

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

May 28, 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: Marvin Sox

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ITEM # 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Sox called the meeting to order. He then asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on April 23, 2025. Mr. Lindler made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Best 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 \$59,670,990, which is (\$121,498) under budget at the end of April. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$32,700,405, which is under budget by (\$523,188). The year-to-date margins were \$3,443,879, which is (\$126,483) below budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 23.13% at the end of April for a decrease of -0.09%. The deferred credits account balance changed by (\$104,117), and the ending balance was \$6,101,021.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 935 kWh in April. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$163.98 (account charge \$40.30) compared to Dominion's \$137.60 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$127.88 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$135.79 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 16,852 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,299.10 (account charge \$474.50) compared to Dominion's \$2,383.14 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,452.15 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,398.65 (account charge \$141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$2,178,078 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 April. He reported the right-of-way crews they are working in the Leesville, Lake Murray, Pelion, and Hollywood areas. Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors are still working in the Circle Substation area. He reported that Tomberlin Pole Treatment Company has completed inspecting the Cooperative poles for this year. They inspected 7,407 poles, and 3% of those poles did not pass inspection.

Mr. Wilbur stated that the clearing started for the Carolina Crossroads project in early December, and the final plans were due in March 2025. The plans were just received this week. 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 work at Lake Murray Substation continues. The fence has been completed, and the power transformer is due to be delivered at the end of May. The transmission line rebuild is scheduled to start in September.

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 April 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 community events sponsored by the Cooperative. He then shared this month's highlighted Corporate value "Uphold Each Other", as well as pictures from the recent Employee Appreciation Day and service awards. Mr. Simpson stated that the applications for the Bright Ideas Grants are now available for teachers. He shared the recent social media engagement and reviewed the quarterly schedule for the *South Carolina Living* magazine through the July 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 42,861 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of May 1, 2025, which represents 70.48% of active accounts enrolled. He stated that 87.21% of all April payment transactions were made electronically. Mr. Davidson reported that an additional 1,747 members enrolled in TextPower this month, bringing the enrollment total to 53,343. He stated there are now 3,025 members enrolled in Pay-As-You-Go, and 186 payments were made through the new InComm system in April.

Mr. Davidson reported there were 30,327 emails received during the month, and 9,849 emails were blocked prior to reaching the Cooperative's email servers, and 18 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. There were 12 applications approved out of 17 at the April meeting for a total donation of \$28,978. The Trust Fund balance at the end of the month was \$36,038.

Mrs. Ross-Bell reported the Trust Board Members whose term ends May 31, 2025, are Mrs. Virginia Bishop, Mr. Frank Capobianco and Rev. Rus Stilwell. They have all agreed to serve another three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Mid-Carolina Electric Trust (June 2025 to May 2028). After a brief discussion on all candidates, a motion was made by Mr. Bedenbaugh to approve the Trust Board members for reappointment, as presented for the next three years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunsford and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 2

Mrs. Ross-Bell reviewed the Board calendars through August 2025. The Board decided to change the meeting dates to last Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. moving forward. 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 April. He then reported that a new Fleet Technician II started on May 5, 2025. There is currently active recruitment for a Member Services Clerk.

Mr. Paulling discussed the need for upgrading the audiovisual equipment in the Lexington Office Training Room and in the Dutch Fork Office Crew Quarters. An upgraded system would include two new screens for the Cooperative's Training Room to accommodate large meetings, as well as allow the offices to communicate with each other during employee meetings. Mr. Paulling stated a new Audiovisual System for the Cooperative will cost a total of \$140,000, and there is \$69,000 in the current budget. He requested an additional \$71,000 be added to the 2025 Budget for the Cooperative to upgrade to a new Audiovisual System for both offices. After a discussion, Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 3

Mr. Paulling presented a recommended change to the Service Rules and Regulations for Rate Schedule U – Agricultural Irrigation. This recommendation is to make this rate in line with the other Cooperative rates utilizing the three-part rate and the same three-hour peak times for summer and winter. There is a small number of members that are on this rate, and a meeting to discuss these changes with them will be held on June 5, 2025. The new rate will have an effective date of August 1, 2025. After a discussion, Mr. Bedenbaugh made a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunsford and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 4

Mr. Paulling discussed H.3309 SC Energy Security Act. He then reviewed the next steps with Strategic Planning. 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. 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 a thank you note. He then stated the Board needs to select a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation "CFC" Annual Meeting that will be held at the CFC Forum on June 30, 2025. Mr. Lunsford made a motion for Marvin W. Sox to be the Voting Delegate and Mr. B. Robert Paulling to be the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 5

Chairman Sox then stated that a Voting Delegate and Alternate needs to be selected for the National Cooperative Services Corporation “NCSC” Annual Meeting that will be held at the CFC Forum on June 30, 2025. Mr. Svrcek made a motion for Marvin W. Sox to be the Voting Delegate and Mr. B. Robert Paulling to be the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

See Resolution # 6

He had nothing further to report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Sox then called on Mr. Risinger for the Retiree Welfare Benefit Trust Committee. Mr. Risinger reported that the Committee had a call just prior to the meeting. The Trust account is still overfunded and there are no recommended changes at this time. The Committee will meet again on August 25, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM # 9

ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS: Chairman Sox stated that CarolinaConnect’s Board Meeting was held the previous day. They currently serve over 43,000 customers, including 21,000 Mid-Carolina members.

Mr. Risinger gave a brief update on Central.

Ms. Kirkland gave a brief update on the ECSC Communications Committee meeting she attended.

Mr. Lunsford stated that the ECSC Trustee Association meeting held early in the month was well attended with good speakers and meeting content.

Chairman Sox gave an update on Federated. His time on the Federated Board will end at the CFC Forum in July 2025. He expressed the continued concern Federated has for wildfires. 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 4:00 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 April 23, 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 April 23, 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 28th day of May 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

S.C. 37 LEXINGTON

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for making appointments to the Board of Directors of the Mid-Carolina Electric Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has decided to reappoint three Trust Board members to serve on the aforesaid Board of Directors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby reappoints Mrs. Virginia Bishop, Mr. Frank Capobianco, and Rev. Rus Stilwell on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Carolina Electric Trust Board for the three-year term of June 2025 to May 2028.

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 28th day of May 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

S.C. 37 LEXINGTON

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

3

WHEREAS, the audiovisual equipment needs to be upgraded in the Lexington Office Training Room and in the Dutch Fork Office Crew Quarters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paulling stated a new Audiovisual System for the Cooperative will cost a total of \$140,000; and

WHEREAS, the system includes two new screens for the Cooperative's Training Room to accommodate large meetings; and

WHEREAS, this new system will allow the offices to communicate with each other during employee meetings; and

WHEREAS, there was a total of \$69,000 included in the 2025 Budget for this system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paulling requested an additional \$71,000 be added to the 2025 Budget for the Cooperative to purchase the new Audiovisual System; and

WHEREAS, after a discussion, the Board of Trustees approves Mr. Paulling's recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves and authorizes the addition to the 2025 Budget in the amount of \$71,000 to replace the Audiovisual System in the Lexington Office Training Room and in the Dutch Fork Office Crew Quarters.

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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

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MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

4

WHEREAS, Mr. Paulling presented a recommended change to the Service Rules and Regulations for Rate Schedule U – Agricultural Irrigation; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation is to make this rate in line with the other Cooperative rates utilizing the three-part rate and the same three-hour peak times for summer and winter; and

WHEREAS, the new rate will have an effective date of August 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, after a discussion, the Board of Trustees approves Mr. Paulling's recommendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the recommended changes to the Cooperative's Rate Schedule U – Agricultural Irrigation to the three-part rate with an effective date of August 1, 2025. The rate with the recommended changes is attached hereto.

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 28th day of May 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

**SCHEDULE U
AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION**

AVAILABILITY

Available in all areas served by the Cooperative near lines of adequate capacity, subject to the Cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations and the execution of a Contract for Service between the Cooperative and member. Only new services after June 1, 2014 will be required to have a Contract for Service.

APPLICABILITY

Applicable for electric service supplied to three phase agricultural irrigation loads (including phase converters). This is an experimental rate and may be changed or discontinued at any time solely at the discretion of the Cooperative. Due to the experimental nature of this schedule, the Cooperative may deem it necessary to reevaluate this schedule, particularly with respect to the on-peak and off-peak periods and the pricing for on-peak and off-peak energy and demand and reserves the right to revise, eliminate, or close this schedule.

TYPE OF SERVICE

Service to three phase agricultural irrigation (including phase converters), 60 hertz, through one meter at standard secondary voltage, or other voltage as may be mutually agreed upon.

RATE (per month)

Account Charge	\$1.65 per day
Energy Charge	\$0.064 per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge	\$.047 per kWh

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE

The minimum monthly charge under this schedule shall be the Account Charge

MONTHLY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

The Cooperative's Monthly Adjustment Factor will apply to all kWh used under this schedule.

MINIMUM ANNUAL CHARGE

Unless provided otherwise in a Contract for Service, the minimum annual charge shall be the sum of the Account Charge, as stated above, computed for a twelve-month period (beginning on June 1 and ending the following year on May 31) and which shall not be diminished by discontinuing the use of service during this twelve month period.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

Service shall be rendered by the Cooperative only under the following conditions:

- (1) Electric service facilities will be extended to new irrigation loads served hereunder only upon payment in advance of construction of a Contribution-in-aid of Construction for the cost of the line extension/system upgrade required to provide service.
- (2) The Cooperative shall install and operate metering equipment to measure member's loads and usage patterns and to obtain other data necessary to determine member's load characteristics.

DETERMINATION OF ON-PEAK AND OFF-PEAK HOURS

On-Peak Hours:

Summer Months (April – October)

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Winter Months (November – March)

6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

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 August 1, 2025.

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
CONTRACT FOR RATE U

This Agreement is made on the _____ Day of _____, 20____ between

“Cooperative”

“Member”

Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. P.O. Box 669 Lexington, SC 29071	
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Cooperative shall sell and deliver to Member and Member shall purchase, all electric power which Member may need at the Service Location described as «Service_Location», on the following terms and conditions:

1. Electric service shall be provided at alternating current, «Phase» phase, «Wire» wire, 60 Hertz, «Volts» volts. Member agrees not to re-sell the electric power purchased.
2. Electric service to the Service Location shall begin on «On_Date» and continue until May 31«Year» and automatically renew for a one year period every May 31 thereafter until one party gives the other party 60 days, notice of termination in advance of the May 31 renewal date.
3. Member agrees to become a Member of the Cooperative, pay the membership fee, and to abide by the Bylaws and Service Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative, as amended from time to time.
4. Member grants an easement and license for all necessary equipment and facilities of the Cooperative to provide electric service or other services over the same facilities to other customers of the Cooperative. Member acknowledges that Cooperative may allow other utilities to attach to Cooperative’s facilities and such attachments do not violate the terms of this easement and license. Cooperative shall have rights of ingress and egress to maintain, repair, and operate its facilities on Member’s property which Cooperative will exercise with consideration for Member’s business.
5. Member will pay for electric service based upon the applicable rate in the Cooperative Rate Schedule as adopted and amended from time to time by the Board of Trustees. Member acknowledges receipt of Cooperative’s Rate Schedule. . Payment is due 20 days after the date of the invoice and considered past due if not paid by 5:00 pm that day. Cooperative may cut off service and Member must pay all late charges, all reconnect and collection costs, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, if Cooperative must take action to collect past due charges.
6. Cooperative and Member shall be responsible for their own facilities and agree to indemnify and hold harmless one another from any claims, loss, damages, actions or expenses arising out of their respective facilities or operations.
7. Cooperative has no liability for (a) minor interruptions in electric service or (b) major outages or delay in electric service caused by events outside of Cooperative’s control.
8. All notices shall be rendered to the addresses given above for Cooperative and Customer.

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	« MEMBER NAME»
_____ Its: President and CEO	_____ Its: _____
_____ Witness	_____ Witness

S.C. 37 LEXINGTON

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

5

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation “CFC” Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, this annual meeting will be held at the CFC Forum on June 30, 2025; and

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

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 CFC Annual Meeting being held at the CFC Forum on June 30, 2025, as follows:

CFC

Voting Delegate

Mr. Marvin W. Sox

Alternate

Mr. B. Robert Paulling

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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

S.C. 37 LEXINGTON

MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

RESOLUTION

6

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for selecting a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the upcoming National Cooperative Services Corporation “NCSC” Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, this annual meeting will be held at the CFC Forum on June 30, 2025; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby appoints the Voting Delegate and Alternate to NCSC Annual Meeting being held at the CFC Forum on June 30, 2025, as follows:

NCSC

Voting Delegate

Mr. Marvin W. Sox

Alternate

Mr. B. Robert Paulling

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