## MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

<u>June 23, 2025:</u> 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 at the beginning of the meeting were Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Kyle Eiring, Larry D. Hoozee, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom.

Also present were David Frick, General Manager, and Matthew Richardson, General Counsel.

Absent was Terry Linker.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board reviewed draft minutes from the May 24, 2025, regular Board meeting.

♦ By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of May 24, 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 27855 through 27881 were approved.

**CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS:** The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.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 accidents or injuries during the preceding month. Manager Frick reported on two instances of damage to cooperative property. Manager Frick reported on safety training undergone by Association employees.

**STAFF REPORT** – **HUMAN RESOURCES:** Ms. Ogley reported on Association personnel matters, changes in state employment law legislation, upcoming meetings for organizations of which the Association is a member, and upcoming employee engagement events. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed.

<u>STAFFT REPORT – ENGINEERING:</u> Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly engineering report. The Association recently completed construction of a new tie line connecting the Chalk Bluffs 2 and Wildhorse substations and is beginning the process of constructing a new tie line connecting the Chalk Bluffs 2 and Chalk Bluffs 3 substations. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board on the Chalk Bluffs sectionalizing study, the Chalk Bluffs Feeder 1 expansion project, and regarding potential large loads in the service territory. Questions were asked and answered.

<u>STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS:</u> Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations report. Association crews worked on new service installs, exiting service upgrades, pole changeouts, and service retirements during the preceding month. Mr. Mason updated the Board on work being

performed by Association contractors. The Board viewed drone photographs of the Chalk Bluffs Substation. Mr. Mason reported regarding work the Tri-State plans to do at the Pawnee Buttes Substation and reported on Lost Creek Substation load management. Questions were asked and answered.

<u>STAFF REPORT – COMMUNICATIONS:</u> Manager Frick directed the Board's attention to a previously provided written Communications Report and reported on several recent and upcoming membership engagement events.

**STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES**: None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Manager Frick presented the monthly financial statements and reports. After questions, answers, and discussion, the President directed that the monthly Financial Reports be filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Bostron 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 Pabst ordered that the check register be filed.

Members of staff exited the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. Manager Frick met with consumers affected by outages at the Chalk Bluffs Substation. Manager Frick discussed the Association's electric infrastructure limitations and opportunities for growth. Questions were asked and answered. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding personnel matters. The Board discussed the recent Annual Member Appreciation Picnic.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board entered executive session at 12:40 p.m. for discussion of a confidential matter. The Board exited executive session at 12:52 p.m. No formal actions were taken during the executive session.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Pabst reported on his attendance at a Tri-State event in celebration of signing the new Wholesale Electric Service Contact and reported on discussions he has had with individuals from the solar industry.

<u>WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT:</u> President Pabst directed the Board's attention to Western United's May 2025 Financial Report, which had previously been provided, and reported on changes on the Western United board of directors.

**TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Hoozee reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed.

<u>COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT:</u> Mr. Tormohlen reported on his attendance at two recent CREA board meetings. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed.

**OTHER MEETING REPORTS:** None.

**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 2:05 p.m.	
	Respectfully submitted:
	Kyle Eiring, Secretary