

**MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

March 19, 2024

The 87th Annual Meeting of the Members of Morgan County Rural Electric Association for the year 2024 was convened at 6:00 p.m. this day, virtually by telephone town hall and at the Association's Fort Morgan Headquarters Location at 734 Barlow Rd., Fort Morgan, CO 80701.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS Prior to the meeting being called to order, Secretary Terry Tormohlen recognized the scholarship recipients that were awarded scholarships from Morgan County Rural Electric Association, Basin Electric and Tri-State Generation and Transmission, and Youth Camp and Tour delegates.

CALL TO ORDER the business meeting was called to order by President Cary Wickstrom at 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: President Wickstrom extended a welcome to the members of the Association. President Wickstrom next explained how members could access meeting materials on the Association website. Introductions of the Directors, Attorney, General Manager, and staff members followed.

NOTICE OF MEETING Terry Tormohlen, was then called upon to certify to the mailing of the official notice of the Annual Meeting and to report on election procedures.

QUORUM CALL Secretary Tormohlen informed those present, to conduct the official business of the meeting, the corporate by-laws provide that a quorum for a meeting of the members is fifty members present in person, and that one hundred twenty-nine members had registered and therefore a quorum.

- **By motion made and carried, the formal registration of the members was substituted for a roll call of the body assembled.**

READING OF THE MINUTES President Wickstrom called for a reading of the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes, or approval of the minutes as mailed.

- **A motion was made to dispense with a reading of the minutes and approve the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried.**

INTRODUCTIONS OF CANDIDATES & ELECTION President Wickstrom announced that three petitions had been filed for the office of Director. Cary Wickstrom as Director candidate for District 1, Terry Tormohlen as Director candidate for District 2, and Brian Pabst as Director candidate for District 3 and called for a phone vote for the three-year terms for the incumbent Directors.

- **A motion was made for a unanimous ballot to be cast by phone vote for the elections of Cary Wickstrom for District 1, Terry Tormohlen for District 2, and Brian Pabst for District 3. The motion carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT Robb Shaver, Manager of Office Services, provided a comprehensive report detailing the year-end financial position of the cooperative. Shaver reviewed the 2023 Annual Report, published in the March issue of Colorado Country Life, which was being audited by the accounting firm Kelso Lynch Certified Public Accountants and stated that the association was in sound financial condition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT President Wickstrom began his President's report thanking the members for joining this year's annual meeting. At the October 2023 meeting, the Board of Directors elected to retire 4.5 million dollars in capital credits to those who were members of the Association in 2004, 2017 & 2018. This is the largest patronage capital retirement in Morgan County REA's history. 2023's capital credit checks were mailed to members in December.

President Wickstrom addressed Tri-State Generation & Transmission, our wholesale power supplier, would be increasing the rates that MCREA pays for power by 6.1%. Morgan County REA has not increased rates since 2016. As the cooperative model is based entirely on the concept of shared cost, shared benefit, MCREA had no choice but to raise rates this year. MCREA conducted an independent cost-of-service study to evaluate where costs are incurred across our system and how this increase affects each rate class. In light of those findings, MCREA increased rates as of February 1st, 2024. Though the percent increase varied for each rate class, the average increase for MCREA's membership was 4.96%.

Lastly, President Wickstrom invited all MCREA members to the 2024 Member Appreciation Picnic on June 13 at 5 p.m. here at Morgan County REA headquarters in Fort Morgan.

MANAGER'S REPORT General Manager David Frick welcomed four new employees to the association, recognized one retirement in 2024, as well as the new District II Director, Kyle Eiring.

Manager Frick addressed Morgan County REA's hard work to strengthen and expand the system to best serve the members. Today's demand for electricity is greater than ever, and MCREA works to make power available to all members at all levels. The energy demand requires upgrading parts of the system and putting new services in altogether.

Manager Frick addressed Morgan County REA as a resource for the members, whether for billing and payment questions for Office Services, or efficiency questions or scholarships for Member Services. As your local cooperative, we are here to serve you.

Lastly, Manager Frick invited all of our members to attend the 2024 Member Appreciation Picnic on June 13th, 5 p.m. at the Morgan County REA Headquarters.

PRIZE DRAWINGS: President Wickstrom announced the winner of the electric smoker, Adina Walker; \$250 Annual Meeting prize winner Allyn Wind.

The name drawn for the 2024 Grand Prize winner of \$1000 was not present to win.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Wickstrom thanked the members for attending MCREA's 87th Annual Meeting and declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary