

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

July 24, 2023: The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Morgan County Rural Electric Association was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on the above date. Directors present were: Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Randolph D. Graff, 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, and initially, those members of staff who personally provide monthly staff reports to the Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board entered executive session at 8:45 a.m.**

The Board exited executive session at 9:25 a.m. with no formal actions being taken during the executive session.

RESIGNATION:

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board accepted Randolph D. Graff's resignation as Association Director from District II effective August 15, 2023.**

Mr. Pabst exited the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

TRI-STATE DIRECTOR ELECTION: The Board discussed the Association's Tri-State Generation & Transmission Director position, in light of Mr. Graff's pending resignation. President Wickstrom called for nominees for the Association's Tri-State Generation & Transmission Director. Mr. Hoozee, Mr. Peggram, and Mr. Tormohlen were nominated, and Mr. Hoozee was elected as the Association's Tri-State Generation & Transmission Director, effective August 15, 2023, and to serve until his successor is elected and qualified.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of June 26, 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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 during the preceding month. The Joint Health & Safety Meeting was held July 11, 2023. 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.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Sundet reported regarding several prospective new large power loads. Mr. Sundet reported that Highline Electric will make major improvements at one of their substations in 2024. The Association owns a breaker and disconnect structure in that substation and Mr. Sundet discussed maintenance the Association has planned to conduct on its equipment in that substation in 2024. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Alan Mason presented the monthly operations report to the Board. Association crews built four new single-phase locations and four new three-phase locations during the preceding month. Association crews also completed one service upgrade and one service retirement. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding work performed by contractors Altitude, Bighorn, and Mountainside. Mr. Mason showed photographs of recent work, recent storm damage, and a snake which caused an outage at the Adena Substation. Mr. Mason reported on personnel changes and questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Rob Baranowski provided the Member Services report. Mr. Baranowski reviewed the total number of net metered accounts on the Association system, reported on PUC interconnection reporting, and solar installers and system costs in the Association service territory. Mr. Baranowski discussed the impact of hail damage on member rooftop solar installations. Mr. Baranowski reported on electric vehicle charging costs.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report.

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.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board.

Manager Frick presented staff's proposed revisions to Policy 5-4 "Hazard Communications."

- ◆ By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 5-4 "Hazard Communications."

Manager Frick presented staff's proposed revisions to Policy 6-1 "General Business Ethics."

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 6-1 "General Business Ethics."**

Manager Frick updated the Board regarding Association linemen and contractor management and his attendance at the most recent Tri-State Generation & Transmission Managers meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

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

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Mr. Linker presented Western United's June 2023 Preliminary Sales and Financial Report.

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

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: Directors and Attorney Richardson reported on industry meetings they had attended.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The Directors discussed the Association Manager evaluation form.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary