

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

OCTOBER 29, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Wednesday, October 29, 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 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	
SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Dorough, James Cherry, David L. Wade, Charlene Wagner, Michael Olguin Jr.	
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, a motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion carried with Trustee Wagner opposed.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
After review of the Draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 24, 2014, President Dorough approved the Minutes as written.	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
There were no items addressed by members present under Public Input.	PUBLIC INPUT
Manager Herrera reported that Expenditures for the Month of September totaled \$2,389,399.88, of which \$1.7 million was for the Patronage Capital Retirement for Years 1984-1988.	EXPENDITURE REPORT
Trustee Wagner requested information for Check #49751 to Cordova Public Relations and Check #49810 to Bryce Wilson.	
After the explanation for both expenditures by Manager Herrera, a discussion ensued after which the Expenditure Report for September, 2014, was accepted by President Dorough.	
There were no questions by the Board on the Credit Card Expenditures.	CREDIT CARD EXPENDITURES
Manager Herrera reviewed the RUS Form 7 Report for September, 2014 with the Board.	RUS FORM 7 REPORT
There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the RUS Form 7 Report as presented.	
Manager Herrera reviewed the NMRECA Report with the Board and informed the Board that an increase of \$50,000 for dues for 2015 would be distributed among the New Mexico Cooperatives.	NMRECA REPORT
Manager Herrera also reviewed the Tri-State Report with the Board. Manager Herrera reported that Tri-State would be refinancing \$2.3 billion of debt.	TRI-STATE REPORT

Manager Herrera stated that Tri-State allocates \$1,000 to each director to be used for donations as requested by each cooperative.

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Amaro for each Trustee to choose a charity of choice for the donation of \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera also reported that Tri-State was in the process of detaching themselves of any liability as a result of the Los Conchas Fire.

President Dorough accepted the Tri-State Report as presented.

Manager Herrera informed the Board that the SEC is currently working with Kinder Morgan on a new load of 5-6 Megawatts for two (2) sites. The expansion, according to Manager Herrera will total \$4 million and is working with T&D Services on Engineering and Design for the project. Manager Herrera added that the Quemado Substation would require an upgrade in order to equip the project.

OTHER

Manager Herrera also reported that he was appointed to the NRECA Resolutions Committee during the NRECA Region X Meeting.

Manager Herrera informed the Board that Mr. Gerald R. Jordan requested a Line Extension Loan for Aide of Construction in the amount of \$12,473.28.

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to approve the request Line Extension Loan to Mr. Gerald Jordan for \$12,473.28. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montoya reported that the power line at the Clark Field was being changed from single phase to three phase due to the new construction feeding the new Dollar Tree store.

CONSTRUCTION/
MAINTENANCE
REPORT

Mr. Montoya also noted that drilling and setting eight (8) spans of line was being accomplished in the West Area.

Mr. Montoya reported that line maintenance is still being addressed and as a result, the number of outages have decreased.

Mr. Montoya also reported that two (2) poles went down at the Harriet Tap in the West Area.

OUTAGE
REPORT

Mr. Montoya reported that there were no loss-time accidents during the month of September, 2014.

SAFETY REPORT

Mr. Montoya also reported that the RESAP Inspection was completed and some minor items need to be addressed in the coming months.

Ms. Madrid reviewed the Energy Delinquent Report for September, 2014 with the Board.

ENERGY
DELINQUENT
REPORT

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

SECTION V &
XII DELINQUENT
REPORT

Ms. Madrid reported that there were no Member Concerns reported to the N.M.P.R.C. during September, 2014.

MEMBER
CONCERNS

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

MEMBER
APPLICATION/
CANCELLATION
REPORT

- New Connects 17
- Re-Connects 80
- Disconnects 123

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

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

PATRONAGE
CAPITAL ESTATE
RETIREMENTS

Mrs. Victor Valenzuela	\$255.54	Rue Turner	\$141.14
Lillie Ann Guerro Martine	\$817.51	Juan Medina	\$475.37
Leon Connell	\$796.06	Mary Louise Powell	\$326.12
P.G. Garcia	\$610.98	David Sease	\$787.52
Gregorio R. Garcia	\$127.25	Lillie Gonzales	\$1,094.10
Ronald Thompson	\$453.22	Jimmy Hensley	\$873.86
Mary Chavez	\$168.44	Sally Murray	\$112.68

Stanley R. Pino	\$379.77	Mrs. Frank P. Chavez	\$ 72.90
Frank P. Chavez	\$166.53	Pantalion Griego	\$ 86.74
Charles A. Caster	\$880.13	George F. Macleod	\$231.81
Macleod Enterprises	\$479.75	Thomas Torres	\$126.72
Clifford Keizer	\$921.37	Lorenzo Moreno	\$462.37
Charles F. (Chuck) Headen	\$13,545.97	Rosedale Corporation (C.F. Headen)	\$260.08

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

Manager Herrera explained the 2015 Medical Benefit Comparison and reported that the Presbyterian Health Plan design and premiums would remain at the 2014 level.

CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL OF SEC
MEDICAL BENEFITS

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Amaro to approve the proposal from Presbyterian Health Plan for 2015 which would remain at the 2014 level coverage and premium rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera reviewed, at length, the Draft of the 2015 Budget.

CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL OF 2015
DRAFT BUDGET

Trustee Wagner made a motion to amend the budget for an adjustment to reduce the Administrative Budget after review of general and administrative expenses from January, 2014 to September, 2014.

President Dorough then recommended that the Board postpone approval of the Budget until the next board meeting in order to review the Administrative and General Expenses.

Trustee Wagner made a motion to disregard the previous motion and to postpone approval of the budget to the next regular meeting to review the Administrative and General Expenses. Trustee Amaro seconded the motion. Trustees Amaro and Wagner voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Wade and Cordova opposed the motion. President Dorough opposed the motion. The motion failed.

A motion was then made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade approving the 2015 Draft Budget with up to a 4% wage increase for employees.

After discussion, Trustee Wagner called to divide the question.

President Dorough called for a vote on Trustee Cordova's motion approving up to a 4% wage increase for employees. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough then called for the vote to approve the 2015 Budget as presented by Manager Herrera. Trustees Cordova and Wade voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Wagner and Amaro were opposed. President Dorough voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

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

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

President Dorough called for an Executive Session to discuss an EEOC Claim.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 3:20 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 3:35 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

President Dorough reported that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to set the date for the Regular Meeting for November 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. due to a conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday. 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 3:42 p.m.

:Leo C. Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Anne L. Dorough, President

I, Leo C. 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 October 29, 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 C. Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer