

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

OCTOBER 21, 2024: 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 at the beginning of the meeting were Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Kyle Eiring, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom.

Also present were David Frick, General Manager, members of Association staff that present monthly reports to the Board, and Matthew Richardson, General Counsel.

Brian Pabst and Timothy Peggram were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the September 23, 2024, regular Board meeting.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of September 23, 2024 were approved as presented.**

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: After reviewing the applications for Membership in the Association presented at today's meeting for consideration by the Board of Directors,

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, applications for membership numbered 27669 through 27691 were approved.**

CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.

MEMBER INPUT: None.

OFFICE SERVICES: Mr. Shaver presented various proposals for 2024 capital credit retirements. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the retirement of \$2,777,588.08 of Morgan County Rural Electric Association patronage capital which accrued and was allocated in 2018, \$1,737,413.30 of Morgan County Rural Electric Association patronage capital which accrued and was allocated in 2019, and \$234,998.62 of Tri-State Generation and Transmission patronage capital which accrued in 2004, for a total retirement of \$4,750,000.00.**

Retirement checks will be mailed to members during the first week of December. The next billing statement will include information for how members can apply their capital credit retirement as a credit against their bills.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Shaver reviewed the details of his customary monthly financial statements and reports. He also presented a comparison of the Association's year to date actual versus budgeted revenues and expenses. After questions, answers, and discussion, the President directed that the monthly Financial Reports be filed.

SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT: Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. Manager Frick reported on various safety training undergone by Association staff during the preceding month. CREA's Curt Graham was on-site at the Association to conduct safety training from October 7th through 10th. Manager Frick reported on four instances of damage to Association property during the month of September. The Joint Health & Safety Committee met on October 8th and discussed injuries, near misses, and property damage. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Ms. Binder reported on upcoming meetings for organizations of which the Association is a member.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board regarding the status of several requests to serve large loads in the Association service territory. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Mr. Mason presented the monthly operations report. Mr. Mason reported on work performed by Association crews and contractors during the preceding month. The Association purchased a new cabin chassis truck to replace Unit 2. The Association plans to purchase a bucket truck to replace Unit 9 in 2026. The Association has begun installing dashcams in its video and the Board viewed dashcam footage. Mr. Mason requested that the Board approve installation of dashcams in all Association vehicles for a three-year term. Questions were asked and answered.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved installation of dashcams in all Association vehicles for a three-year term, at a cost of for \$20,475 for year one and \$27,300 for years two and three.**

Terry Linker exited the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

STAFF REPORT – COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Manager Frick directed the Board's attention to a previously provided written Communications Report, which the Board reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Tormohlen 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.

Members of staff exited the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. Manager Frick informed the Board regarding Tri-State's annual formulary rate "true-up" process, regarding Tri-State's 2025 A-41 Rate, and Tri-State's "Bring Your Own Resource" program. Manager Frick presented information regarding Tri-State's 2025 budget. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding Association personnel matters and the marketing of the Association's Prospect Valley property for sale. Questions were asked and answered.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Hoozee reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission and reviewed Tri-State's most recent financial statements. Mr. Hoozee reminded the Board of an upcoming Tri-State town hall event in Sterling.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: President Wickstrom directed the Board's attention to Western United's September 2024 Sales and Financial Report.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt reported on CREA's proposed 2025 budget and the NRECA Region 7 and Federated Insurance elections, and the upcoming state elections. Mr. Arndt reminded the Board of CREA's upcoming 2024 Energy Summit.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS. None.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary