

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

JULY 23, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 in Socorro, New Mexico.	INDEX
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., by Anne L. Dorough, President.	CALL TO ORDER
Secretary Cordova called roll and reported those present and attending as follows:	ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne L. Dorough, President Representative, District V David Wade, Vice-President Representative, District IV Leo C. Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer Representative, District I Melissa Amaro, Trustee Representative, District III	
MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Wagner, Trustee Representative, District II	
ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Herrera, General Manager Eileen Latasa, HR Manager/Executive Assistant Bruce Wiggins, Attorney Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor David Montoya, Line Superintendent Bryce Wilson, Consultant-Accounting Services	
SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Dorough, Cyndi Mae Wade, David L. Wade, John Larson, James Cherry, Barbara DuBois, Audrey Clifford, Marie Watkins, Dave Bockenstette, Doug May, Santos Aragon, Charlene West, David L. Wade	
Secretary Cordova declared a Quorum of Trustees present.	QUORUM
President Dorough led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
After review of the Agenda, there being no additions/deletions to the Agenda, President Dorough accepted the Agenda as distributed.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
After review of the Draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2014, President Dorough approved the Minutes as corrected.	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
Ms. Audrey Clifford asked the Board, due to Trustee Wagner being the hospital, to remove Item #2 under New Business.	PUBLIC INPUT
Mr. Doug May suggested that a public meeting be held in September where members can voice concerns and seek clarification on issues. Mr. May also suggested that capital credits should be given to members when someone closes their account.	
Mr. Dave Bockenstette, expressed his dissatisfaction and disagreement with President Dorough's letter published in the Chieftain.	
Ms. Marie Watkins also expressed her disagreement with a portion of President Dorough's letter.	
Mr. Santos Aragon expressed his concern with the administration of the scholarship program and selection of scholarship recipients.	
Manager Herrera presented Mr. Richard Tafoya, SEC Lineman, with a Community Service Award for Outstanding Service and Courage for rendering aid to a small child that was being attacked by a dog.	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Bryce Wilson gave a lengthy and thorough presentation of his audit findings from March, 2007 to the present. Mr. Wilson also provided an explanation of the General, Consumer and Capital Credit Systems that the SEC utilizes for the RUS Form 7 monthly financial reports. (Copy of Report attached to the minutes)	CONSULTANT ACCOUNTANT PRESENTATION
Mr. Wilson answered all questions from the Board.	
Manager Herrera explained that costs for audit services from 2011 to the present have decreased significantly since Mr. Wilson was contracted to provide accounting services.	
Manager Herrera reported that expenditures for June, 2014 totaled \$773,880.52.	EXPENDITURE REPORT
There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the Expenditure Report for June, 2014 as presented.	
After review of the Credit Card Expenditures and there being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the Credit Card Report for June, 2014 as presented.	CREDIT CARD REPORT
Manager Herrera reviewed the RUS Form 7 for June, 2014 with the Board. There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the RUS Form 7 Report for June, 2014 as presented.	RUS FORM 7
Manager Herrera reviewed the NMRECA Report for July, 2014 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">EPA Clean Power Plan and extension of the comment periodRight-of-Way Regulations on Tribal Land and continued discussion with the Bureau of Indian AffairsWayne Connell from Central N.M.E.C. is running for the Federated Board of DirectorsThe NMRECA general manager and attorney will provide assistance and support with matters concerning the City of Socorro.NMRECA BBQ scheduled for August 28, 2014.The SEC being awarded 3rd place for Safety in 2013	NMRECA REPORT
President Dorough accepted the NMRECA Report as presented.	
Manager Herrera reported that the Wiggins Law Firm was assisting with filing of the FPPC Report to the N.M.P.R.C. which had not been filed since 2009. As a result, Manager Herrera reported that a \$10,000 penalty would be assessed but had since been reduced to \$5,000 but with the explanation provided, the penalty was finally reduced to a warning and that reports had to be filed monthly.	OTHER
Manager Herrera informed the Board that Trustee Wagner submitted a Request for Records for the 2010, 2012 and 2013 Annual Meeting Registration Lists and the 2012 & 2013 District Meeting Registration Lists.	
Manager Herrera also stated that the City of Socorro had a Request for Records that totaled 1,490.	
Manager Herrera updated the Board on continuation of discussion between Tri-State G&T and twelve (12) of the N.M. Coops, the latest being without a mediator. Discussion centered around possible implementation of a new rate for the N.M. Coops which are paying a different rate than the other thirty-two (32) coops that comprise Tri-State G&T.	TRI-STATE REPORT
Mr. Montoya stated that accounting procedures for work orders and time posting Implemented by Bryce Wilson has made his job much easier.	MAINTENANCE/ CONSTRUCTION REPORT
Mr. Montoya added that the upgrade of the Bernardo Substation was nearing completion the August 11, 2014 target date.	
Mr. Montoya report that patrolling of lines was an ongoing effort and that the result was a reduction in the number of outages due to the amount of maintenance that is being done on the lines.	
Mr. Montoya reported that there was a large outage in Magdalena, the result of a burned transformer. One other outage reported by Mr. Montoya which affected parts of the City of Socorro was weather related.	
Mr. Montoya reported that an employee cut his finger while working on a chainsaw but did not affect loss time from work.	SAFETY REPORT

Mr. Montoya informed the Board that a walk-thru inspection for RESAP was going to be conducted in the next couple of days which would aide in addressing items that need to be corrected before the unannounced formal inspection in the coming months.

Ms. Madrid reviewed the Energy Delinquent Report for June, 2014.

DELINQUENT
REPORTS

Ms. Madrid also reviewed the Section V and XII Delinquent Report for June, 2014.

There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted both reports as presented.

Ms. Madrid reported that there were no consumer complaints filed with the N.M.P.R.C. for June, 2014

CONSUMER
CONCERNS

Ms. Madrid informed the Board that she received a donation request for the Catron County Fair Livestock Sale. After discussion on the livestock sales for the county fairs, the item will be placed on the agenda for the August Board Meeting.

Ms. Madrid also gave an update of the Member Services Department.

Secretary Cordova reported on the Member Application/Cancellation Report for June, 2014 as follows:

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

- New Connects 18
- Reconnects 85
- Disconnects 126

President Dorough accepted the Member Application/Cancellation Report for June, 2014 as presented.

Attorney Wiggins recommended the Retirement of Patronage Capital to the following Estates:

CAPITAL CREDIT
ESTATE
RETIREMENTS

- Dolores V. Blomquist \$ 819.67
- Manuelita Sedillo \$1,297.59
- Emily Gallegos \$ 779.10
- Mae Willden \$ 601.90
- Ann Sullivan \$ 854.96
- Carl Scott \$1,332.00

A motion was then made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Amaro to Approve the Retirement of Patronage Capital to the above-mentioned Estates. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough noted that the next item on the Agenda was Censure of Trustee. President Dorough stated that the censure could be postponed if that was the wishes of the Board.

CENSURE OF
TRUSTEE

Trustee Amaro then made a motion to postpone action on the Censure of Trustee. The motion died for lack of a second.

President Dorough proceeded to read the censure letter and then entertained a motion to censure Trustee Wagner. (Copy of letter attached to the minutes.)

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to proceed with the censure of Trustee Wagner.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the confidentiality of an e-mail which was sent to Mayor Bhasker by Trustee Wagner. Compliance with the Open Meetings Act regarding a quorum when e-mails are distributed among the Trustees was also discussed which does not constitute a violation of the OMA unless action is taken, according to Attorney Wiggins.

Manger Herrera stated that all SEC and Board e-mails contain a Confidentiality Disclaimer.

Trustee Amaro stated that her e-mail in question, from President Dorough did not contain the disclaimer.

Attorney Wiggins stated that there is an expectation of privacy which each trustee should be aware of.

President Dorough then called for the vote on Trustee Cordova’s motion to censure Trustee Wagner. Trustees Cordova and Wade voted in favor of the motion. Trustee Amaro was opposed. Motion carried.

President Dorough informed the Board that the Macey Center was not available for either of the dates selected for the District II Meeting and that Trustee Wagner wanted to set the date of November 15, 2014 for the District II Meeting. President Dorough stated that November 15, 2014 was also the date for the District III Meeting at the Finley Gym. President Dorough also stated that the Fine Arts Center at the Magdalena Schools was available for October 11, 2014.

RECONSIDERATION
OF DISTRICT II
MEETING DATE
& LOCATION

President Dorough entertained a motion to set the original date of October 11, 2014 at the Fine Arts Center in Magdalena for the District II Meeting.

A motion was then made by Trustee Wade and seconded by Trustee Amaro to set the date of October 11, 2014 at the Fine Arts Center in Magdalena for the District II Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Wade asked if a luncheon would be held during any of the district meetings and President Dorough responded that luncheons would not be held during any of the district meetings.

After discussion on who was planning on attending the NRECA Region X Meeting, A motion was made by Trustee Wade and seconded by Trustee Cordova that Trustee Amaro be elected as the Voting Delegate to the NRECA Region X Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF
VOTING DELEGATE
& ALTERNATE
NRECA REGION X
MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to elect Manager Herrera as the Voting Alternate to the NRECA Region X Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade calling for an Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

President Dorough called for an Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel as per Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) of the OMA.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 3:45 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 4:00 p.m.

President Dorough reported that no action was taken on the items open for discussion during Executive Session.

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to set the date and time for the next Regular Meeting for Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

SET DATE &
TIME FOR
NEXT REGULAR
MEETING

There being no further items open for discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried Unanimously.

President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Leo Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Anne L. Dorough, President

I, Leo Cordova,, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter called the “Cooperative” and the above is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 23, 2014. A Quorum of Trustees was present and acted upon throughout the meeting and none of the Minutes of the above have been rescinded or modified.

Leo Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer

