

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

April 15, 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, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom (by telephone).

Also present were David Frick, General Manager, and Matthew Richardson, General Counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the March 25, 2024, regular Board meeting and corrections were proposed.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of March 25, 2024, were approved as corrected.**

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 27492 through 27520 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.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: The Board discussed Tri-State’s pending rate filing with FERC and complimentary member feedback regarding service during a recent storm.

SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT: Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. The Operations Department discussed the CREA and Federated Near Miss Reports and, reviewed the Association safety manual, and underwent various safety training during the preceding month. Manager Frick reported instances of damage to Association property and a recent grass fire. Association staff continued their internal “RESAP” safety audit and implementation of the Association’s 2024 Safety Improvement Plan initiatives. 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. Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. He reviewed the results of the Association’s most recent pole inspection. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Sundet updated the Board regarding obtaining quotes for river boring pricing for converting overhead crossings as part of the Association’s current Construction Work Plan. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations report. Association crews worked on new construction, pole changeouts, and service retirements and upgrades during the preceding month. Mr. Mason reported on the work being performed by

Association contractors. Mr. Mason presented photographs showing damage caused by a recent fire. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly Member Services report. Mr. Baranowski reported on that the Association has 82 net-metered solar interconnections, one net-metered wind interconnection, and eight pending approved but not yet constructed net-metered solar interconnections. Mr. Baranowski also updated the Board regarding the Association’s scholarship recipients.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Mr. Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver presented analysis of the variance between Tri-State’s current rates and its proposed rates which FERC has not yet approved. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed. Mr. Shaver presented preliminary data on the Association’s 2023 capital credit allocation. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Shaver reported that the Association’s independent financial audit for 2023 should be completed by the Board’s May meeting.

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, Vice President Pabst 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 presented irrigation rate information for the Association and neighboring cooperatives and investor-owned utilities. He updated the Board on the Tri-State Contract Committee. Manager Frick and the Board discussed an Association master-metered account. Manager Frick updated the Board regarding the marketing of the Prospect Valley property, discussed fires and fire danger in the service territory, updated the Board regarding Association staff, and reminded the Board of the Association Member Appreciation Picnic on June 15, 2024.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Hoozee reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission. Attorney Richardson reported on various regulatory proceedings and litigation involving Tri-State.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Mr. Linker reported on happenings at Western United and reviewed its most recent financials.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt reported on the CREA Board’s March 2024 meeting and Funding Opportunities Workshop presentations. Mr. Arndt also reported on the Colorado legislative session and CREA’s meetings with federal legislators.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: The Board discussed a recent WAPA Power and Water Committee meeting.

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 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry W. Tormohlen, Secretary