

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

June 26, 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: Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Larry D. Hoozee, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom. Absent: Randolph D. Graff and Terry Linker.

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:

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of May 22, 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 27226 through 27244 were approved.**

CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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. MCREA staff reviewed CREA Near Miss Reports, Federated Insurance's Litigation and Near Miss Reports, and underwent other safety training. Manager Frick reported on two instances of damage to cooperative property during the preceding month. Manager Frick asked if there were questions and there were none.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Kristie Binder reported regarding upcoming education and training seminars and other meetings, conferences, and events. Ms. Binder presented the agenda for the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Annual Meeting and discussion followed. She reported that the Association had received many applications for two open positions.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Sundet reported regarding several large power loads. He also reported regarding Colorado Department of Health and Environment regulations aimed to reduce carbon emissions by electrifying oil and gas wells and drilling rigs and updated the Board regarding Association contractors Altitude, Bighorn, and Mountainside. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Alan Mason presented the monthly operations report to the Board. Association crews built five new single-phase locations and three new three-phase locations during the preceding month. Association crews also completed two service upgrades and two service retirements. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding work being performed by contractors

Altitude, Bighorn, and Mountainside. Mr. Mason reported on a power theft, repairs to an Association vehicle, a raptor contact, and an outage at the Woodrow Substation. Mr. Mason reported that the Association recently hired a new apprentice lineman. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Rob Baranowski provided the Member Services report. The Association has seventy-two solar net-metered accounts presently on the system with fifteen more applications pending. Mr. Baranowski reported regarding a Ford F-150 Lightning that the Association recently had on loan from Tri-State for test drives. Mr. Baranowski informed the Board of available parking passes and event tickets for the upcoming Morgan County Fair. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

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. Pabst 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.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. Manager Frick presented to the Board regarding transmission rates charged by Colorado electric cooperatives and informed the Board that he will have the Association’s rate consultant study and propose a transmission rate as part of the Association’s rate study. Manager Frick presented projected rate increases for Tri-State’s membership under Tri-State’s new rate. Tri-State projects that the Association’s rate will increase by 6.10% under the new rate. Questions were asked answered, and discussion followed. Manager Frick reported on the initial cost estimates for the cost-of-service study. Manager Frick reported that 249 people, including ninety-seven members, attended the Association’s Annual Member Appreciation Day. The Board consensus was to continue with a virtual annual meeting and in-person Member Appreciation Day. Manager Frick reported regarding the Colorado Department of Public Health’s oil and gas electrification efforts and updated the Board regarding changes to Association staff.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: The Board discussed director qualifications.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: The Board reviewed the Tri-State Generation & Transmission monthly report, which had previously been provided. Discussion followed.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: None.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt reported on the recent CREA board meeting, which the Association hosted. Discussion followed.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: Mr. Tormohlen and President Wickstrom reported on their attendance at the CFC Forum.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary