MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF K.C. ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of K.C. Electric Association was held in Stratton, Colorado on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Penny. The following Members were present and constituted a quorum:

Kevin Penny

Dan Mills

Dave Ritchey Wayne Parrish

Terry Tagtmeyer Eric Poss

Jerry Allen Bob Bledsoe

Also present were General Manager David Churchwell, Operation Managers Paul Norris and Darren Fox, Chief Financial Officer Bo Randolph, Member Services/IT Specialist George Ehlers, and attorney Jeff Cure.

Approval of Agenda: It was unanimously approved to accept the agenda as presented.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: It was unanimously approved to accept the minutes as amended for the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on March 28, 2023.

Next Meeting Date: Without objection, the date for the next regular meeting of the Board was confirmed for May 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Hugo, Colorado.

Public Comments: There were no public comments at this time.

<u>Disbursements Report</u>: The Disbursements Report of the Association for March 2023 was reviewed and, after the Board had an opportunity to review and ask questions, President Penny declared the Disbursements Report as an informational item requiring no Board action.

Emergency Items: None.

Operational Policies: Up for review were Policy #435, Fraud and Dishonesty; Policy #500, Capital Credits; and Policy #501, Member Deposits. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That Policies #435, #500, and #501 are approved as presented."

<u>Cost of Service Study</u>: Mr. Churchwell presented a proposal from The Prime Group LLC to prepare a fully allocated, embedded cost of service study for the Association. After discussion and questions relating to the study, as well as rate analysis and development, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That staff is hereby authorized to contract with The Prime Group LLC to prepare a fully allocated, embedded cost of service study for \$13,500."

<u>Mower</u>: Mr. Norris presented a quote for a Dixie Chopper mower to be used to maintain substations and other Association owned property. After discussion and questions relating to deck width, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That staff is hereby authorized to purchase a Dixie Chopper Xcaliber 4066VGE from S&E Sales & Service, LLC for \$15,469."

<u>Special Equipment Purchases:</u> After review and discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the Special Equipment Summary is hereby approved in the amount of \$52,409.99."

<u>Inventory of Work Orders:</u> After review and discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the Inventory of Work Orders #481 in the amount of \$30,523.91 is hereby approved.

<u>General Manager's Report</u>: Mr. Churchwell reported on the following: the most recent Tri-State Board meeting, Tri-State rate committee meeting, personnel changes, gave an audit update, and discussed net metering installations and regulations.

Staff Reports: Staff made the following reports and answered Board questions:

- a. Mr. Randolph presented a slideshow of the financial report for March 2023 and discussed the annual irrigation facility charge and current economic conditions.
- b. Mr. Norris reported there was one First Report of Injury and no Near Misses in the past month. The first report of injury did not result in any lost work days for the employee. A recap was given of the safety meetings held in Stratton and Hugo.
- c. Mr. Norris discussed maintenance and construction projects completed in the past month including transmission and distribution pole replacements. The contract pole testers have finished testing in our service area for this year.
- d. Mr. Ehlers referenced his reports in the Board packet which summarized activities of Member Services and IT for the past month. Nomination petitions were only turned in by the incumbent directors so there will not be a contested election during the upcoming annual meeting. Work continues on SCADA and ASP implementation.

<u>CREA Report</u>: Mr. Mills referenced his report in the packet and discussed legislative activities and the upcoming CREA board meeting.

<u>WUE Report</u>: Mr. Mills referenced his report in the packet and reported that sales continue to be strong, and WUE inventory levels continue to be elevated.

<u>Tri-State G&T Report</u>: Mr. Bledsoe referenced his report in the packet and discussed Tri-State's upcoming board meeting, and recent annual meeting.

Other Business: Mr. Penny congratulated Mr. Fox on his appointment to Operations Manager and said the board is looking forward to working with him.

Adjournment: Mr. Penny declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:34 p.m.

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President

Secretary-Preasure