# Y-W ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS July 20, 2021

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 July 20, 2021.

#### **ROLL CALL**

President Roger Schenk called the meeting to order. Directors present were:

Robert Bledsoe Craig Lambley Freeman Morris Larry Winger

Roger Schenk

Brooke Price

Stuart Travis

Manager Loutensock, Attorney Bryson Fredregill, and Legal Assistant Nathan Batt were also present. Attorney Fredregill recorded the minutes of the meeting. Director Joneal Young was absent from the meeting.

### AGENDA APPROVED

The agenda was presented, and it was properly moved, seconded, and carried that the agenda be approved as presented.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- a. List of persons to be accepted into membership in Y-W Electric Association, Inc.
- b. Policy 3-7 Financing of Members' Equipment and Appliances
- c. Policy 3-8 Annual Meeting
- d. Policy 3-10 Energy Conservation
- e. Capital credit refunds for estates of deceased members

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

# MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2021

Manager Loutensock presented the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the board of directors of Y-W Electric Association, Inc. for June 15, 2021. Manager Loutensock inquired into the direction of the board from said meeting as to Policy 2-1 Employee Relations. The board confirmed that its direction to Manager Loutensock was to investigate the design and implementation of a sick leave cap. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as revised.

# JUNE BILLS

Manager Loutensock presented the list of bills paid by the Association in the month of June 2021.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Brandee Bullard entered the meeting.

Brandee Bullard presented the Investments Report through June, May Statement of Operations, Loan Rate Comparison as of July 8, 2021, and the May Form 7. Margins are currently above budget, but the board discussed how a significantly lower than budgeted Tri-State capital credit retirement could affect the margins. Bullard presented the May Projected Operating Forecast, expense chart through

June, equity report through May, consumer sales & revenue report for May, multivear capitalized costs report, and general ledger.

Loutensock presented the July 15, 2021, Tri-State bill. He presented graphs of demand, energy, and cost per kWh through June 2021.

### REDL&G & SBA-PPP LOAN UPDATE

Manager Loutensock updated the board on outstanding loans from the revolving loan fund.

Brandee Bullard exited the meeting.

#### IT REPORT

Manager Loutensock presented the quarterly IT Report as prepared by IT Manager Steven Marshall.

#### MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

Andy Molt entered the meeting.

Andy Molt presented the quarterly Member Services Report. He provided status updates on the energy usage audit and rebates. He discussed the outstanding items and anticipated completion of the EV charging station. He also provided updates on the scholarship program and member participation in renewable energy programs.

Andy Molt exited the meeting.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Rod Dunker entered the meeting.

Rod Dunker presented the quarterly Operations Report. He reported that there were no lost time accidents during the second quarter of 2021. Dunker also reported on three consumer incidents, new services, outages, training, and lead times for materials procurement. He also reported on the status of the pole yard construction and damages from the Spring storms.

Rod Dunker exited the meeting.

#### MANAGER REPORT

Manager Loutensock presented his written report. He presented the delinquent, thank you notes, and information for the Niyol Wind Farm tour. He reported on Xcel Energy's proposed rate increase. He also presented the CFC Newsletter and reported on Plains Telephone Company's plans to bring telephone service and fiber to the home to Akron and Yuma.

#### WRAY WIND REPORT

Manager Loutensock presented and the board reviewed the Wray Wind Report.

# FEDERATED NOTICE OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Manager Loutensock presented the Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange Notice of Nomination and Election.

#### CARE AUCTION

Manager Loutensock presented a request for donation to the Annual CARE Auction. Y-WEA has traditionally partnered with Highline Electric Association in its donation to the auction. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to authorize the Manager to partner with Highline for a donation to the CARE Auction in the same amount as recent donations.

#### IAN MCBETH FOUNDATION

Manager Loutensock presented a request for sponsorship from the Ian McBeth Foundation. The board took no action.

#### WESTERN UNITED

Director Bob Bledsoe provided an update on the business of Western United Electric Supply. Western United has over \$164 million in sales year-to-date, which is a 13% increase over last year.

### **CREA**

Stuart Travis reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the CREA board of directors. He reported on House Bill 21-1131 and other legislation being tracked by CREA. He reported that CREA received an unqualified audit from Kevin Kelso.

#### TRI-STATE

Roger Schenk reported on his attendance at the regular meeting of the Tri-State Board of Directors. He reported on the upcoming Annual Meeting and election of a new board chair. He reported on the proposed bylaw amendment, which would cap non-utility membership in Tri-State at 10. Schenk recommended support of the amendment. He reported on Tri-State's financials, including year-to-date losses. Tri-State has not elected to use any additional deferred revenue. Schenk reported that FERC rejected Tri-State's proposed contract termination payment methodology.

### MID-WEST ELECTRIC CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

Stuart Travis reported that there was no regular meeting of the board of directors of the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The Directors discussed attendance at upcoming meetings.

### TEMPORARY LOAN OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE AGREEMENT

Manager Loutensock presented a Temporary Loan of Electric Vehicle Agreement between Y-WEA and Tri-State for ratification. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to ratify the agreement.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to go into executive session for confidential discussions regarding personnel matters: All Directors present at the meeting, Manager Loutensock, Attorney Bryson Fredregill, and Legal Assistant Nathan Batt. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to exit executive session.

It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to raise the bookkeeper base rate of pay from \$38.83 to \$40.38.

# **OLD THRESHERS DONATION REQUEST**

The board reviewed a donation request from Old Threshers Group of Yuma. It was properly moved, seconded, and carried to donate \$2,000.00 to the Old Threshers Group of Yuma.

# **DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT**

The board discussed the process for filling the director vacancy for District 5. The board also discussed director qualifications under the Association Bylaws.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT