

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

April 22, 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, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of March 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 25465 through 25492 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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 received training on Switching Procedures and linemen reviewed all Safety Implementation Plans. Manager Frick also reported to the Board regarding a recent grass fire near the Pawnee National Grassland.

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. Ms. Binder and the Board also discussed plans for updating Director photographs.

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 and on new Large Power loads.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Bobby Brenton presented the monthly operations report to the Board. Mr. Brenton reported that the cooperative experienced no outages during a storm even on April 10. MCREA crews installed substation arrestors at the South Woodrow Substation in coordination with Tri-State G&T scheduled work. Lastly, Mr. Brenton updated the Board regarding contractor Altitude's Construction Work Plan progress.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Dave Henderson presented the monthly Member Services Department report. The Member Services group is working on the rollout of MCREA’s new website platform, as well as preparing to present at the upcoming Eastern Colorado Workforce-sponsored career days at the Brush Middle School. Mr. Henderson also reported that the cooperative received a single application for a new residential solar net meter during the preceding month.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver reviewed the cooperative’s longterm debt and cash position with the Board and explained in detail the 2018 capital credit allocation. Mr. Shaver next reviewed the itemized costs for construction of the cooperative’s new warehouse building.

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. The Board discussed various options regarding the old headquarters building, before ultimately tabling the discussion. Manager Frick next presented a proposal from EDM to update the cooperative’s Avian Protection Plan.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved retaining EDM to update MCREA’s Avian Protection plan at a cost of \$6,000.00.**

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 Peggram reported that the Western United Board had not met since MCREA’s last board meeting.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Dave Arndt reported on the Colorado Rural Electric Association Board’s most recent meeting, including a detailed discussion regarding recently passed state legislation.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: None.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D. Hoozee, Secretary