

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

**LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**January 25, 2023**

**AGENDA ITEM # 1**

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
(1:00 p.m.)

Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman  
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:** Carey Bedenbaugh

**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 last monthly meeting held on December 21, 2022. There were no corrections to these minutes, and Mr. Shealy made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindler and unanimously passed.

**See Resolution # 1**

### **AGENDA ITEM # 3**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no 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 \$146,293,283, which is \$2,211,324 above budget at the end of December. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$85,178,222, which is over budget by \$2,439,324. The year-to-date margins were \$11,275,708, which is \$295,607 above budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 24.82% at the end of December for a decrease of -0.36%. The deferred credits account balance changed by -\$1,736,752, and the ending balance was \$4,039,882.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 1,333 kWh in December. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$172.62 (account charge \$28.50) compared to Dominion's \$170.86 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$173.05 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$169.49 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 17,942 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,077.52 (account charge \$346.75) compared to Dominion's \$2,202.12 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,083.01 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,095.58 (account charge \$141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$3,052,277 income year-to-date 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 December. 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 Lake Murray area. They have started working in the Old Chapin and Woodland Hills area and will start in the Barr area soon. There were 125 dead trees cut during the month. Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors are still working in the New Chapin area. He gave an update on the SCDOT and County projects.

Mr. Wilbur next presented recommended changes to the Service Rules and Regulations Schedule B – Outdoor Lighting to include Unmetered Service. He discussed the need to add unmetered service for law enforcement cameras to be attached to the Cooperative's poles throughout the service territory at a flat rate of \$65 per month. Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Best and unanimously passed.

#### **See Resolution # 2**

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 December. He stated that the retests of anomalies from annual oil sample testing of the voltage regulator had been retested with results indicating no immediate problem. The initial results likely resulted from sample contamination. Mr. Ayers reviewed the fiber construction in subdivisions that is in progress and that has been completed.

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 December were reviewed, and there was a lengthy discussion about the extreme weather on December 24, 2022. 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 called on Mrs. Christina Rish, Member Service Manager, who presented the 2022 Member Service Statistics in comparison to 2019-2021. Chairman Sox thanked Mrs. Rish for her report. Mr. Simpson then reminded everyone that the Touchstone Energy Scholarship, Washington Youth Tour, and the Youth Summit applications will be available until March 3, 2023.

Mr. Simpson gave a report on the Cooperative's social media engagement. He next discussed the county property tax checks that were delivered earlier in the month, which totaled \$6,013,756.51 for all five counties served by the Cooperative. The quarterly schedule for the *South Carolina Living* magazine was presented through the April 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. Mr. Davidson reported there were 37,750 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of January 1, 2023, which represents 63.6% of active accounts enrolled. He discussed the number of emails that the Cooperative received during the month of December, as well as how many emails were blocked. Mr. Davidson reported on upcoming projects, and he gave an 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 December, the Trust Board approved 8 applications out of 15 for a total distribution of \$21,618. The Trust Fund balance at the end of the month was \$24,843.

Mrs. Ross-Bell then discussed the Board calendars through April 2023. Mr. Shealy made a motion approving Mr. Bedenbaugh, Mr. Lindler, Mr. Lunsford and Chairman Sox attending the NRECA PowerXchange that will be held in Nashville, TN March 5-8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirkland and unanimously passed. The spring Member Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for March 21, 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 December. He called on Mrs. Brittany Bowdler, Safety and Training Manager, who gave an overview of the 2022 Safety statistics. The Cooperative won the President's Safety Contest in the State for the second year in a row.

