

# Draft Minutes • 69th Annual Members Meeting • Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. • April 26, 2014

**Index:** The 69th Annual Members Meeting of The Members of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at the Finley Gymnasium in Socorro, New Mexico.

**Registration:** Member registration was held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Welcome:** Joseph Herrera, General Manager, began the Program by welcoming everyone to the Meeting.

**Closed Registration:** Manager Herrera announced that member registration was now closed.

**Presentation of the Colors:** The Presentation of the Colors was done by the Joe C. Montoya Chapter, Disabled American Veterans.

**National Anthem:** The National Anthem was sung by Ms. Catherine Barela.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Manager Herrera led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:** The Invocation was done by Florencio Saavedra, Retired SEC Employee.

**Introduction of Board of Trustees:** Manager Herrera introduced the Board of Trustees. (Trustee Cordova did not attend the meeting.)

**Introduction of Employees:** Manager Herrera also introduced the SEC employees who worked during the meeting.

**Introduction of Guests:** Manager Herrera introduced the following guests: Joel Bladow, V.P. of Operations & Engineering, Tri-State G&T; Jon Beyer, Marketing Coordinator, Tri-State G&T; Robert Adams, Grassroots Coordinator, NMRECA; (Keven Groenewold, Executive V.P./General Manager of the NMRECA, arrived after the Introduction of Guests).

**Grassroots Coordinator Address:** Mr. Adams addressed the membership by stating the goal of the NMRECA is to do their best to keep electricity reliable and affordable for all cooperative members. Mr. Adams explained that new regulations were being passed down by the EPA on coal burning power plants and explained why there is still a need for them. Mr. Adams added that New Mexico is leading the way in the generation of solar power. With new rules coming down in June that will affect all power producers, Mr. Adams asked cooperative members to fill out a card from the Cooperative Action Network which would be sent to the EPA, whether the member was for or against proposed EPA regulations. Mr. Adams stated that 4,300 cards had been sent in from New Mexico, thus far, and urged everyone to send in a card.

**Manager's Address:** Manager Herrera addressed the membership by stating that he was more dedicated than ever to the foundation of SEC's existence by being a strong cooperative, facing new challenges, which are often driven by regulatory pressures.

Manager Herrera proudly announced that for the second consecutive year the SEC had no lost time accidents and that the SEC will continue to strive to improve.

Manager Herrera stated that during his tenure as general manager that the SEC continues to meet mortgage loan requirements and has not had to increase rates to the members. Manager Herrera also stated that SEC line crews construct and maintain on SEC's line rather than using outside contractors which was standard practice.

Manager Herrera explained the new billing process for line extension contracts and how members previously were not being billed for kWh used during the life of the contract but were only being billed for the cost of the line extension.

Manager Herrera also explained the delinquent bill collection process and that he is strictly following policy created before he became the general manager.

Manager Herrera reported that the SEC wrote-off \$150,000 in uncollectible energy accounts for 2012 but every effort will be made to collect on those accounts.

Manager Herrera stated that in 2013 outages were reduced by 23% system wide due to active patrolling of SEC's lines and trees being trimmed along our right-of-ways. Manager Herrera also stated that all available resources were being used to reduce the duration of outages such as computers being installed in the service trucks giving access of information to crews in the field. SEC's facilities in the entire service area have been completely inventoried which will be helpful with outage restoration.

Manager Herrera reported that the 2013 Audit Report has been completed which was reported to be the best audit ever according to the auditing firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss.

Manager Herrera stated that the SEC is headed in the right direction but there is still a lot of work to do.

**Call to Order:** Manager Herrera called the meeting to order.

**Report on the Existence of a Quorum:** Ray Garcia, from Automated Election Services, reported that 146 members registered for the meeting. Manager Herrera announced that 285 registered members were required for a quorum out of 9,490 total members.

**Adjournment:** There being no quorum present in order to conduct business, President Dorough called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to adjourn the meeting. President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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## Employees of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.

### Management

Joseph M. Herrera, General Manager ..... 4 years  
David Montoya, Line Superintendent ..... 31 years  
Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor ..... 19 years  
Eileen Latasa, Human Resource Manager/Exec. Assistant ... 17 years

### Member Services

Sophie Chavez, Member Services Clerk/Cashier ..... 33 Years  
Amelia Gallegos, Member Services Clerk/Billing Clerk ..... 6 Years  
Adriana Arellano, Member Services Clerk/Collections ..... 2 Years  
Mary Aragon, Member Services Clerk/Cashier ..... 1 Year  
Bill Harris, Member Services Clerk ..... 11 Months  
Bobbi Garcia, Member Services Clerk ..... 10 Months  
Diana Ross, Member Services Clerk ..... 10 Months

### Accounting Services

Andy Garcia, Warehouse Material Handler ..... 10 Years  
Rauni Montoya, Accounting/AP Clerk ..... 11 Years  
Carol Dotson, Purchasing Agent ..... 2 Years

### Engineering Department

Donna Wilkins, Payroll/UPN Administrator ..... 8 Years  
Caleb Ramer, Staking Technician ..... 2 Years

### Meter Department

Candy Chavez, Meter Technician/Collections ..... 45 Years  
Roger Ulibarri, Meter Technician ..... 35 Years  
Raymond Apachito, Meter Technician ..... 15 Years  
Orlando Armijo, Meter Technician ..... 1 Year  
Ray Aragon, Jr., Meter Technician ..... 1 Year

### Line Department

Tony Lopez, Line Foreman ..... 20 Years  
Ricky Williams, West Area Foreman ..... 20 Years  
James Chavez, Journeyman Lineman ..... 18 Years  
Ryan Montoya, Journeyman Lineman ..... 16 Years  
Jason Otero, Journeyman Lineman ..... 14 Years  
Henry Rosas, Journeyman Lineman ..... 14 Years  
Ernest Torres, Journeyman Lineman ..... 9 Years

### Line Department (continued)

James Lizer, Journeyman Lineman ..... 6 Years  
Jeremiah Apachito, Journeyman Lineman ..... 5 Years  
Jacob Ortiz, Journeyman Lineman ..... 4 Years  
Emilio Orona, Apprentice Lineman ..... 2 Years  
Joshua Turrietta, Apprentice Lineman ..... 1 Year  
Alejandro Ortiz, Apprentice Lineman ..... 11 Months  
Austin Baca, Apprentice Lineman ..... 4 Months  
Jonathan Houston, Utility/Maintenance ..... 2 Years



*Thank You for Attending Your  
70th Annual Members Meeting!*

Your "Official Notice" of Socorro Electric Cooperative's  
**2015 Annual Members Meeting**

**Registration**  
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



**SATURDAY • MAY 16, 2015**  
**MACEY CENTER**  
 801 Leroy Place • Socorro



**Business Session**  
 3:00 p.m.

*Co-op Board of Trustees*



**Anne L. Dorough**  
 President  
 District V



**David P. Wade**  
 Vice President  
 District IV



**Leo C. Cordova**  
 Secretary-Treasurer  
 District I



**Melissa Amaro**  
 Trustee  
 District III



**Charles Wagner**  
 Trustee  
 District II

**Co-op Attorney**



**Bruce Wiggins**  
 Attorney

**General Manager**



**Joseph M. Herrera**  
 General Manager

**Co-op Attorney**



**Lorna Wiggins**  
 Attorney

**70th Annual Members Meeting • Saturday, May 16, 2015**

*~ Program ~*

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Welcome                | 7. Introduction of Board of Trustees |
| 2. Close Registration     | 8. Introduction of Employees         |
| 3. Presentation of Colors | 9. Introduction of Guests            |
| 4. National Anthem        | 10. General Manager's Address        |
| 5. Pledge of Allegiance   |                                      |
| 6. Invocation             |                                      |

*~ Order of Business ~*

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| 1. Registration<br>A. Call Meeting to Order  | 4. Reading of the Unapproved Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Members and the Taking of Necessary Action Thereon |
| 2. Report on the Number of Members Registered in Person in Order to Determine the Existence of a Quorum  | 5. Presentation and Consideration of the Reports of Officers, Trustees, and Committees                              |
| 3. Reading of the Notice of the Meeting and Proof of the Publication or Mailing Thereof, or the Waiver of Notice of the Meeting as the Case May Be | 6. Reports of District Meetings   |
|  | 7. Unfinished Business  |
|  | 8. New Business<br>A. Resolutions   |
|  | 9. Adjournment  |

**2014 Audit Report • December 31, 2014 • Unaudited**

**BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)**

**ASSETS**

General Operating Funds.....	\$1,007,483
Cash Restricted for Scholarship Fund.....	222,656
Other Investments.....	8,550,782
Accounts & Notes Receivable.....	1,792,071
Inventory.....	589,767
Total Cost of the Electric System.....	79,083,706
Less: Depreciation.....	(26,911,843)
Net Value of the Electric System.....	52,171,863
Other Assets.....	6,206,362
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$70,540,984</b>

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities..	\$3,686,371
RUS Long-Term Debt.....	19,953,122
FFB Long-Term Debt.....	16,429,586
COBANK Long-Term Debt.....	7,545,015
Equity.....	22,926,893
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity.....</b>	<b>\$70,540,984</b>

**INCOME STATEMENT (Unaudited)**

**INCOME**

Electric Service Revenue.....	\$23,792,996
Other Income.....	1,341,504
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$25,134,500</b>

**EXPENSES**

Cost of Purchased Power.....	\$13,414,062
Operating & Maintenance Expense.....	4,911,792
Electric System Depreciation.....	2,284,392
Taxes.....	144,179
Interest for Long-Term Debt.....	2,266,831
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$23,021,256</b>
<b>Net Income.....</b>	<b>\$2,113,244</b>

**Socorro Electric Cooperative's Financial Statements are audited annually by Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP.**