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MCREA 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

BY DAVID FRICK GENERAL MANAGER

n behalf of the board of directors, management staff, and employees of Morgan County Rural Electric Association, Inc., we are pleased to bring you the 2023 Annual Report.

Morgan County REA is a not-for-profit electric cooperative that is dedicated to serving members by providing safe, reliable energy with a strong tradition and vision for the future. Under the cooperative business model, we are proud to be owned by those we serve. A member-elected board of directors guides the MCREA staff on administration of assets and financial responsibilities of the cooperative. Because we are a member-owned electric cooperative, it is the responsibility of MCREA's board and management staff to provide our members with an annual report detailing the Association's economic and operational condition. We encourage our membership to review the following pages, which contain comprehensive information about the state of your electric cooperative.

I would like to personally extend an invitation to our members to attend MCREA's 87th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. via Telephone Town Hall. **You can register for this year's meeting by clicking the banner on our website at mcrea.org.**

The MCREA Board of Directors and



DAVID FRICK

management staff look forward to reviewing the past year with you, discussing the future plans for our cooperative, and answering any questions you may have.

On behalf of the board of directors and employees at Morgan County REA, we express our thanks to our members for your continued support of our electric cooperative and we look forward to our annual meeting later this month.

MCREA STATISTICAL INFORMATION*

As of December 31, 2023

| Counties served Adams, Arapahoe, Logan, Morgan, Washington, Weld |
|--|
| Number of employees |
| Year organized |
| RUS borrower number Colorado 15 Morgan |
| Power source Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc. |
| Monthly board meeting |
| Total members |
| Meters served |
| Overhead line |
| Underground line |
| Transmission line |
| Total miles of line |
| Meters per mile |
| Annual revenue |
| Annual wholesale power cost \$29,049,309 |
| Total energy purchased by members (kWh) |
| Average residential usage per month (kWh)1,032 |
| Annual avoided cost per kWh \$0.0397 |
| Total plant in service |
| Property taxes |
| Interest paid \$1,543,710 |
| * 2023 preliminary unaudited numbers |



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Morgan County REA **Board of Directors**



Cary Wickstrom President, District I



Terry Tormohlen Secretary, District II



Jim Bostron District I



Kyle Eiring District II



District III



Brian Pabst Vice President, District III



Terry Linker Treasurer, District III



Timothy Peggram District I



David Arndt District II



Larry Hoozee

FROM TERRY LINKER TREASURER, DISTRICT III

All consumer-members of the Association are encouraged to carefully examine this annual report. Included are the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the statements of revenue and expense for the same year. Also shown are the trends of the previous year.

In my opinion, the financial report fairly presents the financial position of Morgan County Rural Electric Association for the year ending December 31, 2023, and is in conformity with accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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Terry Linker Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET*

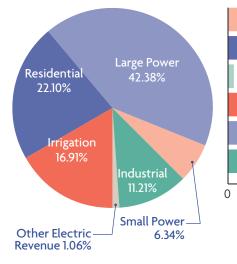
| ASSETS | DECEMBER 31, 2023 |
|--|-------------------|
| Total utility plant | \$ 83,056,032 |
| Accumulated provision for depreciation | \$ 15,437,061 |
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| Net utility plant | \$ 67,618,971 |
| Non-utility plant | \$ 152,280 |
| Investment in associated organizations - patronage capital | \$ 20,119,418 |
| Investment in associated organizations - other | \$ 1,818,487 |
| Cash | \$ 2,603,308 |
| Temporary investments | \$ 9,815,277 |
| Notes and accounts receivable – net | \$ 3,496,673 |
| Materials and supplies | \$ 4,350,457 |
| Prepayments | \$ 37,098 |
| Current and accrued assets | \$ 13,719 |
| Deferred debits | \$ 753,046 |
| Total assets | \$ 110,778,734 |
| | |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Margins and equities | \$ 51,066,177 |
| Long-term debt – RUS | \$ 34,837,957 |
| Long-term debt – other | \$ 14,644,717 |
| Accumulated operating provisions | \$ 2,329,153 |
| Notes and accounts payable | \$ 2,629,023 |
| Other current and accrued liabilities | \$ 5,271,707 |
| Total liabilities and other credits | \$ 110,778,734 |
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* 2023 preliminary unaudited numbers

2023 FINANCIAL INFORMATION* Operating Statement

| Revenue by Class | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Residential | \$ 9,934,615 | \$ 9,718,575 |
| Irrigation | \$ 9,508,989 | \$ 7,435,520 |
| Small power | \$ 2,787,910 | \$ 2,788,859 |
| Large power | \$ 16,823,437 | \$ 18,635,217 |
| Industrial | \$ 4,637,593 | \$ 4,928,747 |
| U.S. Air Force | \$ 258,793 | \$ 254,693 |
| Other electric revenue | \$ 155,802 | \$ 206,447 |
| Total operating revenue | \$44,107,139 | \$ 43,968,057 |
| Expenditures by account | 2022 | 2023 |
| Cost of purchased power | \$ 29,210,166 | \$ 29,049,309 |
| Operation and maintenance | \$ 4,440,778 | \$ 3,971,861 |
| Consumer and sales accounts | \$ 762,189 | \$ 812,058 |
| Administrative and general | \$ 2,199,228 | \$ 2,194,871 |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 2,072,818 | \$ 2,114,045 |
| Interest and other deductions | \$ 1,651,078 | \$ 1,625,671 |
| Total cost of electric service | \$ 40,336,257 | \$ 39,767,815 |
| Operating margin | \$ 3,770,882 | \$ 4,200,243 |
| Non-operating margin | \$ 312,573 | \$ 764,768 |
| Other capital credits and dividends | \$ 365,100 | \$ 419,242 |
| Tri-State G&T capital credits (allocated) | - | \$ 219,730 |
| Extraordinary items | | - |
| Net margin or patronage capital | \$ 4,448,555 | \$ 5,603,983 |

2023 ELECTRIC ENERGY REVENUE BY CLASS*



EXPENDITURES IN 2023*

| 73.05% Cost of Power | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|------------|----|----|----|--|
| | 9.99% | Operations & Maintenance | | | | | |
| | 2.04% | 04% Consumer & Sales Accounts | | | | | |
| | 5.52% | Administrative & General | | | | | |
| | 5.32% | Depreciation & Amortization | | | | | |
| 4.08% Interest & Other Deductions | | | | | | | |
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Current MCREA Staff & Employees

Chris Banz Rob Baranowski Curtis Berg Kristie Binder Chuck Blackwelder Brad Boppre Josh Bristol Andron Brown Zeque Chenoweth Curtis Covelli Ryan Dunker Cirildo Estrada Bryson Fogg David Frick Amanda Green Angie Hayes Tim Hishinuma Suzi lungerich Tucker Jochim

Nolan Kauffmann Brent Kliesen Angie Larson Cheryl Lewis Diana McKenzie Kevin Martens Alan Mason Travis Petrino Maddie Pollart **Rodney Rhoades** Dean Segelke Robb Shaver Steve Sundet Stacy Syphers Travis Varelman Fabian Vigil Tammy Walker Roger Wunsch

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Win \$25 Off Your Electric Bill

Each month, Morgan County REA gives two lucky members a chance at a \$25 bill credit, just by reading *Colorado Country Life.* Congratulations Mark Gilliland and Susan Cook! You each saw your names in the January magazine and received a bill credit. There are two more MCREA member names and their account numbers hidden somewhere in this issue. If you find your name and account number call MCREA member services at 970-867-5688 by March 31 to claim a \$25 credit on your next bill.

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MEET MCREA'S CANDIDATES FOR BOARD DIRECTOR

These three candidates have submitted petitions to serve on the Morgan County REA Board of Directors. Board elections will take place at the MCREA Annual Meeting on March 19, 2024. Here is some background information about each of the candidates.



DISTRICT ONE: CARY WICKSTROM

Cary Wickstrom from Orchard is currently serving as Director from District I and Board President. Cary is self-employed in a diversified farming, ranching, and cattle feeding operation. Raised in this area, Cary is a graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in Agricultural Business.

Cary is not new to the cooperative business model, having served on the boards of the Wiggins, Horizon, and M & M co-ops. Cary helped start and was the first president of the Colorado Conservation Tillage Association, is a past board member and president of the Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee, and has served on the U.S. Wheat Board. In addition to the MCREA board, he is currently a member of the Farm Bureau, Colorado Livestock Association, CSU Ram Club, and CSU Beef Club. Wickstrom has also served on the Weldon Valley School District Board of Education. (Thomas Backer, acct. #xxx9100)

Cary has two daughters, Leigha and Tara, and lists time with his family and friends, travel, snow skiing, and water skiing as hobbies and interests.



DISTRICT TWO: TERRY TORMOHLEN

Terry Tormohlen lives south of Fort Morgan and is currently serving as Director from District II. Terry recently received the Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Association (NRECA).

Terry and his wife Connie own Countryside Pullets LLC, a contract chicken grower for Opal Foods in Roggen. Terry is currently serving as secretary/treasurer for Colorado Egg Producers. He was also appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to serve on the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture Committee.

Terry and his wife, Connie have two daughters, Jasmine Oliver and Briette Tormohlen, along with a son, Adam Tormohlen. Terry enjoys assisting with ag education promotion, music, and reading. He truly enjoys keeping up with his grandchildren.



DISTRICT THREE: BRIAN PABST

Brian Pabst from Hillrose is currently serving as a Director from District III. Brian is self-employed, owning and operating an irrigated farm in the Hillrose area, and also does custom farming work for several local neighbors.

Brian is currently serving as a director of the Fort Morgan Local Sugar Beet Growers Association. He is also a current state director and past president of the Colorado Sugar Beet Growers Association, and is serving as co-chair of Western Sugar's joint research committee. Now retired, Pabst was a member of the Hillrose/Snyder Volunteer Fire Department for twenty-two years. He served as an officer of the department for eighteen years - seven of those years as chief of the department. (Eric Carlson, acct. #xxx8700)

Brian and his wife Kim have three grown daughters — Mandi Zwetzig, Kalianne Renton, and Allyson Pabst - and seven grandchildren. He lists family time, camping, hunting, and riding ATV's as his hobbies.

