

# **MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**

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

**October 23, 2023:** The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Morgan County Rural Electric Association was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Directors present were: Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen and Cary Wickstrom. Absent was Brian Pabst.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the minutes of its September 25, 2023 regular meeting and corrections were proposed.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of September 25, 2023 were approved as corrected.**

**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 27336 through 27366 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**CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS:** The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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:** The Board discussed Excel's solar development with the Association service territory.

**SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT:** Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. MCREA staff reviewed CREA's Near Miss Reports, Federated Insurance's Litigation and Near Miss Reports, and underwent other safety training over the preceding month. The Joint Health & Safety Meeting was held October 10, 2023. Manager Frick reported on two instances of damage to cooperative property that occurred in September. Manager Frick asked if there were questions and there were none.

**STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES:** Manager Frick reported regarding upcoming education and training seminars and other meetings, conferences, and events. Questions were asked and answered. President Wickstrom appointed Terry Tormohlen as delegate and Timothy Peggram as alternate delegate for the 2023 Midwest Annual Meeting.

**STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING:** Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Sundet reported regarding development of several large power loads. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

**STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS:** Alan Mason presented the monthly operations report. Association crews built nine new single-phase and three new three-phase locations and during the preceding month. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding work being performed by contractors Altitude and Mountainside. Mr. Mason presented photographs of a mobile substation recently utilized while Tri-State was performing maintenance work at the Orchard Substation. Mr. Mason also presented photographs of recent upgrades to the Association shop building, updated the Board

regarding Operations Department personnel, and demonstrated a “Fort Knox” meter lock. Questions were asked and answered.

**STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES:** Rob Baranowski provided the Member Services report. Mr. Baranowski reported that the Association presently has 80 solar net meters and one wind net meter on its system. Mr. Baranowski presented information regarding costs and insurability of residential rooftop solar. Discussion followed. Mr. Baranowski advised the Board regarding upcoming changes to Tri-State’s beneficial electrification incentive program and regarding Tri-State’s on bill financing and demand response programs. The Board reviewed the calendar of upcoming Association holiday events. Manager Frick polled the Board regarding how aggressively the Association should pursue grant writing and discussion followed.

**STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES:** Mr. Shaver presented CoBank Line of Credit Renewal documents. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted the proposed CoBank Resolution, Incumbency Certificate, and Promissory Note in the form presented.**

Mr. Shaver next presented various proposals for 2023 capital credit retirements. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the retirement of \$3,277,867.62 of Morgan County Rural Electric Association patronage capital which accrued and was allocated in 2017, \$995,099.38 of Morgan County Rural Electric Association patronage capital which accrued and was allocated in 2018, and \$227,033.00 of Tri-State Generation and Transmission patronage capital which accrued in 2004, for a total retirement of \$4,500,000.00.**

Retirement checks will be mailed to members during the first week of December. The next billing statement will include information for how members can apply their capital credit retirement as a credit against their bills.

**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 advised the Board that Association staff are reviewing the Association’s Rules and Regulations and will present any recommended changes at a future meeting. Association Rate Consultant Robert Scrivener continues work on the cost-of-service study. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding plans for the Association’s Prospect Valley property.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** None.

**TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Hoozee reviewed the Tri-State Generation & Transmission monthly report, which had previously been provided. Discussion followed.

**WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Linker presented Western United's September 2023 Preliminary Sales and Financial Report. Questions were asked and answered.

Association member Kyle Eiring entered the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT:** None.

**OTHER MEETING REPORTS:** None.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Board and Mr. Eiring discussed the vacant District II Director seat.

Mr. Eiring exited the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Wickstrom reminded that Board of the need to approve the Association's customary holiday gift for its employees.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the customary holiday gift to Association employees.**

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Terry Tormohlen, Secretary