

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Headquarters Building – Fort Morgan, Colorado

February 25, 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 Pegram, Brian D. Schlagel, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom, Absent. Matthew Richardson, General Counsel

Also present were David Frick, General Manager, 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 January 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 25415 through 25444 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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 and CREA conducted the yearly stick and ground testing. Near misses were discussed as well as section 110 (APPA) housekeeping.

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

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report to the Board. Mr. Sundet updated the Board on an upcoming 69 kV transmission line project. Mr. Sundet reported that MCREA had received four bids in response to its request for proposals for the upcoming project. Mr. Sundet recommended that the Board accept the proposal submitted by Altitude Energy, LLC.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board accepted Altitude Energy, LLC's proposal to contract with MCREA to complete the 69 kV transmission line project.**

Lastly, Mr. Sundet reviewed with the Board the new large power loads forecasted for 2019.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Bobby Brenton presented the monthly operations report to the Board. MCREA crews have been busy working on a rebuild North of Prospect Valley substation in addition to continuing their work on new construction projects. Mr. Brenton also updated the Board on contractor Altitude’s Construction Work Plan progress.

Next Mr. Brenton gave a SCADA department Cap Control update. Mr. Brenton also reported that his department hired a new Journeyman Lineman who will commence work March 4, 2019.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Dave Henderson presented the monthly Member Services Department report. Mr. Henderson reported that MCREA had received 31 scholarship applications. Member Services participated in a number of public education events during the preceding month, including career day for Northeastern Colorado schools 8th-12th grade. Mr. Henderson reported on the employee’s preparation for the Annual Meeting, scheduled March 16, 2019. MCREA will host a Tri-State Leadership conference, February 27, 2019.

Mr. Henderson reported that 3 nominating petitions had been returned for the upcoming director election at the Annual Meeting. The candidates for the three districts ran unopposed. Secretary Hoozee certified that the nominating petitions for Randy Graff, Brian Schlagel, and Larry Hoozee are in conformity with MCREA’s Bylaws and C.R.S. § 40-9.5-110.

- **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board accepted Secretary Hoozee’s certification of the nominating petitions.**

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. Next, an update was given on the RUS FFB loan refinance, a closing date of March 6, 2019 has been set.

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: Timothy Pegram 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, including an update on the new warehouse. Manager Frick led the Board on a tour of the new warehouse facility.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Graff appointed Brian Schlagel as MCREA’s delegate to the Tri-State Annual Meeting and Larry Hoozee as alternate.

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, including discussion of recently proposed bylaw revisions and the status of a PUC complaint filed against Tri-State by Delta Montrose Electric Association.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Brian Pabst reviewed the minutes from Western United's most recent board meeting.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: The CREA board had not met since MCREA's delegate last reported.

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 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D. Hoozee, Secretary