

MORGAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Headquarters Building – Fort Morgan, Colorado

June 22, 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 were: Randolph D. Graff, Larry D. Hoozee, Terry Linker, Brian Pabst, Timothy Pegram, Terry Tormohlen, and Cary Wickstrom. Absent: Dave Arndt.

Also present were David Frick, General Manager, Kristie Binder, Human Resources/Executive Assistant, and Matthew Richardson, General Counsel.

BOARD REORGANIZATION: By nomination and balloting, in accordance with Section 2 of Article VI of the Cooperative's Bylaws, the Board elected the following officers:

President: Cary Wickstrom
Vice President: Brian Pabst
Secretary: Larry D. Hoozee
Treasurer: Terry Linker

The Board elected Randolph D. Graff to serve as its delegate to the Tri-State Generation and Transmission board, Dave Arndt to serve as its delegate to the Colorado Rural Electric Association board, and Terry Linker to serve as its delegate to the Western United board.

Randolph D. Graff thanked the Board for his time as Association Board President.

Those members of staff who personally provide monthly staff reports to the Board of Directors entered the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed draft minutes from the May 18, 2020 regular Board meeting and revisions were proposed.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of May 18, 2020 were approved as amended.**

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 25928 through 25958 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CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS: The Directors reviewed the monthly list of members who had withdrawn from the cooperative since the last meeting of the Board.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. Pabst reported regarding member complaints with the Association call service. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hoozee reported regarding a member question regarding account titling. Mr. Hoozee also reported regarding the status of Association accounts with Farmers State Bank.

SAFETY & HEALTH REPORT: Manager Frick presented and summarized the monthly Safety and Health Report. The Joint Health and Safety Committee covered a Federated Insurance Safe Talk on Motor Vehicle Incidents and Electrical Contacts and discussed the preceding month's Federated Insurance Near Misses Report. Manager Frick also reviewed the Association's first quarter safety inspections and assessments and reported on instances of damage to cooperative property. The Association has hired a new apprentice lineman, Sergio Baquera.

STAFF REPORT – HUMAN RESOURCES: Kristie Binder reported on the retirement of Bill Annan and requested that the Board approve the Cooperative's customary retirement gift of \$10.00 for each of Mr. Annan's twenty-six years as an MCREA employee.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the Cooperative's customary retirement gift to Mr. Annan of \$10.00 for each of his twenty-six years of service with MCREA.**

Kristie Binder reported on the retirement of Debra Strauch and requested that the Board approve the Cooperative's customary retirement gift of \$10.00 for each of Ms. Strauch's eighteen years as an MCREA employee.

- ♦ **By motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the Cooperative's customary retirement gift to Ms. Strauch of \$10.00 for each of her eighteen years of service with MCREA.**

STAFF REPORT – ENGINEERING: Stephan Sundet presented the monthly engineering report to the Board. Several line extension projects have been suspended at the request of members recently.

Mr. Sundet updated the Board regarding progress on the Last Chance Substation and distribution line project. The substation should be ready to energize by July 2, 2020 with electrical service from the substation beginning the following month.

Association contractor Great Plains continues line rebuild work pursuant to the Association's current Construction Work Plan and Mr. Sundet presented slides detailing that work. Mr. Sundet advised the Board that he has begun designing the Association's next Construction Work Plan.

STAFF REPORT – OPERATIONS: Bobby Brenton presented the monthly operations report to the Board. MCREA crews were extremely busy during the preceding month due to damage from recent storm activity. MCREA sent a three-man crew to assist Highline Electric with repairs after a recent storm caused damage in Highline's service territory. MCREA infrastructure was also affected, but system redundancies minimized service interruptions caused by storms. Contractor Altitude continues work on the Last Chance Substation and distribution line project and contractor Great Plains Power continues line rebuild work in Weld County. Both contractors also assisted with storm repair efforts.

STAFF REPORT – MEMBER SERVICES: Manager Frick presented the monthly Member Services Department report. Manager Frick presented statistical analysis of the Association 2020 Annual Meeting of the Membership which was conducted via "telephone town hall," due to health restrictions against public gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion followed.

STAFF REPORT – OFFICE SERVICES: Robb Shaver presented the monthly Office Services report. Mr. Shaver presented regarding a Colorado PUC request for rate information and the Board consensus was not to respond to that request. Attorney Richardson updated the Board on litigation involving the Association.

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: 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.

Association staff exited the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Frick presented his monthly report to the Board. The Association is now fully moved into the newly constructed mechanic's shop. Manager Frick also advised the Board regarding openings for the positions of Manager of Member Services, Prospect Valley Area Serviceman, and Dispatcher.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

TRI-STATE G&T BOARD REPORT: President Graff reviewed and discussed happenings at Tri-State G&T as the Cooperative's interim delegate on the Tri-State G&T board.

Attorney Richardson reported regarding Colorado PUC, FERC, and Colorado district court litigation involving Tri-State Generation and Transmission.

WESTERN UNITED BOARD REPORT: Timothy Pegram reported on his attendance at the most recent Western United board meeting, as the Association's delegate.

COLORADO RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION BOARD REPORT: None.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS: None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: None.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Wickstrom advised the Board that he would like to review the Association's Director compensation policies.

President Wickstrom appointed Terry Tormohlen as the Association's alternate delegate to the CREA board. Timothy Pegram was appointed as delegate to the CREA Annual Meeting of the Membership and Larry Hoozee his alternate. Terry Linker was appointed as delegate to the NRECA Annual Meeting of the Membership and Terry Tormohlen his alternate.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was declared adjourned 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry D. Hoozee, Secretary