Mr. Paulling reported there were two Line Technicians and a Part-Time Custodian that started on January 4, 2023. There is still active recruitment for a Communications Manager, due to Mrs. Janice Ayers' recent retirement after 44 years of service to the Cooperative. Mr. Paulling presented a couple of slides that were presented at the CEO Close-Up meeting earlier in the month. He and Troy discussed the Cooperative's cultural journey, where the Cooperative has been and where the Cooperative is going. 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 stated that the Board needed to appoint a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the upcoming NRECA PowerXchange meeting that will be held in Nashville, TN March 5-8, 2023. Ms. Kirkland made a motion to appoint Mr. Marvin W. Sox, as the Voting Delegate and Mr. B. Robert Paulling, as the Alternate Voting Delegate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

### **See Resolution # 3**

Chairman Sox stated the Board needed to appoint the "Trustee" seat for Central Electric Power Cooperative Board, which is currently filled by Mr. Risinger. Mr. Shealy made a motion to appoint Mr. J. Allan Risinger to continue his service on the Central Board effective at the Central Annual Meeting on March 15, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunsford and unanimously passed.

### **See Resolution # 4**

Chairman Sox stated that the Board needs to certify who will attend the Central Annual Meeting on March 15, 2023. Mr. Paulling, Mr. Risinger, Mr. Bedenbaugh, Mr. Best and Mr. Lindler will all attend. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman had nothing further to report at this time.

## **AGENDA ITEM # 8**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Risinger for the Retiree Welfare Benefit Trust Committee report. Mr. Risinger stated the Committee had a phone call with the Cooperative's Homestead Advisor just prior to the Board Meeting today. The market is still down, but the Trust Fund continues to be overfunded. The Committee will have another meeting and call with Homestead on April 26, 2023. There were no other committee reports to come before the Board at this time.

### AGENDA ITEM # 9

**ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS:** Chairman Sox stated that CarolinaConnect's Board meeting was the day prior, and CarolinaConnect had 22,719 customers as of January 24, 2023. Mid-Carolina has almost 15,000 customers, Newberry has over 5,000 customers and Aiken has over 2,000 customers. CarolinaConnect's goal for 2023 is to install approximately 250 new services per week, once they can secure additional crews.

Mr. Paulling reported that Central met earlier in the month, and they are continuing to work on their diversified portfolio.

Ms. Kirkland reported that she participated in several interviews for the Executive Vice President position of Statewide pending Mr. Green's retirement. She also attended the ECSC Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Shealy reported that the ECSC Trustee Association will meet on January 27, 2023, to finalize the upcoming ECSC Trustee Association meeting in May 2023.

Chairman Sox stated that Federated is doing well financially, but there is still concern about line contacts.

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

There were no other reports at this time.

### AGENDA ITEM # 10

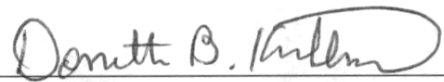
**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Sox called for any new business. There was no new business to come before the meeting at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Bedenbaugh to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shealy and unanimously passed.

### 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 4:10 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 regular monthly meeting held on December 21, 2022; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the minutes for the December 21, 2022 meeting, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present.



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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

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

**RESOLUTION**

**# 2**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wilbur recommended changes to the Service Rules and Regulations Schedule B – Outdoor Lighting to include Unmetered Service; and

**WHEREAS**, this unmetered service is for law enforcement cameras to be attached to the Cooperative's poles throughout the service territory at a flat rate of \$65 per month; and

**WHEREAS**, after a discussion and careful consideration, the Board of Trustees agrees with the recommendation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves adding unmetered service to Schedule B – Outdoor Lighting in the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations manual effective with all bills rendered on or after February 1, 2023. The policy is attached hereto.

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## MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

### SCHEDULE B OUTDOOR LIGHTING/UNMETERED SERVICE

#### AVAILABILITY

Available in all areas served by the Cooperative, subject to the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations.

#### APPLICABILITY

Applicable only for dusk-to-dawn lighting by means of photoelectric controlled luminaires, ~~and poles,~~  
and unmetered service for law enforcement cameras conforming to the Cooperative's specifications.

