

# MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

**JULY 22, 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.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** My motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board entered executive session at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving confidential information. The Board, General Manager Frick, Ms. Binder, Mr. Mason, and Attorney Richardson were present during the executive session. The Board exited executive session at 10:12 a.m. No policy decisions were made, or formal actions taken during the executive session.

Members of staff that present monthly reports to the Board entered the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board reviewed draft minutes from the June 24, 2024, regular Board meeting.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of June 24, 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 27586 through 27609 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**CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS:** The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.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:** Directors discussed member feedback regarding the Association's call center service and the Association's booth at the recent fair in New Raymer.

**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, reviewed the Association Safety Manual, and underwent safety training during the preceding month. Manager Frick advised the Board regarding near misses in the month of June. Questions were asked and answered.

**STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES:** Ms. Binder reported on upcoming meetings for organizations of which the Association is a member and advised the Board that she expects to have the Association's 2025 insurance premiums before the Board's August Regular Meeting.

**STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING:** Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board on the progress of transmission construction projects, an Association request for proposals for a sectionalizing study in the Chalk Bluffs area, personnel

matters, and the potential future impacts of the proliferation of data centers. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

**STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS:** Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations report. The Association has been utilizing a “floating” serviceman, who is dispatched where necessary in the service territory. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding work being performed by Association crews and contractors. Questions were asked and answered.

**STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES:** Manager Frick directed the Board’s attention to a previously provided written member services report and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES:** Mr. Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver presented an analysis of the variance between Tri-State’s current rates and its proposed rates which FERC has not yet approved. Mr. Shaver presented regarding accounting treatment of member equity in the Association. Mr. Shaver presented several proposals for revising Policy 3-2 “Financial Goal Policy” for the Board’s consideration. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Shaver reviewed the details of his customary monthly financial statements and reports. He also presented a comparison of the Association’s actual versus budgeted financials for the first half of 2024. 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.

Members of staff exited the meeting.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:** Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board.

Manager Frick reported that staff had reviewed Policy 9-11 “Employment of Relatives” and recommended reaffirmation without revision.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Policy 9-11 “Employment of Relatives.”**

Manager Frick presented proposed revisions to Policy 10-4 “Net Metering.”

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the proposed revisions to Policy 10-4 “Net Metering.”**

Manager Frick presented proposed revisions to Policy 10-9 “Sales and Construction of Electric Service Facilities by Other Parties.”

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the proposed revisions to Policy 10-9 “Sales and Construction of Electric Service Facilities by Other Parties.”**

Manager Frick updated the Board regarding Association personnel matters, his attendance at the Tri-State Generation & Transmission managers meeting, and marketing Association-owned real estate in Prospect Valley. Questions were asked and answered.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, a list price of \$635,000.00 was approved for the Association's Prospect Valley property.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Wickstrom asked that Directors complete the General Manager evaluation forms and bring those to the next meeting.

**TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Hoozee reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission.

**WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Linker reported on happenings at Western United.

**COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT:** Mr. Arndt reported on his attendance at the most recent CREA Board meeting.

**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 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Terry Tormohlen, Secretary