

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Headquarters Building – Fort Morgan, Colorado

April 20, 2026: The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Morgan County Rural Electric Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Directors present at the beginning of the meeting were Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Kyle Eiring, Larry D. Hoozee, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, and Cary Wickstrom.

Also present were David Frick, General Manager and Matthew Richardson, General Counsel.

Absent were Terry Linker and initially, Terry Tormohlen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the March 23, 2026, regular Board meeting.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of March 23, 2026 were approved as presented.**

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The Board reviewed the applications for Membership in the Association presented at today's meeting for consideration by the Board of Directors and questions were asked and answered.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, applications for membership numbered 28123 through 28148 were approved.**

CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Board reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.

MEMBER INPUT: None.

SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT: Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. Manager Frick reported on several instances of damage to Association property during the preceding month. Manager Frick reported on safety training and the work being done by the Association's Joint Health and Safety Committee. Manager Frick reported on the implementation of the Digitalk communication system and fire mitigation efforts. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Ms. Ogley reported on Association personnel matters and upcoming meetings for organizations of which the Association is a member. Questions were asked and answered. Ms. Ogley informed the Board of two upcoming employee retirements, and the Board authorized her to make an appreciation gift to the retiring employees in recognition of their years of service.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Baranowski reported regarding several large loads in development and prospective high impact loads in the Association service area. Mr. Baranowski demonstrated NISC meter reading data analytics and SCADA data that the Association is utilizing. Questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Tormohlen joined the meeting (remotely) at 10:20 a.m.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations report. Association crews performed several upgrades, new service locations installations, and pole changeouts during the preceding month. Association contractors continued line rebuild work. Mr. Mason reported on a recent fire caused by a bird contacting an Association transformer. Mr. Mason presented photographs of a mini excavator that the Association using in connection with installing underground line. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Ms. Pollart presented the monthly Member Services report. Ms. Pollart reported on upcoming content for the May and June 2026 Colorado County Life publications. The Association’s Annual Meeting has been scheduled for March 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Pollart reported on the Association Lineworker Scholarship, upgrades to the Association website, the Association’s participation in Tri-State’s Demand Response program, promotion of auto or electronic payment through the SmartHub system, and upcoming membership engagement events. Discussion followed.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: None.

Mr. Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver then presented the Association’s 2025 independent audit, performed by Kelso Lynch. The Association received a clean, unmodified opinion, meaning that the Association’s financial statements fairly and accurately represent the Association’s financial condition. Questions were asked and answered.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board accepted as presented the Association’s 2025 independent audit report as prepared by Kelso Lynch.**

The Association allocated 2025 Association patronage capital of \$7,851,609.72 to its membership, and an additional \$1,169,957.41 in 2025 Tri-State patronage capital.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Shaver reviewed the details of his customary monthly financial statements and reports. After questions, answers, and discussion, the President directed that the monthly Financial Reports be filed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mr. Bostron presented the monthly Treasurer’s report, with attention paid to the monthly accounts payable check register reflecting checks issued during the previous month. Following review and consideration of the register of accounts payable, President Pabst ordered that the check register be filed.

Members of staff exited the meeting.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. Manager Frick presented rate comparisons among Tri-State’s member cooperatives and non-member cooperatives in Colorado. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding a large load in development in the Association service territory. Discussion followed. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding Tri-State’s High Impact Load tariff and Bring Your Own Resource program. Manager Frick reported regarding an Association contractor and regarding Association personnel matters.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Hoozee reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the Western United March 2026 Sales and Financial Report.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Tormohlen reported on happenings at CREA. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to contribute an amount equal \$0.20 per Association CREA's CARE Political Action Committee.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried the Board tabled the motion to contribute an amount equal \$0.20 per Association CREA's CARE Political Action Committee.**

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: The Board discussed Tri-State's annual meeting and FMS Bank's annual meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS. President Pabst reminded the Board that its next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and informed the Board that the Roggen Farmers Elevator annual meeting is April 23, 2026. The Association Member Appreciation Picnic is June 10, 2026.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kyle Eiring, Secretary