

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

March 28, 2022: 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 were: Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Randolph D. Graff (by telephone), Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom. Absent: None.

Also present were David Frick, General Manager, Matthew Richardson, General Counsel, and initially, those members of staff who personally provide monthly staff reports to the Board of Directors.

BOARD REORGANIZATION: In accordance with Section 2 of Article VI of the cooperative's bylaws, the Board elected the following officers:

President: Cary Wickstrom

Vice President: Brian Pabst

Secretary: Terry Tormohlen

Treasurer: Terry Linker

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, Randolph D. Graff was appointed as Tri-State delegate, Dave Arndt as CREA delegate, and Terry Linker as Western United delegate for one year.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of February 28, 2022 were approved.**

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: After reviewing the applications for Membership in the cooperative presented at today's meeting for consideration by the Board of Directors,

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, applications for membership numbered 26760 through 26794 were approved.**

CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.

MEMBER INPUT: None.

SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT: Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. MCREA employees discussed CREA's Near Miss Reports, Federated's Litigation Report and Near Miss Reports, and Federated's Safe Talk Bulletin. The Joint Health & Safety Committee met on March 8, 2022 and discussed Commitment to Safety and reviewed Federated Insurance's Injuries, Near Misses & Damages Report. Representatives from CREA recently conducted a RESAP walkthrough of the Association office, warehouse, and yard. Discussion followed.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Kristie Binder reported regarding upcoming education and training seminars and other meetings, conferences, and events.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. Stanley Consultants continues preparation of the Association’s 2022-2025 Construction Work Plan. The Environmental Report component of the Construction Work Plan is still being developed. Mr. Sundet reported on an employee resignation and an internal promotion to fill that position. Mr. Sundet presented maps showing Association meters by Director District. Discussion followed regarding whether Director Districts should be revised.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Bobby Brenton presented the monthly operations report to the Board. MCREA crews built two new three phase location and two new master meter locations during the preceding month. Nine new residential locations were installed. Crews changed out twenty-one poles during the previous month. Contractor Great Plains Power continues work pursuant to the current Construction Work Plan and contractor Altitude is working on new construction, pole changeouts, and installation of crossarms and insulators. Mr. Brenton showed photographs of the Association’s newly purchased Reelstrong Wire Puller. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Rob Baranowski provided the Member Services report. Mr. Baranowski reported on registration and attendance numbers for the Association’s 2022 telephonic Annual Meeting. Member feedback has been very positive about the telephonic Annual Meeting. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board regarding a possible commercial net meter project and regarding the total numbers of current and pending net meters on the Association system. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed. Mr. Baranowski reported regarding a meeting with Tri-State regarding Tri-State’s “energy as a service” and beneficial electrification initiatives. The Association also continues to coordinate with Tri-State on development of a request for proposals for a solar generation project. Mr. Baranowski and Maddie Pollart will be attending CREA’s CREMS meeting in April.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: None.

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. Linker 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 Wickstrom ordered that the check register be filed.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding the Association’s involvement in Tri-State’s FERC proceeding. Discussion followed.

Manager Frick reported that staff had reviewed Policy 1-1 “Board of Directors – General Manager Relationship” and recommended reaffirmation without revision.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Policy 1-1 “Board of Directors – General Manager Relationship” and recommend reaffirmation without revision.**

Manager Frick presented staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 5-1 “Environmental Considerations.”

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 5-1 “Environmental Considerations.”**

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- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 9-1 “Employees – Wage and Salary Administration.”**

Manager Frick updated the Board regarding his participation on Tri-State’s rate committee. Discussion followed. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding preparation for the upcoming Customer Appreciation event and polled the Board for feedback on the recent Annual Meeting. Discussion followed. Manager Frick informed the Board that the Association is hosting the MCC Gala on April 22.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Wickstrom reported on his attendance at CREA’s board presidents’ meeting.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Graff reported reviewed and discussed at length the contents of the monthly written report he prepared and presented as the Cooperative’s delegate director to the Board of Directors of Tri-State G&T.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Mr. Linker reported to the Board regarding happenings at Western United, including review of the February 2022 financial report.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt presented to the Board regarding pending state legislation with implications for electrical cooperatives.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: Mr. Pabst presented regarding a recent corporate governance class he attended presented by NRECA. President Wickstrom presented slides from the 2022 NRECA PowerXchange Conference.

Mr. Hoozee exited the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry W. Tormohlen, Secretary