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 Stratton, Colorado on Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 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
Terry Tagtmeyer	Jerry Allen	Eric Poss
Bob Bledsoe		

Jim Michal arrived at 4:51 p.m., and Wayne Parrish participated via teleconference.

Also present were General Manager David Churchwell, Operations Manager Paul Norris, 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 July 27, 2021.

<u>Next Meeting Date:</u> Without objection, the date for the next regular meeting of the Board was confirmed for September 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in Hugo, Colorado.

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

<u>Disbursements Report</u>: The Disbursements Report of the Association for July 2021 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

<u>Operational Policies</u>: Up for review were Policy #201, Board of Directors' Standards of Conduct; Policy #204, Board Elections; Policy #436, Workers' Compensation Insurance; Policy #513, Scholarship Programs; and Policy #514, Retirement of Capital Credits of a Deceased Member. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That Policies #201, #436, and #514 are approved as presented, and policies #204, and #513 are approved as amended."

<u>Bylaw Changes</u>: Mr. Churchwell presented recommended bylaw changes to comply with recent Colorado legislative changes. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the recommended bylaw changes are hereby approved as presented."

<u>2020 IRS Form 990</u>: Mr. Churchwell reviewed the 2020 IRS form 990 which was completed by Kelso Lynch, P.C., P.A. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the 2020 IRS form 990 is hereby approved as presented."

<u>KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training</u>: Mr. Churchwell presented information on cybersecurity awareness training provided by KnowBe4. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the management is hereby authorized to subscribe to KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training for K.C. employees, directors, and attorney."

<u>Renew NRECA Insurance Programs for 2022:</u> Mr. Churchwell presented the NRECA insurance renewal rates for 2022. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the proposed NRECA insurance plans are hereby renewed with the same coverage currently in place at the proposed rates provided by NRECA."

<u>Phone System Upgrade</u>: Mr. Churchwell presented a quote from Eastern Slope Technologies for a new Polycom phone system for the Hugo and Stratton offices. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That management is hereby authorized to purchase a PolyCom phone system from Eastern Slope Technologies for the Hugo and Stratton offices for \$8,358"

<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 #464 in the amount of \$82,613.06 is hereby approved."

<u>General Manager's Report</u>: Mr. Churchwell reported on the following: the Tri-State member and annual meeting, CREA managers meeting, possible 2022 legislation, Colorado cooperative messaging campaign, CREA Fall meeting and Energy Innovations Summit, and briefly discussed our 2022 budget process.

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

- a. Mr. Randolph presented a slideshow of the financial report for July 2021 and gave a brief overview of our wind farm rate tariffs.
- b. Mr. Norris reported there were no First Report of Injury and no Near Misses in the past month. A recap was given of the safety meetings held in Stratton and Hugo. K.C. conducted a high voltage demonstration for Black Hills Energy, area first responders, and employees from the city of Burlington..
- c. Mr. Norris discussed maintenance and construction projects completed in July and gave the board an update on the installation of our new SCADA system.
- d. Mr. Ehlers referenced his report in the Board packet which summarized activities of Member Services and IT for July. We have received permission to conduct our 2022 annual meeting at the Kit Carson high school.

<u>CREA Report</u>: Mr. Mills referenced his report in the packet. The CREA board will meet later this week for strategic planning and a board meeting. The CREA fall meeting and energy innovation summit will be in October.

<u>WUE Report</u>: Mr. Mills reported that sales continue to be strong especially along the I-25 corridor.

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

<u>Other Business</u>: Mr. Penny gave an update on the Republican River Water Conservation District and the south fork focus zone.

Adjournment: Mr. Penny declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED: Junn

Secretary-Treasurer