

Y-W ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Y-W Electric Association, Inc. was held at the headquarters of the Association, located at 26862 US Highway 34 in Akron, Colorado, at 1:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024.

ROLL CALL

President Joneal Young called the meeting to order. Directors present in person were:

Joneal Young	Freeman Morris
Roger Schenk	Stuart Travis
Larry Winger	Robert Bledsoe
Aaron Gebauer	Brooke Price
Larry Hill	

Manager Trent Loutensock and Attorney Kelly Zorn Lowery were also present in person. Attorney Lowery recorded the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVED

The agenda was adopted as presented.

GENERATOR REPORT

Operations Manager Hase reported on the storm on May 20, 2024. Hase reported that there was significant damage to both Washington and Yuma County with over 560 meters affected, but power had been restored to all homes as of the time the meeting started.

Operations Manager Hase exited the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Stone, on behalf of the Rivercity Cruisers, addressed the Board regarding donating to their scholarship fund. It was properly moved, seconded and approved to donate \$300.00 to the Rivercity Cruisers' scholarship fund.

Stone exited the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- a. Minutes of the April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- b. New Members.
- c. Policy 2-8 Employee Expense Reimbursement
- d. Policy 2-9 Cooperative-Owned Transportation Equipment
- e. Policy 2-11 Employee Drivers Policy
- f. Capital credit refunds for estates of deceased members

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

### FEDERATED INSURANCE–COVERAGES REVIEW

Federated Agent Paul Estrada addressed the Board regarding its current Federated Insurance claim coverage. Estrada gave the Board a generally positive report regarding Y-W's current insurance coverage. The Board inquired about any actions or additional coverages that may be beneficial and/or advisable to Y-W. Estrada recommended that the Board could look at increasing its cyber liability coverage to deal with increasing cyber security issues.

The Board took no action regarding its current Federated Insurance policy at this time.

Estrada exited the meeting.

President Young recessed the meeting at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Brandee Bullard and General Manager Loutensock presented the financials. They presented the March 2024 Statement of Operations, Loan Rate Comparison as of May 6, 2024, the Financial and Operating Report as of May 6, 2024, the Financial and Statistical Report as of March 31, 2024, March Operating Forecast, Two-Year Expense Report, Five-Year Equity Report, and Consumer Sales and Revenue Report. Bullard presented the April Capitalized Costs Report and the March General Ledger.

Loutensock presented the May 7, 2024, Tri-State Invoice, and graphs of demand, energy, and cost per kWh through April 2024. Loutensock reported on the status of Tri-State's application at FERC for a new wholesale rate. The rate will go back up for a third vote. Loutensock will present more regarding the proposed new rate filing on May 31, 2024 and Y-W's involvement in negotiating the same during his forthcoming manager report.

### APRIL BILLS

The Board reviewed the list of bills paid by the Association in the month of April 2024.

#### WRITE-OFFS

The Board reviewed the list of disconnected accounts for write-off that were disconnected prior to February 19, 2024. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve the write-off accounts.

#### CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATION

The Board reviewed the proposed allocation of 2023 capital credits. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve the 2023 capital credit allocation.

#### COLORADO ENERGY OUTREACH

The Board reviewed the Energy Outreach Colorado Contribution proposal to donate \$1.00 per residential meter. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve the Energy Outreach Colorado Contribution proposal to donate \$1.00 per residential meter.

#### RUS RESOLUTION- EXTENDING AP8 LOAN

The Board reviewed the RUS Resolution that will extend the advance period of the AP8 Loan by one year. It was property moved, seconded and carried to approve RUS Resolution.

Bullard exited the meeting.

#### MANAGER REPORT

Manager Loutensock presented his written report. He presented “thank you” notes and the list of delinquent accounts.

Andy Hase joined the meeting to discuss the Wray Warehouse project status.

Hase exited the meeting

President Young recessed the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

#### FEDERATED INSURANCE–BLACH LITIGATION REPORT

Attorney David Mayhan entered the meeting to update the Board regarding the current Blach litigation. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to go into executive session with Mayhan for attorney-client discussion regarding the Blach litigation with the following present: all directors present at the meeting, Attorney

Mayhan, Trent Loutensock, Cami Mehring, and Attorney Lowery. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to exit executive session.

Attorney Mayhan exited the meeting.

#### MANAGER REPORT--CONTINUED

Loutensock reported that Tri-State will be filing a new proposed rate on May 31, 2024, with the earliest effective date being July 1, 2024 and latest as of August 1, 2024. Loutensock reviewed potential concerns that may negatively impact Y-W if Y-W does not form some type of coalition with similarly situated cooperatives. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried that Manager Loutensock has authority to seek such coalition and negotiate in the best interests of Y-W regarding the forthcoming rate filing.

#### MEMBER SERVICES REPORT & ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATIONS

Member Services Manager Andy Molt entered the meeting.

Molt reported on preparations for the Y-WEA Annual Meeting. Molt proposed purchasing a stage that can be used for all Y-WEA events going forward. The Board reviewed the proposal and determined to table the potential purchase of a stage for after the annual meeting.

Molt exited the meeting.

#### RMUC BOARD RESOLUTION

The Board reviewed the RMUC Board resolution. It was properly moved, seconded and carried to approve the RMUC Board resolution.

#### OPERATIONS REPORT

Operations Manager Andy Hase entered the meeting.

Hase reported that Y-WEA has an opportunity to purchase additional ground near Y-WEA's headquarters (6 acres at \$12,000/acre). Loutensock agreed to further investigate this possibility along with a potential land swap for ground. No further action was taken on this matter.

Hase reported that Y-W has the opportunity to purchase an Altec Model AT41M Material Handler for a total purchase price of \$182,970.00.

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to purchase the material handler as recommended by Hase.

Hase exited the meeting.

GENERATOR REPORT

The Board reviewed the renewable energy generation report.

CFC Annual Meeting Delegate

The CFC Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2024. The Board is not sending a delegate; therefore, no further action was needed for this matter.

WESTERN UNITED REPORT

Bob Bledsoe reported on his attendance at the Western United Electric Board of Directors. He reported that Western United sales in April totaled \$31.2 million, the highest monthly sales total in their history.

CREA

Stuart Travis reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the CREA Board of Directors. He reported on discussions regarding the Colorado legislative session.

TRI-STATE

Roger Schenk reported on his attendance at the Regular Meeting of the Tri-State Board of Directors. Schenk reported on Tri-State’s status in relation to the upcoming FERC rate filing, additional considerations related to United Power’s membership withdrawal, and its first owned solar projects.

MID-WEST ELECTRIC REPORT

Stuart Travis reported that the regular meeting of the Mid-West Electric Board of Directors meeting is next month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT