

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

December 16, 2024: The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Morgan County Rural Electric Association was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above date. Directors present were: Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Kyle Eiring, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Terry Tormohlen and Cary Wickstrom. Brian Pabst and Timothy Peggram were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes of its November 25, 2024 regular meeting.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of November 25, 2024 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 27715 through 27746 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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. There were no injuries or accidents during the preceding month. MCREA staff reviewed CREA's Near Miss Reports, Federated Insurance's Litigation and Near Miss Reports, and underwent other safety training over the preceding month. The Board viewed a photograph of a suspension safety harness system used by employees while in bucket trucks.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Ms. Binder reported regarding upcoming education and training seminars and other meetings, conferences, and events. President Wickstrom appointed Terry Tormohlen for the CREA Annual Meeting and Terry Linker as his alternate. President Wickstrom appointed Terry Linker as delegate and Timothy Peggram as alternate for the NRECA Annual Meeting. Ms. Binder reported on upcoming two upcoming retirements and requested Board approval of the customary Association gift for retiring employees.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the customary Association retirement gift for the two retiring employees.**

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly Engineering Report. The Stoneham Substation is now energized. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board on a Data Center service study to determine the cost of building service and an additional large load request. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed. Mr. Baranowski reported that the Association is developing a heatmap to assist with load growth planning. The Association will be soliciting bids for its new two-year Construction Work Plan, with bids due back in January 2025.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations Report, updating the Board on various work being performed by Association crews and contractors. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding the Association’s fleet and its newly installed dashcams.

STAFF REPORT – COMMUNICATIONS: Manager Frick directed the Board’s attention to a previously provided written Communications Report and reported on several upcoming events. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver presented statistics regarding the Association’s 2024 capital credit retirement. Questions were asked and answered.

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: Mr. Linker 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.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. Manager Frick reported on a request from the City of Fort Morgan for an easement for a sewer line on the Association’s headquarters property. Questions were asked and answered and discussion followed. Manager Frick updated the Board on the marketing of the Association’s Prospect Valley property and Association personnel matters.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Hoozee discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission. The Board discussed the most draft wholesale electric service contract being proposed by Tri-State’s Contract Committee.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Mr. Linker presented Western United’s November 2024 Sales and Financial Report. Questions were asked and answered.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt reported on CREA’s December board meeting and Colorado’s upcoming legislative session.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: Mr. Linker reported on his recent attendance at the Mid-West Electric Consumer Association annual meeting.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary