

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

November 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, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the October 24, 2022 regular Board meeting.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of October 24, 2022 were approved as presented.**

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 27056 through 27087 were approved.**

CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.

MEMBER INPUT: A member had asked why the Association had not applied for any Paycheck Protection Loan assistance and discussion followed. Questions were asked and answered regarding prepaid accounts. Discussion followed.

SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT: Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. There were no injuries during the preceding month. The Joint Health & Safety Committee met on November 8, 2022 and discussed Commitment to Safety, reviewed Federated Insurance's Injuries, Near Misses, and Damages Report, and discussed plans for upcoming high voltage trailer demonstrations.

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

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Sundet updated the Board regarding development of new large power loads and reported that a storage rental agreement was ready for signature.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Mr. Sundet presented the monthly Operations report. Association line crews worked on new construction, pole changeouts, and service retirements during the preceding month. Mr. Sundet reported on a recent service outage caused by an animal. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Manager Frick presented the monthly Member Services report. The Association currently has fifty-nine commissioned solar net meters, a single wind net meter, and eleven additional pending solar net meter applications. Manager Frick advised the Board that petitions for nomination for the upcoming Association director election are available January 3, 2023 and are due back January 20, 2023.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver next presented the proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets, as well as a 10-Year Financial Forecast, along with detailed analysis of each. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the proposed 2023 Operating Budget, the proposed 2023 Capital Budget, and the proposed 10-Year Financial Forecast as presented.**

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.

Members of staff exited the meeting.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Frick asked for Board reaffirmation of Policy 6-3 entitled “Whistleblower Protection Policy,” Policy 10-3 entitled “Underground Distribution Facilities,” and Policy 10-11 entitled “Interconnection of Distributed Resources” without changes.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Policy 6-3 entitled “Whistleblower Protection Policy,” Policy 10-3 entitled “Underground Distribution Facilities,” and Policy 10-11 entitled “Interconnection of Distributed Resources” as presented.**

Manager Frick updated the Board regarding his participation on the Tri-State rate design committee and reported regarding the Association’s utilization of the Tri-State budget program. Discussion followed. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding Association personnel matters.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Graff reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State G&T as the Cooperative’s delegate on the Tri-State G&T board.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Mr. Linker reported on happenings at Western United.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt reported on the most recent CREA board meeting.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: Directors that had attended CREA's annual meeting reported on that meeting and Mr. Peggram reported on his attendance at Basin Electric's annual meeting.

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 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary