Colorado 39 – Kit Carson K.C. Electric Association

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 Hugo, Colorado on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024, 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 PennyDan MillsDave RitcheyTerry TagtmeyerJerry AllenJustin RuebEric PossBob BledsoeWayne Parrish

Also present were General Manager David Churchwell, Operations Manager Darren Fox, Member Service/IT Specialist George Ehlers, Chief Financial Officer Bo Randolph, 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 for the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on June 27, 2024.

<u>Next Meeting Date:</u> Without objection, the date for the next regular meeting of the Board was confirmed for August 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Stratton, Colorado.

<u>Public Comments</u>: There were no public comments at this time.

<u>Disbursements Report</u>: The Disbursements Report of the Association for June 2024 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 #419, Medical Insurance for Employees Qualifying for Long Term Disability Insurance; Policy #420, Apprentice Training Program; and Policy #421, Leave of Absence - Medical. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That Policies #419, and #420, are approved as presented and Policy #421 will be terminated."

<u>CARE Auction Donation</u>: Mr. Churchwell presented information on past CARE auction donations and board discussion ensued. Mr. Bledsoe volunteered to donate a buck pronghorn landowner voucher for 2025. After questions and further discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That staff is hereby authorized to notify CREA that Mr. Bledsoe will donate a 2025 buck pronghorn landowner voucher, and K.C. will donate a gift card to be utilized for lodging and meals to the CARE auction."

<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 \$102,997.41."

<u>General Manager's Report:</u> Mr. Churchwell reported on the following: the most recent Tri-State Board meeting, FERC activity, BYOR opportunities, CREA personnel changes, Cheyenne Wells property sale, and potential new loads in our service territory.

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

- a. Mr. Randolph presented a slideshow of the financial report for June 2024 and discussed inflation and CPI.
- b. Mr. Fox reported there were no First Report of Injury and no Near Misses in the past month. A recap was given for the safety meetings held in Stratton and Hugo. K.C. received an award during the CREA Loss Control Seminar for "No Lost Time Accidents" in 2023.
- c. Mr. Fox discussed maintenance and construction projects completed in June including reject pole replacements and Hugo voltage conversion. Mr. Fox gave the board an update on the Waanibe and Sand Creek substation transformer replacement projects.
- d. Mr. Ehlers referenced his report in the packet which summarized the activities of Member Services and IT for June. A discussion on our scholarship program was conducted.

<u>CREA Report:</u> Mr. Parrish referenced his report in the packet, and discussed CREA personnel changes, legislative activities including HB24-1379, and Colorado state fair livestock auction sponsorship. Mr. Parrish informed the board that CREA will be discussing Associate memberships during the August CREA board meeting.

<u>WUE Report:</u> Mr. Parrish reported that sales continue to be strong and WUE finished their fiscal year on June 30. Even though sales to Colorado members are down, total sales were up 1.5% for the year.

<u>Tri-State G&T Report</u>: Mr. Bledsoe referenced his report in the packet and discussed the upcoming Tri-State board meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. Penny declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

Secretary-Treasurer