#### RATE (Per Month)

Monthly Charge for Standard Fixture Mounted on Wooden Pole				
Wattage	Lumens	Overhead Type	kWh	Charge
50	5,000	LED Cutoff	18	\$10.40
175	7,500	MV Open <sup>1</sup>	70	\$11.45
100	9,500	HPS Open <sup>1</sup>	40	\$10.40
160	16,500	LED Roadway	58	\$17.70
250	27,500	HPS Open <sup>1</sup>	100	\$16.65
250	27,500	HPS Cobra <sup>1</sup>	100	\$17.70
400	20,000	MV Cobra <sup>1</sup>	160	\$19.00
400	50,000	HPS Cobra <sup>1</sup>	160	\$19.80
400	20,000	MV Flood <sup>1</sup>	160	\$21.85
400	50,000	HPS Flood <sup>1</sup>	160	\$21.85
400	36,000	Metal Halide Flood <sup>1</sup>	160	\$29.15
200	25,000	LED Flood	72	\$21.85
260	32,000	LED Flood (Tenon)	94	\$43.70
1,000	140,000	HPS Flood <sup>1</sup>	390	\$34.35
1,000	105,000	Metal Halide Flood <sup>1</sup>	390	\$43.70

Additional Monthly Charge for Each Wooden Pole <sup>2</sup>			
Existing Pole	30' New	35' New	40' New
\$0.00	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$5.50
Additional Monthly Charge for Underground Service <sup>2</sup>			
\$0.75 per Fixture			



Monthly Charge for Decorative Fixture <sup>3</sup>					
Wattage	Lumens	Underground Type	kWh	17' Pole	14' Pole
70	5,800	HPS Decorative Special A <sup>i</sup>	30	N/A	\$19.80
5	7,500	MV Decorative Special A <sup>ii</sup>	70	N/A	\$26.30
69	5,000	LED Decorative Special A	25	N/A	\$26.30
100	9,500	HPS Decorative Special A	40	N/A	\$26.30
69	5,000	LED Decorative Special B	25	\$22.90	N/A
100	9,500	HPS Decorative Special B	40	\$22.90	N/A
50	5,300	LED Decorative Special C	18	\$19.25	N/A
100	9,500	HPS Decorative Special C <sup>1</sup>	40	\$19.25	N/A
175	7,500	MV Decorative Special C <sup>1</sup>	70	\$19.25	N/A

#### Monthly Charge for Law Enforcement Security Camera Mounted on Pole

kWh	Charge
≤ 300	\$65

### TERMS OF CONTRACT

The Cooperative may require the member to execute a multi-year contract prior to the installation of any lighting fixtures requiring one or more poles, except that all non-residential installations requiring one or more poles will require a written contract for not less than five (5) years.

### TERMS OF PAYMENT

All bills are net and payable when rendered.

### SALES TAX

South Carolina Sales Tax will be added to the above rates where applicable.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

For all bills rendered on or after November 1, 2019: February 1, 2023.

<sup>i</sup> No longer offered.

<sup>2</sup> The additional monthly charges will only be applicable to new lights installed on or after November 1, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Includes underground service

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

**RESOLUTION**

**# 3**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the upcoming NRECA PowerXchange meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees desires to appoint the within named persons as the Voting Delegate and Alternate to the aforesaid meeting;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby appoints the Voting Delegate and Alternate to the NRECA 2023 PowerXchange meeting, as follows:

**NRECA**

Voting Delegate

Mr. Marvin W. Sox

Alternate

Mr. B. Robert Paulling

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**RESOLUTION**

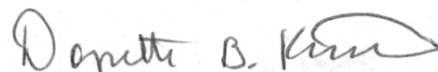
**# 4**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting the “Trustee” Trustee to serve on the Central Electric Power Cooperative Board with the CEO of the Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees desires to appoint the within named person as the “Trustee” Trustee to the aforesaid Board and Central’s Voting Delegate;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby appoints Mr. J. Allan Risinger to continue to serve on the Central Electric Power Board with Mr. Paulling. They will also serve as voting delegates on behalf of the Cooperative.

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