

# **MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**

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

**March 27, 2023:** 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 (by telephone), Randolph D. Graff, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Pegram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom.

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.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION:** In accordance with Section 2 of Article VI of the cooperative's bylaws, the Board elected the following officers, each my motion for unanimous ballot made, seconded, unanimously carried:

President: Cary Wickstrom  
Vice President: Brian Pabst  
Secretary: Terry Tormohlen  
Treasurer: Terry Linker

By nomination and election, the Board appointed Randolph D. Graff as the Association's Tri-State Generation Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association Director for one year.

By motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Dave Arndt as the Association's CREA Director and Terry Linker as Western United Director for one year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board reviewed draft minutes from the February 27, 2023, regular Board meeting and corrections were proposed.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of February 27, 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 27168 through 27187 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**CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS:** The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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:** The Directors discussed feedback from the recent Annual Meeting.

**SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT:** Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. The Operations Department discussed the CREA and Federated Near Miss Reports and underwent various safety training during the preceding month. Manager Frick reported on a motor vehicle accident involving an Association bucket truck. There were no injuries. The Joint Health & Safety Committee met on March 14, 2023. The Association did a safety trailer

demonstration on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Brush Livestock Exchange and another demonstration is scheduled for the Rotary Club on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES:** Ms. Binder also reported on upcoming meetings for organizations of which the Association is a member. President Wickstrom appointed Terry Tormohlen as delegate to the 2023 CRC Annual Meeting and himself as alternate delegate. Ms. Binder advised the Board regarding the Directors' NRECA certificate programs.

**STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING:** Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Sundet updated that Board regarding several prospective large power loads. Questions were asked and answered.

**STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS:** Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations report. Association crews worked on pole new construction, pole changeouts, and service retirements and upgrades during the preceding month. Mr. Mason advised the Board regarding Association vehicle fleet rotation and coordination with vendors to mitigate against long lead times. Discussion followed and questions were asked and answered.

**STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES:** Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly Member Services report. Mr. Baranowski reported on installed and pending net meters on the Association system. The Association has 63 installed solar net meters and one wind net meter on its system. There are 19 new system installations pending and one upsize. Mr. Baranowski presented to the Board regarding operation of heat pumps and residential energy efficiency applications. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board regarding the Association's participation in NRECA consortiums pursuing grant funding for various initiatives. Mr. Baranowski reported that 124 members attending the Association's recent Annual Meeting. Association Member Services staff will be attending the NRECA Member Services Event.

**STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES:** Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver reviewed with the Board the Director special meeting expense voucher sheet.

**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 presented his monthly report to the Board.

Manager Frick presented staff's proposed revisions to Policy 1-5 "Use and Signing of Checks."

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 1-5 "Use and Signing of Checks."**

Manager Frick presented staff's proposed revisions to Policy 1-6 "Directors Expenses and Reimbursement."

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 1-6 "Directors Expenses and Reimbursement."**

Manager Frick reported that staff had reviewed Policy 6-5 "Document and Record Retention" and recommended reaffirmation without revision.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Policy 6-5 "Document and Record Retention" and recommend reaffirmation without revision.**

Manager Frick advised the Board regarding Association staff educational and training opportunities. Discussion followed. Manager Frick presented to the Board regarding the Association preparation for the Annual Meeting. Discussion followed regarding whether to continue holding that meeting by "telephone town hall" or return to in-person annual meetings. Manager Frick reminded the Board of the Member Appreciation Day on June 15, 2023.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

**TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Graff reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission.

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

**COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Arndt reported that the CREA had not yet met for the month.

**OTHER MEETING REPORTS:** Manager Frick and various Directors reported on their attendance at the NRECA PowerXchange 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 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Terry Tormohlen, Secretary