

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

May 22, 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 were Jim Bostron, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom, and Dave Arndt. Randolph D. Graff by telephone.

Also present were David Frick, and initially, those members of staff who personally provide monthly staff reports to the Board of Directors. Absent: Matthew Richardson, General Counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the April 24, 2023 regular Board meeting.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of April 24, 2023 were approved.**

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 27188 through 27210 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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 May 9, 2023 to discuss Commitment to Safety, reviewed Federated Insurance's Injuries, Near Misses, and Damages Report. Mr. Frick reported the Safety Improvement Plan to install barbed wire on the fence bordering Quality Water is complete. 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 himself as the Association voting delegate to the CFC Forum and NCSC Annual Meeting, and Terry Tormohlen as alternate delegate. Ms. Binder reported on the process of advertising for open positions at Morgan County REA. Questions were asked and answered. Ms. Binder reported on the process and legal requirements of random substance abuse and alcohol testing.

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

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, reported on recent service outages, and restoration after the May storm. Mr. Mason advised the board regarding Association vehicle fleet rotation and lead times.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Rob Baranowski presented the monthly Member Services report. Mr. Baranowski reviewed the total number of net-metered accounts on the Association system. Mr. Baranowski reported on donations made by MCREA are often matched by other REA affiliations to create a bigger donation impact in the community. Lastly, Mr. Baranowski reported on the number of electric vehicle registrations in the state of Colorado as well as the number of charging stations available within the state. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Mr. Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. 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 presented his monthly report to the Board.

Manager Frick presented the staff had reviewed Policy 1-7B “Extended Group Medical Insurance Program for Directors Initially Elected or Appointed to the Board of Directors After January 1, 2013” and recommended reaffirmation without revision.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Policy 1-7B “Extended Group Medical Insurance Program for Directors Initially Elected or Appointed to the Board of Directors After January 1, 2013” and recommended reaffirmation without revision.**

Manager Frick presented staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 9-13A “Employee Substance Abuse Policy and Testing Procedures for a Drug Free Workplace, DOT Positions.”

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 9-13A “Employee Substance Abuse Policy and Testing Procedures for a Drug Free Workplace, DOT Positions.”**

Manager Frick presented staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 9-13B “Employee Substance Abuse Policy and Testing Procedures for a Drug Free Workplace, Non-DOT Positions.”

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 9-13B “Employee Substance Abuse Policy and Testing Procedures for a Drug Free Workplace, Non-DOT Positions.”**

Manager Frick presented the staff had reviewed Policy 10-5 “Metering Construction” and recommended reaffirmation without revision.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Policy 10-5 “Metering Construction” and recommended reaffirmation without revision.**

Manager Frick advised the Board regarding a Cost-of-Service study. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed. Manager Frick presented to the Board information regarding the Association’s radio tower lease. 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: 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 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary