPORT: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Paulling for his report. Mr. Paulling discussed that there were no recordable accidents in March. He then reported that a new Metering Specialist started on March 31, 2025. There is currently active recruitment for a Fleet Technician and Member Services Clerk.

Mr. Paulling presented a recommended change to the Service Rules and Regulations Rate Schedule N – Net Metering Time of Use Retail Sales that came from Central Electric Power Cooperative. The new language will be listed under the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Factor as follows: “Deferred Cost Recovery Adjustment – Central’s Deferred Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (DCR) or its currently applicable successor clause, if any, is applicable to all sales hereunder.” This change will have an effective date of July 1, 2025. After a discussion, Mr. Svrcek made a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 3

Mr. Paulling discussed the next steps of the Strategic Planning meeting that took place over the last two days. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Paulling for his report.

AGENDA ITEM # 6

LEGAL DISCUSSION: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Black for the legal report. Mr. Black discussed several pending legal matters. Then, he handed out individual ballots for each office, and the following were selected: Chair – Mr. Marvin W. Sox; Vice-Chair – Mr. Alan R. Lunsford; Secretary – Ms. Donette B. Kirkland; and Treasurer – Mr. J. Allan Risinger. Mr. Black congratulated everyone. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Black for his report.

AGENDA ITEM # 7

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Sox reviewed the current Board Committee assignments and stated there will be no changes this year. He had nothing further to report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM # 9

ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS: Chairman Sox stated that CarolinaConnect’s Board Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2025. They reached 43,000 customers on April 9, 2025.

Ms. Kirkland stated that Statewide had a good Audit Report and Form 990 Review.

Mr. Lunsford stated the ECSC Trustee Association meeting is scheduled for May 7-9, 2025, in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Chairman Sox gave an update on Federated, and he stated contacts are up.

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. Mr. Lindler made a motion to enter the executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

AGENDA ITEM # 11

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

AGENDA ITEM # 12

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

APPROVAL:

Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman of the Board

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

1

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on March 25, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the minutes for the last regular monthly meeting held on March 25, 2025.

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 23rd day of April 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross-Bell made a recommendation to allow the Trust Board to increase the amount of the monthly donation to five local ministries, as funds are available; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to increase the donation percent from up to 25% to up to 50% of the monthly deposit to five local ministries, as funds are available; and

WHEREAS, after a discussion, the Board approves the recommendation, as presented;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves increasing the monthly donation amount to five local ministries from up to 25% of the monthly deposit to up to 50% of the monthly deposit. The five local ministries include We Care (Chapin), Sharing God's Love (Irmo), Mission Lexington (Lexington), God's Helping Hands (West Columbia) and Christian Ministry Center (Batesburg-Leesville).

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

3

WHEREAS, Mr. Paulling made a recommendation to the Service Rules and Regulations Rate Schedule N – Net Metering Time of Use Retail Sales;

WHEREAS, this recommendation came from Central Electric Power Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to add Deferred Cost Recovery Adjustment with an effective date off July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, after a discussion, the Board approves the recommendation, as presented;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves adding “Deferred Cost Recovery Adjustment – Central’s Deferred Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (DCR) or its currently applicable successor clause, if any, is applicable to all sales hereunder.” under the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Factor effective July 1, 2025.

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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary