

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

NOVEMBER 19, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 in Socorro, New Mexico.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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  
                                     Donna Wilkins, UPN/Payroll Administrator  
                                     Bruce Wiggins, Attorney  
                                     Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor  
                                     David Montoya, Line Superintendent

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT:   Jimmy Dorough, James Cherry, David L. Wade,  
                                     Michael Olguin Jr., John Larson, Marie Watkins

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 unanimously.

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

After review of the Draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 29, 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

A motion was made aby Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to ratify Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Meeting on October 29, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF  
OCTOBER 29 2014  
BOARD MEETING  
ACTION

A motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to ratify approval of the Minutes as written for the Regular Meeting held on September 24, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to ratify approval of the Patronage Capital Estate Retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Amaro to ratify approval of the 2015 Employee Medical Presbyterian Health Plan at the 2014 level. Motion carried with Trustee Wagner opposed.

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Amaro to ratify approval of the 2015 Budget. 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 Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to ratify approval of up to a 4% employee wage increase for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to ratify

approval of setting the date of Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. for the regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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Manager Herrera reported that Expenditures for the Month of October, 2014 totaled \$732,778.78.

EXPENDITURE  
REPORT

Trustee Wagner questioned the expenditure of \$11,533 for Bryce Wilson.

Trustee Wagner questioned the expenditure for Wiggins, Williams and Wiggins and requested copies of the invoices. President Dorough responded that copies can be provided except those that pertain to attorney-client privilege.

There were no questions by the Board on the Credit Card Expenditures for October, 2014.

CREDIT CARD  
EXPENDITURES

Manager Herrera presented and explained the RUS Form 7 Report for October, 2014.

RUS FORM 7

Manager Herrera reviewed the 2015 NMRECA Draft Budget which includes an Increase in dues.

NMRECA REPORT

Manager Herrera reported that registration was open for the 2015 NRECA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Manager Herrera reported on the Tri-State Report for October, 2014 as follows:

TRI-STATE REPORT

- Tri-State Rule 38 Protest
- Tri-State Capital Credit allocation to New Mexico cooperatives
- Carbon Capture Program with the State of Wyoming
- Contract and Rate Committee Meeting
- Cost of Service Study
- Energy Efficiency Program

President Dorough accepted the Tri-State Report as presented.

Manager Herrera inquired about having an Employee Holiday Luncheon which has been held for the past three years.

OTHER

After a thoughtful discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Cordova to hold an Employee Holiday Luncheon.

Further discussion ensued with Trustee Amaro amending the motion to include the Employees, Trustees and their spouse/guest for a Holiday Dinner, Trustee Cordova seconded the motion.

President Dorough called for the vote on Trustee Amaro’s amendment to Trustee Wagner’s motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough then called for the vote on Trustee Wagner’s motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera requested an additional employee holiday for Friday, December 26, 2014, due to an excellent safety record in 2014.

A motion was made by Trustee Wade and seconded by Trustee Cordova to grant employees an additional holiday for Friday, December 26, 2014.

A motion was then made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Wagner to amend Trustee Wade’s motion to add an additional half a day for Wednesday, December 24, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough then called for the vote on Trustee Wade’s motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montoya reported that copper theft is still an issue and continues to have an employee that is checking poles, etc.

CONSTRUCTION  
REPORT

New Construction requests have decreased but crews are currently completing projects by the end of the year.

Mr. Montoya reported that outages have gone down due to increased line maintenance.

OUTAGE REPORT

Mr. Montoya also reported that there were no loss time accidents during October, 2014.

SAFETY REPORT

Mr. Montoya reported that the SEC is addressing the RESAP Development Plan.

Manager Herrera reported that the crews did a good job completing work on the new Dollar Tree Store due to requests to expedite the work in order to meet their deadlines. Manager Herrera added that some concrete work needs to be completed.

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Ms. Madrid reviewed the Energy Delinquent Report for October, 2014 with the Board and expects those figures to increase in November due to the LIHEAP Moratorium.

ENERGY DELINQUENT  
REPORT

Ms. Madrid also reviewed the Section V and XII Delinquent Reports for October, 2014.

SECTION V & XII  
DELINQUENT  
REPORT

Ms. Madrid reported that one member filed a complaint with the N.M.P.R.C. due to a past due balance on their account and the N.M.P.R.C. ruled that the SEC was in compliance regarding this complaint.

MEMBER  
CONCERNS

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

SECRETARY'S  
REPORT

- New Connects 5
- Reconnects 79
- Disconnects 113

There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the Membership Application/Cancellation Report as presented.

A motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Amaro to approve the \$1000 donation by Tri-State G&T to the Eagles Club in Socorro, N.M. Motion carried unanimously.

TRI-STATE  
DONATION

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

CAPITAL CREDIT  
ESTATE  
RETIREMENTS

- |                      |            |                     |            |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| • Marguerite McPhaul | \$1,380.09 | Jose Ribera         | \$ 352.43  |
| • Arthur C. Goetzman | \$ 402.63  | Delbert Carpenter   | \$1,349.96 |
| • Lola M. McWhorter  | \$1,190.84 | Ernest S. Peralta   | \$ 116.30  |
| • Lora J. Madrid     | \$ 930.69  | Jesusita P. Savedra | \$ 219.96  |
| • Joe L. Savedra     | \$ 241.20  | Rufina Contreras    | \$ 115.67  |
| • Norton H. Euart    | \$ 311.23  | Frank L. Maher      | \$ 248.94  |

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

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to approve a one-year extension to the Engagement Letter for the Wiggins, Williams and Wiggins Law firm.

CONSIDERATION  
OF ATTORNEY  
ENGAGEMENT  
RENEWAL

Trustee Amaro made a motion to amend Trustee Cordova's motion to postpone a decision on the Engagement Letter until December so the contract can be reviewed. Trustee Wagner seconded the motion.

After discussion President Dorough called for the vote to postpone action on the Attorney Engagement Letter until December. Trustees Amaro and Wagner voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Wade and Cordova were opposed. The motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

President Dorough then called for the motion to approve Trustee Cordova's motion.

After further discussion, Trustees Cordova and Wade voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Amaro and Wagner were opposed. President Dorough voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Manager Herrera informed the Board that the 2015 Dental and Vision Insurance Premiums will remain at the 2014 rate and recommended Board approval.

CONSIDERATION  
AND APPROVAL  
OF 2015 DENTAL  
AND VISION  
INSURANCE

A motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to approve the 2015 Dental and Vision Insurance Premiums. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no items under Line Extension Contract for consideration.

CONSIDERATION AND  
APPROVAL OF LINE  
EXTENSION

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wagner to set the date of the Reorganization Meeting for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS  
  
SET DATE/ TIME  
FOR 2015  
RE-ORGANIZATION  
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A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wagner to set The dates of February 10-11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Strategic Planning Session in Socorro. Motion carried unanimously.

SET DATE/LOCATION  
FOR 2015  
STRATEGIC PLANNING  
SESSION

Manager Herrera informed the Board that an Executive Session was not required.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to set the date of December 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. for the Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SET DATE/TIME FOR  
NEXT REGULAR  
MEETING

President Dorough entertained a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Amaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cordova seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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:Leo C. Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

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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 f the Regular Meeting held on November 17, 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.

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Leo C. Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer