

**MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM # 1**

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

Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman  
Clifford B. Shealy, Vice President/Vice Chairman  
Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary  
J. Allan Risinger, Treasurer  
J. Carey Bedenbaugh, Jr.  
Eddie C. Best, Jr.  
Kenneth V. Frick  
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  
Vicki E. Ross-Bell, Administrative Services Manager

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** J. David Black

**INVOCATION:** Justin Watts

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA ITEM # 2**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Sox called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 26, 2020. 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. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

**See Resolution # 1**

### AGENDA ITEM # 3

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business to come before the meeting 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 year-to-date revenue was \$88,858,928 which is \$3,966,730 below budget at the end of August. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$54,296,120, which is under budget by \$2,971,432. Year-to-date margins were \$2,941,325, which is \$105,101 below budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 23.19% at the end of the month for an increase of 0.49%. She then reported the deferred credits account balance changed by (\$421,191) and the ending balance was (\$2,644,721).

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 2,128 kWh in August. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$212.79 (account charge \$29.45) compared to Dominion's \$264.27 (account charge \$9.00), Duke – Carolina's \$256.82 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$249.14 (account charge \$11.78). Mrs. Crepes discussed the year-to-date amount of \$765,120 that CarolinaConnect has paid Mid-Carolina in access fees. 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 August. The right-of-way crews completed their work in the Hollywood area, and they started working in the Circle area. There are crews still working in the Pelion and South Congaree areas. There were 214 dead trees cut during the month. Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors are still working in the Leesville area. He then gave an overview of the ongoing SCDOT Projects. Mr. Wilbur reported that the herbicide spraying for 2020 has been completed for this year in the following areas: Pelion, Woodland Hills, Springhill, Leesville, Gilbert and Lake Murray. 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 August. He stated that four additional electronic line reclosers were connected to the SCADA system via the fiber optic cable system during the month. Mr. Ayers then showed a chart graphing kWh purchased each month year-to-date from 2015-2020 with a five year running average. The next chart showed the kW Demand purchased each month year-to-date from 2015-2020 with a five year running average. The monthly outage report and notes for August were 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 reported the Touchstone Energy Charity Golf Tournament sponsored by MCEC's WIRE chapters will help raise money for local cancer patients. In the Cooperative's 20<sup>th</sup> year, WIRE chapters have raised over \$170,000. He discussed several communication tools that will be used on the Cooperative's website in an effort to inform and educate members in regards to Damage and Prevention Awareness of underground and overhead electric lines.

Mr. Simpson stated the Bright Ideas application deadline has been extended for the teachers until September 30<sup>th</sup>. He reported there will be a virtual walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on October 29<sup>th</sup>, and a virtual walk for ALS on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Simpson reported that the online member application will go live during the month of October 2020, with both an English and Spanish version. He discussed the *South Carolina Living* schedule through January 2021. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Simpson for his report.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Paulling for the Information Technology report. Mr. Paulling reported there were 31,264 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of September 1, 2020, which represents 54.2% of active accounts enrolled. In August, 76.3% of all payment transactions were made electronically, and 5.3% of payment transactions were entered manually through the Cooperative's cash-drawer application.

Mr. Paulling reported that 49.9% of August payments were made by Credit Card. At the Dutch Fork Office, there was 1 payment made through the Verifone in August, and there were 0 payments made through the Verifone at the Lexington Office. Mr. Paulling showed a comparison of the number of payment transactions made via the drive-thru window at the Lexington and Dutch Fork offices in August 2020 with 3,095 total payments compared to August 2019 with 5,097 total payments. There were 2,431 people on Pay As You Go, as of September 1, 2020. Mr. Paulling then gave an update on the Cooperative's Windows 10 Migration and Cyber Security. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Paulling for the 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 August, the Trust Board approved 12 applications out of 19, and donations were doubled again for the Christian Ministries for a total distribution of \$28,432. The Trust Fund balance at the end of the month was \$49,309.

Mrs. Ross-Bell reported that the Board needs to approve the date for the Cooperative's Annual Meeting, and the proposed date is April 9, 2021. Mr. Risinger made a motion to approve the Cooperative's 2021 Annual Meeting date, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

**See Resolution # 2**

Mrs. Ross-Bell next presented a resolution for Board approval regarding nominations for the Nominating and Qualifications Committee for Districts 7, 8 and 9. She stated that the resolution listed Mr. Don Wise for District 7, Mr. Lewis Shealy for District 8, and Mr. William Crout for District 9. Mr. Shealy made a motion to approve the resolution, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

**See Resolution # 3**

Mrs. Ross-Bell reviewed the Board calendars through December 2020. 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 was one recordable incident in August. He then reported that the Cooperative has rehired a Line Technician A with a start date of September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Paulling went through the Key Initiatives for 2018 – 2020 and gave an update on each of those. This discussion is the preface to the Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for the Board and Staff on October 29-30, 2020. Mr. Paulling stated that everyone would be asked to fill out a survey prior to the planning meeting. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Paulling for his report.

**AGENDA ITEM # 6**

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

**AGENDA ITEM # 7**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman Sox presented Mr. Best with his Board Leadership Certificate, and everyone gave him a round of applause. Chairman Sox had nothing further to report at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM # 8**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Watts for the Compensation Committee report. Mr. Watts stated the Compensation Committee met just prior to the meeting, and he will have an update in executive session. There were no other committee reports at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM # 9**

**ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS:** Chairman Sox called on Mr. Paulling for the CarolinaConnect report. Mr. Paulling stated their Board Meeting will be held on September 29, 2020. They are still extremely busy connecting new services for Mid-Carolina and Newberry members. Mr. Paulling gave an update on the design of the underground fiber. Mr. Ayers will provide a list of subdivisions each month where fiber installation have been completed.

Mr. Frick reported everything is going well with Central.

Ms. Kirkland stated that CEE-US and ECSC did not meet this month.

Mr. Shealy had nothing to report on the ECSC Trustee Association.

Chairman Sox reported that Federated is going well.

Mr. Paulling reported that the SC Power Team is doing well with a lot of ongoing projects.

Chairman Sox, Mr. Best and Mr. Lunsford all discussed the NRECA online class they took earlier in the month. There were no other reports at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM # 10**

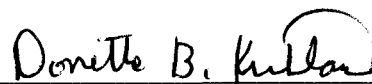
**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Sox called for any new business. There was no new business to come before the meeting at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Frick to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bedenbaugh and unanimously passed.

**AGENDA ITEM # 11**

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

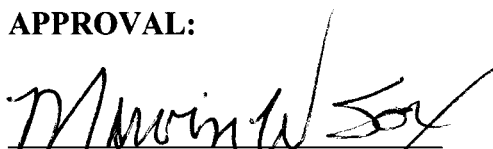
**AGENDA ITEM # 12**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

**APPROVAL:**



Marvin W. Sox, President/  
Chairman of the Board

Board Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2020

**S.C. 37 LEXINGTON**

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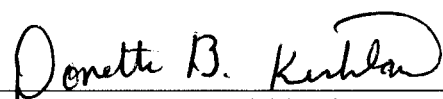
**RESOLUTION**

**# 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees reviewed and made no changes to the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 26, 2020; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 26, 2020, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2020, 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 required by the Cooperative's Bylaws to set the date of the Annual Meeting of the members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees finds and determines that Friday, April 9, 2021, is an appropriate date to hold the 2021 Annual Meeting at the Lexington High School;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. that the 2021 Annual Meeting of the members of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall be held on April 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present.



Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary

**S.C. 37 LEXINGTON**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**# 3**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is required by the Cooperative's Bylaws to approve a Nominating and Qualifications Committee Member for Districts 7, 8 and 9 for the 2021 Annual Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees desires to approve the within named persons to serve on the 2021 Nominating and Qualifications Committee for the said Districts;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. does hereby approve the following three members to serve on the 2021 Nominating and Qualifications Committee for Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative:

**DISTRICT NO. 7**

Donald C. Wise  
308 Beulah Lane  
Irmo, SC 29063

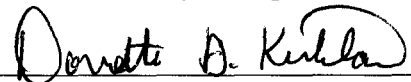
**DISTRICT NO. 8**

Lewis Shealy  
2237 Pine Street  
W Columbia, SC 29170

**DISTRICT NO. 9**

William A. Crout  
141 Bridgewood Court  
Gilbert, SC 29054

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Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary