

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Headquarters Building – Fort Morgan, Colorado

November 23, 2020: 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 by video conference were: Dave Arndt, Jim Bostron, Randolph D. Graff, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Peggram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom. Absent: None.

Also present were David Frick, General Manager, in person, Matthew Richardson, General Counsel, by video conference, and initially, those members of staff who personally provide monthly staff reports to the Board of Directors by video conference.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of October 26, 2020 were approved.**

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 26123 through 26163 were approved.**

CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.

MEMBER INPUT: Mr. Peggram and Mr. Shaver reported on member input regarding disconnection and billing procedures. Discussion followed.

SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT: Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. The Joint Health and Safety Committee met on November 12, 2020 to discuss Commitment to Safety and review Federated Insurance's Injuries, Near Misses, and Damages Report for the preceding month. The Committee also began planning its 2021 Safety Improvement Plan.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Kristie Binder presented the planned 2021 regular meeting dates for the Association Board.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board scheduled its regular 2021 meetings for January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22, and December 27 at 9:00 at the Association's Headquarters Building in Fort Morgan, Colorado.**

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report to the Board. Mr. Sundet reported on the development of the 2022 through 2025 Construction Work Plan. He also updated the Board regarding several large industrial loads.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Bobby Brenton presented the monthly operations report to the Board. MCREA crews continued installing new residential and industrial service locations. Crews worked a total of forty-six jobs during the preceding month, including fifteen pole change outs and 600 kVA worth of transformer load retirement. Altitude is working on changing out regulators at the Last Chance Substation and Great Plains Power is performing line build in the Orchard area.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Rob Baranowski presented the monthly Member Services Department report. The Member Services Department has been conducting virtual energy audits for members. Mr. Baranowski also reported that Tri-State Generation & Transmission is rebranding its beneficial electrification program.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb 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. Mr. Shaver next presented the proposed 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets, as well as a 10-Year Financial Forecast, along with detailed analysis of each.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the proposed 2021 Operating Budget, the proposed 2021 Capital Budget, and the proposed 10-Year Financial Forecast as presented.**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Shaver reviewed the details of his customary monthly financial statements and reports. Mr. Shaver presented to the Board regarding the impact of falling oil and gas prices on MCREA’s revenues and discussion followed. After questions, answers and discussion, the President directed that the monthly Financial Reports be filed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Terry 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.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. Manager Frick directed the Board’s attention to staff’s recommended revisions to Policy 2-5 entitled “Member Requests for Association Information,” which had previously been provided.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted Staff’s proposed revisions to Policy 2-5 entitled “Member Requests for Association Information.”**

Manager Frick next requested the Board reaffirm Policy 1-8 entitled “Organization Policy” and Policy 2-4, entitled “Annual Meeting Door Prize,” without revision.

- ◆ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board reaffirmed Policy 1-8 entitled “Organization Policy” and Policy 2-4, entitled “Annual Meeting Door Prize.”**

Manager Frick reported on a recent conference with State of Colorado General Assembly Representatives.

Next, Manager Frick led the Board in a discussion regarding time and location for the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Membership and discussion as to whether the Association ought to continue with its annual charity golf tournament, to benefit the MCREA Lineman Scholarship.

Attorney Richardson updated to Board on legal matters involving the Association.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Wickstrom polled the Board regarding whether to meet via Zoom or in person for its December meeting, in light of COVID-19 health restrictions.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: Randy Graff reviewed and discussed at length the contents of the monthly written report he prepared and presented as the Cooperative's delegate director to the board of directors of Tri-State G&T. Mr. Graff reported on the items to be considered at Tri-State's upcoming special meeting of its membership on December 8, 2020.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Terry Linker reported regarding Western United's most recent financial reports.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: Dave Arndt reported regarding legislative matters affecting electrical cooperative associations, including proposed wildfire relief legislation.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: President Wickstrom asked Ms. Binder to send the recent Basin Electric annual meeting speaker presentation to the Board.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: None.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 12:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D. Hoozee, Secretary