

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

AUGUST 26, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the July 22, 2024, regular Board meeting.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of July 22, 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 27610 through 27640 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the Association since the last meeting of the Board.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.

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. The Joint Health & Safety Committee met on August 13th. Manager Frick and Mr. Mason reported on a single vehicle motor vehicle accident on August 8th. Questions were asked and answered, and discussion followed. Manager Frick reported that the CREA safety team is scheduled to visit the Association in October.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Ms. Binder reported on upcoming meetings for organizations of which the Association is a member and advised the Board regarding the Association's 2025 health insurance premiums.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Mr. Baranowski presented the monthly engineering report. Mr. Baranowski updated the Board on the progress of transmission construction projects. Questions were asked and answered. The Association has contracted with Reliable Power for staking services. Mr. Baranowski reported on a recent developer inquiry regarding a prospective three-megawatt service.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Mr. Mason presented the monthly Operations report. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding work being performed by Association crews and contractors and reported on recent outages at the Bijou and Orchard substations. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – COMMUNICATIONS: Manager Frick presented the monthly Communications report. Notice of the proposed change to the Association Rules Regulations has been published and the Association had a presence at several community events during the preceding month.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Mr. Shaver presented the monthly Member Services report. Mr. Shaver presented data regarding Tri-State’s rate increase and the effect on the Association’s power costs. Questions were asked and answered.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Mr. Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. 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, 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 presented regarding Tri-State’s new “Bring Your Own Resource Program,” and updated the Board regarding union negotiations, Association personnel matters, and the marketing of Association real property. 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.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Mr. Linker reviewed and discussed 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: My motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board entered executive session at 12:57 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the annual General Manager's evaluation. Initially, on the Board was present in the executive session. Manager Frick joined the executive session at 1:00 p.m. The Board exited executive session at 2:35 p.m. No policy decisions were made, or formal actions taken during the executive session.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary