MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DELTA-MONTROSE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 22, 2026

Regular Board Session. On September 22, 2026, the Board of Directors of Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) met for a Regular Meeting at the cooperative's headquarters located at 11925 6300 Rd., Montrose, CO 81401.

During its regular meeting, the DMEA Board:	
1.	Approved the August 2026 membership/meter report and adopted the August 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.
2.	Addressed Board Committees & received committee reports.
3.	Received a CEO report.
4.	Received representative reports from WUES and the CREA, as well as from Directors who attended other training courses, meetings, and conferences.
5.	Approved updates to the Electric Service Rules & Regulations as edited.
6.	Approved a capital budget amendment.
7.	Reviewed future meeting dates.
8.	Listened to member comments & reviewed Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund donation requests.
9.	Entered Executive Session to review Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund donation requests, receive a privileged CEO report, including a review of the proposed rate change timeline & communication plan, and the DMEA/Elevate tax returns, a confidential corporate, litigation, and

	regulatory matters update, including a discussion on legal advice on meetings & materials, and a discussion on confidential Board governance matters.
10.	Approved a donation of $15,000 from the Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund to the Montrose Community Foundation for the purpose outlined in its application.
11.	Denied the Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund donation request as presented by Grand Mesa Pickleball, instead approving a letter of commitment for an in-kind donation of DMEA work to aid in lighting improvements up to $20,000, for the purpose outlined in its application, pending reapplication for funding with the letter of commitment by December 31st, 2028.
12.	Denied a donation from the Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund to Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance

Regular Board Session

I. Call Meeting to Order. Vice-President Williams called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

- **Directors present:** Stacia Cannon (President) (via Team's) (in at 5:46 p.m., left at 6:37 p.m. during XI-Executive Session), Kevin Williams (Vice-President), Jacob Gray (Secretary/Treasurer) (in at 3:08 p.m. during VI-General Business, 3-CEO Report), Steve Metheny (Assistant Secretary/Treasurer) (via Team's), Ken Norris, Damon Lockhart, Emily Sanchez, Ryan Sedgeley, Enno Heuscher
- **Directors absent:** None
- **DMEA staff present:** Jack Johnston (Chief Executive Officer), Mateusz Pena (Chief Technical Officer), Sarah Abbott (Chief Administrative Officer & General Counsel) (via Team's), Cody Carver (Chief Operations Officer), Jay Suckey (Chief Service Officer), Amy

Gavell (Chief of Staff), Katie Yergensen (Chief Communications Officer), Bob Farmer (Chief Financial Officer), Jessica Forrest (Finance & Accounting Director), Scott Breithaupt (Safety Director)
**All staff sans Johnston, Gavell, Carver, Pena, Farmer, Abbott, Yergensen, and Suckey left prior to XI-Executive Session.*

- **Others present:** Gail Marvel (reporter from the Montrose Mirror) (left prior to XI-Executive Session), Dr. M Reynolds, Elaine Johnson, & Kristin Des Marais (via Team's) (representatives on behalf of Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance (in during IX-Member Comments, left prior to XI-Executive Session), Diane Bridges (via Team's) (representative of the Montrose Community Foundation) (in at 3:58 p.m. during VI-General Business, 4-Affiliated Organizations & Education Reports, c-Conferences, Webinars & Meetings, left prior to XI-Executive Session), Karen Grant, Justin Hoffbauer, Carolyn Payne, Hayley Benson, & Kayla Jubert (representative from Grand Mesa Pickleball) (left prior to XI-Executive Session)

II. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Board of Directors, staff, and guests present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **Determination of a Quorum.** Vice-President Williams confirmed the presence of a quorum to conduct business.

IV. **Approval of the Agenda**. Upon motion from Director Norris, seconded by Director Sanchez, the Board unanimously accepted the agenda posted on September 11, 2026.

V. **Introductions.** Board Directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

VI. General Business

1. **Consent Items.** Upon motion from Director Sedgeley, seconded by Director Lockhart, the Board approved the August 2026 membership/meter report and adopted the August 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented

2. **Committee Chair Reports.**

   a. **Finance, Audit & Rates.** It was reported that the committee had not met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The committee will meet on September 30th to review the Cost-of-Service Study.

   b. **Energy Services.** It was reported that the committee had not met since the last Regular Board Meeting.

   c. **Member Relations Committee.** It was reported that the committee had not met since the last Regular Board Meeting.

   d. **Executive Committee.** It was reported that the committee had not met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The committee will meet in November to review rates.

3. **CEO Report.** CEO Johnston presented the CEO report. Reliability was reviewed, and it was noted that there were no Major Event Days (MEDs) for the month. Current Transformer testing is 90% complete, and updates are being completed on DMEA's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. There was discussion of the hydro facilities, including production, as water flows decrease this season. It was noted that DMEA is no longer in fire mitigation mode and has returned to normal recloser

operations. DMEA participated in a utility coordination meeting with the City of Montrose, Black Hills Energy, and others. Physical and cyber safety training was reviewed.

A grant for the subsidiary's middle-mile was reviewed. Friday Night Lights and other community outreach events were highlighted. An update was provided on Operation Round-Up. Director Heuscher will serve as the CFC voting delegate at the NRECA Regional Meeting. It was noted that the panel upgrade rebate program will be formalized by Q2 2027. Operating margins and key financial measures were reviewed.

4. Affiliated Organizations & Education Reports

a. Western United Electric Supply (WUES) Report. CEO Johnston reported there was a Board Meeting on August 27th. Johnston was awarded the Vice-President officer position. The audit was reviewed at this meeting, with it noted that WUES performed well. Patronage monies from the fiscal year 2019 will be retired to the membership. WUES just welcomed its 100th member.

b. Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA) Report. Director Lockhart noted there was a Board Meeting on August 27th & 28th**.** There was discussion of the 2026 audit and the rotation of the audit partner with Kelso Lynch, P.C., P.A. Legislative matters were also addressed. The Energy Innovations Summit is coming up at the end of October/beginning of November**.**

c. Conference, Webinars, & Meetings. Director Gray attended a CFC quarterly economic financial forecast webinar. President Cannon and Director Williams will be attending a CoBank economic update and

interest rate outlook webinar on Thursday. Director Sedgeley will be attending a renewable energy conference in November.

5. Other Action Items

a. **Electric Service Rules & Regulations.** Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel Abbott presented the proposed updates to the Electric Service Rules & Regulations. Upon discussion, the Board proposed some edits. Upon motion from Director Metheny, seconded by Director Sedgeley, the Board unanimously approved the updates to the Electric Services Rules & Regulations as edited.

b. **Capital Budget Amendment.** Upon motion from Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Gray, the Board unanimously approved the capital budget amendment as presented.

VII. Future Meetings. The Board reviewed future meeting dates.

VIII. Recess/Form Reconciliation. The Board took a brief recess at 4:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 4:50 p.m.

IX. Member Comments. The Board reviewed Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund requests from the Montrose Community Foundation, Grand Mesa Pickleball, and the Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance. Chief of Staff Gavell and CEO Johnston recused themselves during the Montrose Community Foundation presentation.

X. Dinner. The Board had a working dinner during Executive Session.

XI. Executive Session. At 5:48 p.m., upon motion from Director Lockhart, seconded by Director Norris, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session to review Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund donation requests, receive a privileged CEO report, including a review of the proposed rate change timeline & communication plan and the DMEA/Elevate tax returns, a confidential corporate, litigation, and regulatory matters update including a discussion on legal advice on meetings & materials, and a discussion on confidential Board governance matters. Discussion on legislative matters was deferred to a future meeting. Gavell recused herself during the discussion on the Montrose Community Foundation request. At 7:40 p.m., upon motion from Director Gray, seconded by Director Lockhart, the Board unanimously exited Executive Session.

XII. Reconvened Regular Meeting.

1. **Capital Credit Community Fund Donation Requests.**

   a. **Montrose Community Foundation.** Upon motion from Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Sedgeley, the Board unanimously approved a Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund donation to the Montrose Community Foundation for $15,000 for the purpose outlined in its application.

   b. **Grand Mesa Pickleball.** Upon motion from Director Lockhart, seconded by Director Heuscher, the Board unanimously denied the Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund donation request as presented by Grand Mesa Pickleball, instead approving a letter of commitment for an in-kind donation of DMEA work to aid in lighting improvements up to $20,000, for the purpose outlined

in its application, pending reapplication for funding with the letter of commitment by December 31st, 2028.

c. **Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance.** Upon motion from Director Sanchez, seconded by Director Heuscher, the Board unanimously denied the Capital Credit Community (CCC) fund donation request as presented by Bergen Spay & Neuter Alliance.

2. **Other Executive Session Items.** There were no additional Executive Session items to address.

XIII. Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, upon motion from Director Lockhart, seconded by Director Sedgeley, the Board unanimously adjourned its Regular Meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Jacob Gray, Secretary/Treasurer