

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

February 24, 2025: 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, Kyle Eiring, 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, who prepared these minutes at the request of the Secretary, and initially, those members of staff who personally provide monthly staff reports to the Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes of its January 20, 2025 regular meeting.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of January 20, 2025 were approved.**

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: After reviewing the applications for Membership in the Association presented at today's meeting for consideration by the Board of Directors,

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, applications for membership numbered 27764 through 27783 were approved.**

CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.

MEMBER INPUT: The Board discussed member input regarding the Association's upcoming Annual Meeting of Members and regarding a recent service interruption.

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 reviewed the Association safety manual during the preceding month. CREA was on-site to provide Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure, and flagging safety training.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Jennifer Ogley introduced herself to the Board as the Association's new Director of Human Resources and presented the monthly Human Resources Report. President Wickstrom appointed Terry Tormohlen as the Association's voting delegate for the Tri-State 2025 Annual Meeting and Jim Bostron as alternate delegate.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Rob Baranowski presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Baranowski reported on load monitoring at the Stoneham Substation and updated the Board regarding the construction progress of a new substation north of Roggen. Mr. Baranowski reported on Tri-State's development of a new High Impact Load Agreement. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board regarding several requests that the Association serve large loads. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed. Mr. Baranowski presented projections for commercial and industrial load growth in the Association service territory. Mr. Baranowski reported regarding bids received in response to the Association's request for proposals to perform the Association 2025-2026 Construction Work Plan. Questions were asked and answered.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board accepted Altitude Energy's bid to perform the Association's 2025-2026 Construction Work Plan at a cost of \$4,649,927.40.**

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Alan Mason presented the monthly operations report. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding work being performed by Association crews and contractors and reported on an electrical contact incident involving a subcontractor. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – COMMUNICATIONS: Manager Frick directed the Board's attention to a previously provided written Member Services report. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: None.

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. Questions were asked and answered. 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 updated the Board on Tri-State's contract committee, demand response program, and response to member high impact load requests. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed. Manager Frick reported on Association personnel matters, the Association's sale of its Prospect Valley residential property, and the Association's upcoming Annual Meeting of the Members. Manager Frick informed the Board the Association's Annual Member Appreciation Picnic will be held at 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2025.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Hoozee discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission. Discussion followed.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Mr. Linker presented Western United's January 2025 Preliminary Sales and Financial Report.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt reported on CREA's most recent board of directors meeting and various proposed state legislation impacting electric cooperatives.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: Mr. Pabst reported on his attendance at the recent NRECA Directors Conference and the Board discussed the CREA Annual Meeting.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kyle Eiring, Secretary