

## **MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**

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

**May 18 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, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom (remotely).

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board reviewed draft minutes of the April 20, 2026, regular Board meeting.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of April 20, 2026 were approved.**

**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 28149 through 28178 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**CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS:** The Board reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.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.

**CREA CARE PRESENTATION:** Taylor Ward, Director of Government Relations CREA, joined the meeting remotely at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Ward presented to the Board regarding the lobbying and fundraising efforts of CREA's Colorado Advocates for Rural Electrification political action committee. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Ward exited the meeting at 9:22 a.m. Discussion followed.

**SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT:** Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. There were no injuries, incidents, or accidents during the preceding month.

**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.

**STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING:** Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Baranowski reported regarding several large loads in development in the Association service area. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board regarding Tri-State's High Impact Load Tariff application with FERC. Mr. Baranowski reported on the Association's meter data management program and SCADA system. Questions were asked and answered.

**STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS:** Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations report. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding work being performed by Association crews and Association contractors. Mr. Mason reported regarding a recent safety incident involving an Association contractor. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Mason presented regarding cutout-mounted reclosers that the

Association is considering utilizing and a new Altec AM-50 bucket truck that the Association recently took delivery of. Mr. Mason presented service reliability metrics and reported on recent outages.

**STAFF REPORT – COMMUNICATIONS:** Ms. Pollart presented the monthly Communications report. Ms. Pollart presented the upcoming Colorado Country Life and reported on recent and upcoming membership engagement events. Ms. Pollart reported regarding efforts to educate members regarding the Association’s wildfire risk mitigation protocols and other Association initiatives. Ms. Pollart reminded the Board of the Annual Member Appreciation Picnic on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES:** None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Manager Frick reviewed the details of the Association’s 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 staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 1-5,” “Use and Signing of Checks.”

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted the proposed revisions to Policy 1-5, “Use and Signing of Checks.”**

Manager Frick presented staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 1-6, “Directors Expenses and Reimbursement.”

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted the proposed revisions to Policy 1-6, “Directors Expenses and Reimbursement.”**

Manager Frick reported that staff had reviewed Policy 2-1,” “Fee for Disconnect/Reconnect for Non-Payment,” and recommended reaffirmation without revision.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Policy 2-1, “Fee for Disconnect/Reconnect for Non-Payment,” without revision.**

Manager Frick presented staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 9-1, “Employees – Wage and Salary Administration (For Positions Outside the Bargaining Unit).”

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted the proposed revisions to Policy 9-1, “Employees – Wage and Salary Administration (For Positions Outside the Bargaining Unit).”**

Manager Frick updated the Board regarding a large load in development in the Association service territory. Discussion followed.

By motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board entered executive session at 12:49 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential information protected by a nondisclosure agreement. Manager Frick and Attorney Richardson remained in the meeting during the executive session. The Board exited executive session at 1:11 p.m. No formal actions were taken during the executive session.

Manager Frick updated the Board regarding an Association contractor. Manager Frick presented Tri-State's 2026 Contract Termination Payment update, showing the cost for each of Tri-State member cooperatives to terminate their contracts with Tri-State. The Board discussed unclaimed capital credits.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Pabst appointed Cary Wickstrom as the Association's delegate for the CFC Forum and NCSC annual meeting.

**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:** Mr. Linker reported on happenings at Western United and its most recent financials.

**COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Tormohlen reported on happenings at CREA. The Board discussed contribution to the CARE PAC.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried by a vote of 4-3, with Mr. Arndt, Mr. Bostron, and Mr. Tormohlen opposed, the Board approved an Association contribution of \$2,500 to the CARE PAC for 2026.**

**OTHER MEETING REPORTS:** Mr. Pegram reported on his attendance at the NRECA Legislative Conference.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** None.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kyle Eiring, Secretary