

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

December 19, 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 Jim Bostron, Randolph D. Graff, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom. Dave Arndt entered the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the November 28, 2022 regular Board meeting. Corrections were proposed.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of November 28, 2022 were approved as amended.**

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 27088 through 27111 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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: None.

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 December 13, 2022 and discussed Commitment to Safety, reviewed Federated Insurance's Injuries, Near Misses, and Damages Report, grounding safety, hard hats, URD tagging, first aid kits, the training yard, and fire-resistant clothing. Manager Frick described several instances of damage to Association property. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Kristie Binder reported on upcoming education and training seminars and other meetings, conferences, and events. President Wickstrom appointed Jim Bostron as the Association voting delegate to the NRECA PowerXchange meeting and Timothy Peggram as alternate delegate.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Sundet directed the Board's attention to a previously provided list of existing and pending master metered accounts, which the Board reviewed. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Sundet reported on the construction of a new transmission line and the status of the Association's next Construction Work Plan. Mr. Sundet reported that Highline is rebuilding a transmission line and the Association of providing wheeling services to Highline during the rebuild.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Alan Mason presented the monthly Operations report. Association line crews worked on new construction, pole changeouts, service retirements, and service upgrades during the preceding month. Mr. Mason updated the Board on work performed by contractor Altitude Energy and reported on three recent service outages. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Rob Baranowski presented the monthly Member Services report. He reviewed the total numbers of net-metered accounts on the Association system. Mr. Baranowski presented a request to enter into a proposed power purchase agreement with a solar generator. Mr. Baranowski asked the Board whether it wanted to keep offering the Colorado Country Life legislative directory in 2024. The cost for providing that directory in the Colorado Country Life is about \$1,500.00 per year, versus \$450.00 to publish the information on the Association website. Mr. Baranowski reported on the U.S. Department of Education “GRIP” grant. There is approximately \$1.6 million in grant funding over a four-year period under the “GRIP” program. NRECA can assist the cooperative with grant-writing. The Association’s paperless billing campaign is almost closed. One hundred forty-three members have enrolled in paperless billing through that program. Mr. Baranowski reminded the Board that petitions for nomination for the upcoming Association director election are available January 3, 2023 and are due back January 20, 2023. Mr. Baranowski reported on air source heat pump installation in connection with the beneficial electrification efforts. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver reported that 2022 capital credit checks have been mailed and \$1.6 million in checks have been cashed as of the morning of the meeting. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

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 reported on the impact of Tri-State’s proposed new rate on the Association. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding Association personnel matters. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

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 the Midwest annual meeting reported on that 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 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary