

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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

January 20, 2025: 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, Kyle Eiring, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom. Absent were Jim Bostron and Timothy Peggram.

Also present were David Frick, General Manager, Matthew Richardson, General Counsel, who prepared these minutes at the request of the Secretary, and initially, those members of staff who personally provide monthly staff reports to the Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes of its December 16, 2024 regular meeting and a correction was proposed.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of December 16, 2024 were approved as corrected.**

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 27747 through 27763 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who have withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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 two instances of damage to Association property and one Near Miss during the preceding month. Questions were asked and answered. MCREA staff reviewed CREA's Near Miss Reports, Federated Insurance's Litigation and Near Miss Reports and completed the Association's internal RESAP process. Manager Frick reported on the January 14, 2025 meeting of the Association Joint Health & Safety Meeting.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Manager Frick reported regarding upcoming education and training seminars and other meetings, conferences, and events. Manager Frick also reported that the IRS mileage reimbursement rate has increased to \$.70 per mile for 2025.

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Rob Baranowski presented the monthly engineering report. The Stoneham Substation has successfully undergone testing and is ready for service. Mr. Baranowski reported on the construction of an additional substation north of Roggen, the Association's large load request planning in coordination with Tri-State, and historical industrial load growth in the Association service territory. Questions were asked and answered. The Association held a bid opening for its 2025-2026 Construction Work Plan is in the process of evaluating the responses.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Mr. Alan Mason reported on the Association’s internship and ride-along programs. Alan Mason presented the monthly operations report. Mr. Mason updated the Board regarding work being performed by Association crews and contractors Altitude Energy and Mountainside Electric. Association crews completed all 2024 pole changeouts before the close of the year. The Board viewed a photograph of a new grapple bobcat attachment that the Association is using in its yard.

STAFF REPORT – COMMUNICATIONS: Manager Frick provided the Member Services report. He requested that Directors volunteer to serve on the Association’s scholarship application judging committee. Manager Frick reported on preparations for the Association’s upcoming Annual Meeting, including preparation of the Annual Report.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver reported regarding the Association’s capital credit accounts and 2024 allocations and retirements in various cooperative associations of which the Association is a member. 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, subject to any necessary adjustments once the Association’s final 2024 property tax liability is known. Mr. Shaver reviewed the Association’s 2024 budgeted versus actual revenues and expenses and 2024 balance sheet.

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. Questions were asked and answered. 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 that staff has reviewed Association Policy 1-7 “Extended Group Medical Insurance for Directors Elected or Appointed to the Board of Directors Prior to January 1, 2013” and recommended no changes.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Association Policy 1-7 “Extended Group Medical Insurance for Directors Elected or Appointed to the Board of Directors Prior to January 1, 2013” without revision.**

Manager Frick presented staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 2-1 “Fee for Disconnect/Reconnect for Non-Payment.”

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 2-1 “Fee for Disconnect/Reconnect for Non-Payment.”**

Manager Frick presented staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 5-3 “Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Plan.”

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted as presented the proposed revisions to Policy 5-3 “Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Plan.”**

Manager Frick reported on the ongoing work being done by the Tri-State Contract Committee. Questions were asked and answered.

Manager Frick reported that three nominating petitions had been timely received for the Association's upcoming Director elections, one for each of the seats up for election. Secretary Tormohlen advised that the nominating petitions are in accordance with the statutory requirements. The Association will not have any contested Director election in 2025. Manager Frick updated the Board on the Association's marketing of the Prospect Valley property and regarding several Association personnel matters. Questions were asked and answered. Manager Frick updated the Board on the City of Fort Morgan's request for a sewer line easement on Association property.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Wickstrom reported that he had reviewed the Association's year-end Director expense report.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Mr. Hoozee discussed happenings at Tri-State Generation & Transmission. Discussion followed.

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

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Mr. Arndt reported on CREA's recent special meeting to discuss wildfire mitigation legislation.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: None.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Questions were asked and answered regarding Tri-State's "Bring Your Own Resource" program.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Terry Tormohlen, Secretary