MINUTES OF THE 2018
DELTA-MONTROSE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

Call to Order. The Eightieth Annual Meeting of Members of Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) was called to order by Board Chairman Bill Patterson at the Montrose Pavilion in Montrose, Colorado, at 6:05 p.m. on June 14, 2018. Mr. Patterson declared that polls for the election of directors were closed at 6:00 p.m., that counting of the ballots cast by mail and in person had begun, and that results would be announced later.

Opening Ceremonies. DMEA Energy Services Specialist, Rod Geiger, presented the invocation. The City of Montrose Police Department then presented the Posting of Colors, followed by a performance of the National Anthem by McKinley Nichols. President Patterson then led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum Report. DMEA Board Secretary/Treasurer Brad Harding then presented the quorum report, announcing the presence of at least 50 members in person, constituting a quorum to elect directors and to conduct a business meeting. Mr. Harding also read the official notice of the annual meeting and found it to be in order, noting its prior publication in the Montrose Daily Press, High Country Shopper, and the Delta County Independent.
Introduction of Current Board Members. Board President Patterson, representative for District 1, then introduced his fellow Board Members:

- Kyle Martinez, District 2
- Brad Harding, District 3
- Ken Watson, District 4
- Marshall Collins, District 5 (not present)
- Damon Lockhart, District 6
- Mark Eckhart, District 7
- Tony Prendergast, South Region
- John Gavan, North Region

Recognition of Marshall Collins. Although Director Collins was not in attendance at the annual meeting, President Patterson recognized his retirement from the DMEA Board of Directors after over 20 cumulative years of service. Mr. Patterson thanked Mr. Collins for his dedication to DMEA and its membership.

Introduction of Candidates. Board President Patterson then introduced the 2018 candidates for the DMEA Board:

- District 1: Edward Ulibarri and Bill Patterson
- District 2: Kyle Martinez, unopposed
- District 5: Leslie Christian ("Chris") Hauck, unopposed

Patterson noted that election results would be announced later in the meeting.

Annual Meeting Theme and Introduction of Keynote Speaker. Mr. Patterson introduced the theme of this year's annual meeting, Generation Next, noting that DMEA is always looking to the future and to positioning the cooperative to meet the ever-changing needs of the communities in which it serves, adapting as the industry changes. He then introduced this year's annual meeting speaker, Phil Rutkowski.
**Keynote Presentation.** Phil Rutkowski of the Finnish power sources company, Wärtsilä, then gave a keynote presentation on key utility trends and the future of the electric industry.

**President's Report.** Board President Patterson delivered his report on the state of DMEA, highlighting the cooperative's impact—as well as that of its subsidiary, Elevate—on sustainability and connectivity within the communities DMEA and Elevate serve. Patterson noted the Board’s commitment to continuing to serve the membership and finding new and innovative ways to continue to improve the lives of citizens throughout DMEA's service area.

**CEO Report.** Jasen Bronec then delivered his CEO report, reflecting on his tenure as CEO over the past four years and highlighting key focus areas in the future. Those areas include continued employee development so as to better serve the membership, expanding high speed internet access through Elevate Fiber, and working to further ensure rate sustainability. Mr. Bronec noted that the DMEA Board had decided to propose Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to the membership. These new Articles refresh and streamline the existing articles (which were originally adopted 80 years ago), allow DMEA to take advantage of options available to cooperatives by electing to have a newer Colorado cooperative law apply to DMEA, and would give DMEA more financial flexibility. This amendment will require membership approval in an October vote, and DMEA will be providing information about this election in the coming months. Bronec concluded his presentation by highlighting employee
commitment to the membership, noting the various community volunteer activities staff has completed the last year.

**Election Report/Results.** DMEA General Counsel, Jeffrey Hurd, then announced the annual meeting's election results. Director Kyle Martinez was re-elected to District 2 and Leslie Christian (“Chris”) Hauck was elected to District 5, both in uncontested elections. Hurd then turned to the results of the contested election in District 1, announcing that incumbent director, Bill Patterson, won the District 1 contested seat with 71.3% of the votes of the 4,223 ballots cast.

**Member Comments and Questions.** Mr. Patterson then announced that the business meeting was open to member comments and questions. The Board and DMEA senior staff then answered questions about various topics, including fiber deployment, concerns with wind turbines, and relations with Tri-State.

**Confirmation of No Unfinished Business.** Mr. Patterson confirmed there was no unfinished business to be addressed at the annual meeting.

**Door Prizes.** Door prizes were provided to the membership courtesy of DMEA, DMEA/Elevate associated vendors, and local businesses within the service territory.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.