

# **MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

**Headquarters Building – Fort Morgan, Colorado**

**June 24, 2019:** The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Morgan County Rural Electric Association was called to order at 1:00 p.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, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom. Absent: None.

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.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Terry Hendrickson, general manager for Wiggins Telephone Association (WTA), presented to the Board regarding WTA's service territory, broadband services, and recently passed state legislation regarding utilizing electrical cooperative pole attachments for broadband services. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of May 28, 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 25517 through 25546 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**CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS:** The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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:** The Board discussed membership questions regarding differences between PSCO and MCREA's irrigation rates.

**SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT:** Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. MCREA staff reviewed "Near Miss" reports from CREA and Federated Insurance. Linemen attended a switching class presented by Tri-State G&T. On June 3-6, Curt Graham from CREA conducted crew field observations and training on PPE and the MCREA Joint Safety & Health Committee met on June 11.

**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. Mr. Sundet updated the Board on the 69-kV transmission line project, reporting that the necessary easements had been acquired and that construction is scheduled for completion in mid-July. Mr. Sundet advised the Board of a number of potential new large power members. Lastly, Mr. Sunder reported that MCREA will solicit bids for a new 2-year construction work plan

project in July with a sealed bid opening in September. That project will include 70 miles of new line construction and rebuilds.

**STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS:** Bobby Brenton presented the monthly operations report to the Board. MCREA crews were primarily engaged in new residential construction in the Wiggins area as well as repairing damaged poles during the preceding month. Mr. Brenton also updated the Board on contractor Altitude’s progress on the Construction Work Plan.

**STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES:** Dave Henderson presented the monthly Member Services Department report. Benicio Mazzuca of Wiggins attended the NRECA 2019 Youth Tour as MCREA’s delegate from June 13-20. The Member Services Department is preparing for the MCREA Invitational, scheduled for August 3-4. MCREA will sponsor Bobstock in Fort Morgan on July 12-13 in partnership with Tri-State G&T. The Member Services Department is also exploring setting up booths at the New Raymer Fair on July 19-20 and the National Night Out on August 8.

**STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES:** There was no 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:** 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. He updated the Board on the potential sale of the old headquarters location. Next, Manager Frick presented a comparison of MCREA’s industrial and large power rates relative Poudre Valley REA and United Power.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** President Graff had no report.

**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.

**WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT:** Timothy Pegram reported that the Western United Board had not met since MCREA’s last board meeting but shared a written report on recent happenings at Western United.

**COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT:** Dave Arndt had not attended the most recent CREA board meeting, which was held in Pueblo.

**OTHER MEETING REPORTS:** Timothy Pegram reported that Midwest Power’s general manager had resigned recently and that the board had formed a search committee for his successor.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Larry D. Hoozee, Secretary