

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

December 23, 2019: 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, Randolph D. Graff, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Brian D. Schlagel, and Cary Wickstrom. Absent: Terry Tormohlen.

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 November 25, 2019 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 25746 through 25777 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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 met to review and discuss Federated Insurance's monthly litigation and "near miss" reports during the preceding month. Staff also received training on lockout tag procedures and safe winter driving. Manager Frick reported regarding instances of damage to MCREA property during the month of November. Lastly, Manager Frick reported that the Joint Health and Safety Committee met on December 10th to finalize its 2020 Safety Improvement Plan goals and that Rob Baranowski is now chairing that committee.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Kristie Binder advised the Board regarding the education and training seminars attended by MCREA staff during the preceding month, as well as on upcoming conferences, meetings, and events.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report to the Board. MCREA is in the third year of its four-year RUS Construction Work Plan. Mr. Sundet presented maps showing the location of various Construction Work Plan jobs within MCREA's service territory. Mr. Sundet reported regarding the Stoneham Substation and transmission line project. The coop solicited bids for a transformer for the project in December. Next, Mr. Sundet updated the Board on the status of the Last Chance Substation project. Tri-State has solicited bids for work on its side of that substation and contractor Geotech conducted its survey on December 16.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Bobby Brenton presented the monthly operations report to the Board. MCREA crews continue to work on construction at new service locations, installing six new residential locations during the preceding month. The Operations Department is anticipating installing eighty-two new meters at the Kiowa Park Subdivision in Wiggins. Contractor Altitude continues its work on Construction Work Plan and distribution line projects.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Dave Henderson presented the monthly Member Services Department report. The coop received an application for a new residential solar net meter location. The Member Services Department has begun preparation for the annual meeting of the membership, scheduled for March 21, 2020. Petitions for director candidates will be available by January 16th and must be returned by February 5th. The cooperative has received several applications for the Youth Tour and Youth Camp programs. MCREA had four entries for the annual Christmas light contest and the Fitzgerald's won the 2019 competition. The Member Services Department conducted a tornado emergency tabletop exercise on December 18th. Mr. Henderson ended his report by thanking the Board for sponsoring the coop's 2019 employee and children's Christmas parties.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver presented statistics regarding MCREA's 2019 capital credit retirement of \$2,750,00.00.

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: Brian 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 Graff ordered that the check register be filed.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. Manager Frick reported on the recent closing of the sale of the coop's Highway 34 office property to Ron Greene and Gayle Greene. Manager Frick also reported that MCREA had executed the contract with Buildings By Design for the construction of a new mechanic's shop addition. Manager Frick and the Board discussed self-generation and new interconnection standards.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Graff appointed Brian Schlagel as voting delegate and Timothy Peggram as alternate for the NRTC annual meeting. He appointed Terry Linker as voting delegate and Cary Wickstrom as alternate for the NRECA annual meeting.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Brian Schlagel reviewed and discussed at length the contents of the monthly written report he prepared and presented as the Cooperative's delegate director to the board of directors of Tri-State G&T. After discussion regarding the Colorado PUC litigation involving Tri-State, United Power, and La Plata Electric Association, the Board directed Manager Frick to join Southeastern Power's aggregate motion to intervene in that proceeding.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Timothy Peggram reported that the Western United board had not met but presented the most recent financials.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Dave Arndt reported on Colorado Rural Electric Association Board's most recent meeting.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: Timothy Peggram reported on the Mid-West annual meeting.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D. Hoozee, Secretary