

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

June 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 1

CALL TO ORDER: Marvin W. Sox, President/Chairman
(9:30 a.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
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: Kenneth Lindler

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 May 28, 2025. Mr. Lunsford 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 called on Ms. Sarah Mattern for a report on Federated. Ms. Mattern discussed Federated's financials as of December 31, 2024. She then reviewed each component of the Cooperative's insurance policy. Ms. Mattern answered questions throughout her presentation, and Chairman Sox thanked her for her report.

Mrs. Crepes then reported the year-to-date revenue was \$73,952,011, which is \$223,650 over budget at the end of May. The year-to-date cost of wholesale power was \$40,083,415, which is under budget by (\$525,907). The year-to-date margins were \$4,307,238, which is (\$155,663) below budget. Mrs. Crepes reported that equity was 23.41% at the end of May for an increase of 0.28%. The deferred credits account balance changed by (\$435,964), and the ending balance was \$5,665,057.

Mrs. Crepes then presented a rate comparison chart showing an average residential usage of 1,020 kWh in May. Mid-Carolina's average bill was \$167.32 (account charge \$39.00) compared to Dominion's \$160.90 (account charge \$9.50), Duke – Carolina's \$138.67 (account charge \$11.96), and Duke – Progress \$148.64 (account charge \$11.78). She then presented a comparison chart showing an average annual usage of 16,671 kWh. Mid-Carolina's average annualized bill was \$2,315.16 (account charge \$474.50) compared to Dominion's \$2,372.33 (account charge \$114.00), Duke – Carolina's \$2,426.05 (account charge \$143.52), and Duke – Progress \$2,371.09 (account charge \$141.36).

Mrs. Crepes reported that Mid-Carolina has received \$2,748,355 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 on in May. He reported the right-of-way crews are still working in the Leesville, Lake Murray, Pelion, and Hollywood areas. Mr. Wilbur stated the System Inspectors are still working in the Circle Substation area.

Mr. Wilbur stated the preliminary design has been completed for the Broad River Road project, which will require 70 new poles to be installed. The Hwy 6/Meadowfield/Jim Spence Intersection design has been approved by the Department of Transportation. Mr. Wilbur then reviewed a chart showing the number of outages per hour during the widespread outage on June 7, 2025. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Wilbur for the report.

ENGINEERING: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Paulling for the Engineering report. Mr. Paulling reported that the routine inspection and maintenance were completed. He stated work at Lake Murray Substation continues and the power transformer has been delivered. The transmission line rebuild is scheduled to start in September.

Mr. Paulling 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 May was discussed. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Paulling for the report.

MEMBER SERVICES: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Simpson for the Member Services report. Mr. Simpson called on Mr. Porth for an update on Energy Services and Government Relations. Mr. Porth discussed the number of Ecobee Enabled Time of Use Thermostats that have been installed at member locations. He then reported there are 571 total Solar Net Metering accounts, which is 4.375 MW of Solar Interconnection. Mr. Porth discussed the two recent bills that passed in the House during this year's legislative session, H.3309 – S.C. Energy Security Act and H.3571 – Underground Facility Damage Prevention.

Mr. Simpson then discussed summer storm communications. He shared the recent social media engagement and reviewed the quarterly schedule for the *South Carolina Living* magazine through the August 2025 issue. There were no further questions or comments, and Chairman Sox thanked Mr. Porth and Mr. Simpson for their reports.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Chairman Sox called on Mr. Davidson for the Information Technology report. Mr. Davidson reported there were 43,014 accounts enrolled in SmartHub as of June 1, 2025, which represents 70.70% of active accounts enrolled. He stated that 87.80% of all May payment transactions were made electronically. Mr. Davidson reported that an additional 229 members enrolled in TextPower this month, bringing the enrollment total to 53,572. He stated there are now 3,055 members enrolled in Pay-As-You-Go, and 185 payments were made through the new InComm system in May.

Mr. Davidson reported there were 37,558 emails received during the month, and 12,963 emails were blocked prior to reaching the Cooperative's email servers, and 36 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 May. However, one application was submitted and approved by the Trust Board via email, along with the monthly ministry donations for a total donation of \$15,863. The Trust Fund balance at the end of May was \$45,756. Mrs. Ross-Bell reviewed the Board calendars through August 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 May. He then reported that a new Member Services Clerk started on June 2, 2025. There is no current recruitment at this time. Mr. Paulling discussed Strategic Planning next steps. He discussed the recent Artificial Intelligence Team that met last week. 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 for a recent community donation. He discussed the pending Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence policies. The Policy Committee will meet at the appropriate time to review the policies. Chairman Sox gave an overview of the ECSC Summer Conference. He had nothing further to report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM # 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Sox then called on Mr. Watts for the Compensation Committee report. Mr. Watts stated they met just prior to the meeting today, and more information will be discussed in the executive session.

AGENDA ITEM # 9

ASSOCIATED MEETING REPORTS: Chairman Sox stated that CarolinaConnect's Board Meeting will be held the next day. They currently serve over 44,000 customers, including over 21,000 Mid-Carolina members.

Mr. Risinger had nothing to report on Central today.

Ms. Kirkland stated there were 71 students from S.C. that attended the recent Washington Youth Tour. This is the largest crowd since Covid-19.

Mr. Lunsford reported that the ECSC Trustee Association Committee met during the Summer Conference to discuss a location for next year's Trustee meeting.

Chairman Sox gave an update on Federated.

Several Board Members took at course at the ECSC Summer Conference, and it was a good refresher of best practices. 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 12:30 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

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees reviewed and had no changes to the minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on May 28, 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 May 28, 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 June 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Donette B. Kirkland, Secretary