

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

June 24, 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, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom.

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

Terry Linker entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the May 20, 2024, regular Board meeting.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of May 20, 2024, were approved.**

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 27551 through 27585 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.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: Manager Frick reported member input regarding the Cooperative Response Center call center service the Association utilizes and regarding a member request for information. Discussion followed.

SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT: Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. Manager Frick reported regarding an Association distribution pole damaged by a motor vehicle, damage caused when a sprayer hit a transformer pole, damage caused when an airplane's landing gear contacted an Association power line, and other instances of property damage during the preceding month. Discussion followed.

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

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Mr. Sundet presented the monthly engineering report. He reported on personnel changes. Mr. Sundet showed photographs of a newly constructed substation in the Association's northern service territory. That substation is scheduled to be energized in October 2024. The Association is currently soliciting bids for staking services in connection with the Association's Construction Work Plan. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Sundet updated the Board regarding plans for constructing, energizing, and metering an additional new substation, which is scheduled for completion by March 2025.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations report. Mr. Mason presented to the Board regarding the Association’s software systems and processes for monitoring and managing service outages. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Manager Frick presented the monthly Member Services report. Manager Frick and the Board discussed the Association’s Annual Member Appreciation Picnic, held on June 15th 2024. Manager Frick reported that 272 people attended and member that feedback has been positive. The Board consensus was to continue that event in 2025. Manager Frick directed the Board’s attention to a schedule of upcoming community events at which the Association will have a presence.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Mr. Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver provided an analysis of the variance between Tri-State’s current rates and its proposed rates, which are pending FERC approval. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

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 proposed revisions to the Association Rules and Regulations and a Service Installation Guide. An amendment was proposed to the Service Installation Guide.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the proposed revised Rules and Regulation and Service Installation guide as amended were approved, effective after thirty days’ public notice.**

Manager Frick presented data and analysis of Tri-State’s proposed new A41 rate, which is pending FERC approval. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed. Manager Frick updated the Board on Association personnel matters. Manager Frick presented a proposed agreement allowing Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, LLC to sublease space on a radio tower which the Association leases from the City of Fort Morgan.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the proposed tower sublease to Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, LLC as presented.**

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Hoozee reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission and reviewed its most recent financials. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

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

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt reported on the nominees for Colorado's director on the CFC board and discussion followed.

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 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary