

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

February 21, 2017

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 310 Abeyta Ave, Socorro, New Mexico.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:56 p.m. by Anne L. Dorough, President.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Mauldin called roll and reported those present and attending as follows:

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

- Anne L. Dorough, President  
Representative, District V
- David Wade, Vice-President  
Representative, District IV
- Prescilla Mauldin, Secretary/Treasurer\*  
Representative, District III
- Mary Lucy Baca, Trustee  
Representative, District I
- Judith Holcomb, Trustee  
Representative, District II
- Leroy Anaya, Trustee  
Representative, District III
- Donald Wolberg, Trustee  
Representative, District III

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

- Joseph Herrera, General Manager
- Donna Wilkins, Administrative Assistant
- David Montoya, Safety Compliance Officer
- Tony Lopez, Line Foreman
- Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor
- Robert Adams, Director of Communication & Public Relations

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Dorough, Cyndi Mae Wade

**QUORUM**

Secretary Mauldin declared a Quorum of Trustees present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Dorough led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, President Dorough approve the Agenda as distributed.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There being no additions or deletions to the Minutes, President Dorough approve the Minutes as distributed.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REVISED MINUTES**

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President Dorough states that the November 23, 2016 minutes needed to be revised to reflect a 3% increase to the Manager Herrera's salary and 3% to deferred compensation.

Trustee Mauldin motioned to approval the minutes with corrected changes; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Wolberg stated that a Mr. Keven Groenewold's name needed to be corrected on page 2 as well the spelling of "cancelled" on page 5.

Trustee Mauldin motioned to approval the minutes with corrections; motioned seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments brought forth by SEC Members.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

Manager Herrera reported on the expenditures check register totaling \$763,448.47 for the month of January, 2017 and, proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees concerning the Expenditure Report.

President Dorough accepted the Expenditure Report for January, 2017 as presented.

Manager Herrera reported that all credit card statements with supporting receipts were made available to the Board of Trustee.

President Dorough accepted the Credit Card Report for January, 2017 as presented.

Manager Herrera carefully reviewed, at length, the RUS Form 7 Report for January, 2017.

President Dorough accepted the RUS Form 7 Report for January, 2017 as presented.

Manager Herrera reported that in Engineering he had meet with Solaro in regards to the voltage and are in the process of getting them a quote for some transformers to solve the issue. Manager Herrera reported that number of site visits has gone up now that the weather is getting warmer as well the pole inspectors are here to start testing pole decay as required by the RUS; and proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees.

President Dorough accepted the Engineering Report for January, 2017 as presented.

Manager Herrera reported that the Credentials and Election Committee meet on February 13, 2017 at 2 pm in which we had a full committee with Mr. Pete Gonzales being elected as Committee Chair. Manager Herrera stated that Bruce Wiggins was on a conference call with the Committee and explained their duties. Manager Herrera reported that the Committee was presented with 3 bids for the third-party election administrator and chose to go with Automated Election out of Rio Rancho, N.M. Manager Herrera reported that the Committee did confirm the candidates for District 2 Melanie Kelly and Judy Holcomb; and for District 3 Luis Aguilar and Cindy Rivera. Manager Herrera proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees on the Credentials and Election Committee.

Manager Herrera concluded his report about the Tri-State Contract meeting with an attorney out of Sutherland and the difference between them. Manager Herrera also stated that Tri-State will also be doing a member assessment in 2 parts to help with member relations. Manager Herrera reported about being tapped by NRECA and CFC to be part of a Governance Board Task Force. Manager Herrera stated that we had received patronage from Western United Electric which was made available to the Trustees.

**COMPLIANCE SAFETY REPORT**

**SAFETY REPORT**

Mr. Montoya reported that were no Loss-Time accidents for the month of January, 2017, and reported that OSHA 300 report was completed.

President Dorough accepted the Safety Report for January, 2017 as presented.

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Mr. Lopez reported that construction was starting to pick back up due to the warmer weather. Mr. Lopez also reported that crews have been working on maintenance issues as well as hazard reported poles.

**OUTAGE REPORTS**

Mr. Lopez reported majority of the outages that happened in January, 2017 were due to the weather-related problems especially in District 5.

President Dorough accepted the Operations and Maintenance Report for January, 2017 as presented.

**MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS**

**ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT**

Ms. Madrid reported the Energy Delinquent Report for January, 2017.

**SECTION V & XII DELINQUENT REPORT**

Ms. Madrid reviewed the Section V & XII Delinquent Report for January, 2017.

President Dorough accepted the Energy, Section V & XII Delinquent Reports as presented for January, 2017.

**NM PRC MEMBER CONCERNS**

Ms. Madrid reported that there were no member complaints filled with the N.M.P.R.C. in January, 2017.

President Dorough accepted the NM PRC Member Concerns as presented for January, 2017.

**COMMUNICATION MEMBER ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

**MEMBER CONCERNS**

Mr. Adams reported about how SEC Facebook page was doing and about letters received in regards to the new AMI meters in the West area. Mr. Adams also reported that he was working on PowerPoint presentation for the Annual Meeting in regards to the Youth Tour winners. Mr. Adams also reported about videotaping the crew fixing a line and will be putting it up so members can get an idea of the process; and asked the Board for any ideas of items they would like to see on the Enchantment paper. Mr. Adams also reported on the suggestions for Annual Meeting giveaway prizes.

After Board discussion, President Dorough accepted the Communication Member Engagement Report as presented for January, 2017.

**TRI-STATE REPORT**

Trustee Wolberg gave the Tri-State Board of Directors activities report for January, 2017 in length.

President Dorough accepted Trustee Wolberg's Tri-State Report as presented.

**NMRECA REPORT**

Trustee Anaya gave the NMRECA Board of Directors activities report for January, 2017 in length.

Trustee Anaya also reported that the SEC Board had received an ACRE award for having 100% participation in the program.

After Board discussion, President Dorough accepted Trustee Anaya's NMRECA Report as presented.

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Dorough stated that Mr. Adams was working on a presentation for the Annual Meeting for the Youth Tour winners but has also volunteered to help anyone else with their presentation for the Annual Meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Trustee Wade reported on the Committee meeting held January 25, 2017.

President Dorough accepted the Finance Committee Report as presented.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Trustee Anaya reported on the Committee meeting held February 21, 2017, with recommendations from the committee to the full Board for its considerations.

After discussion, President Dorough accepted the Standing Committee Report as presented.

**LEGISLATION REPORT**

Manager Herrera updated the Board on the status of House Bill 380, Rural Electric Co-Op Proxy Ballots as Quorum.

After Board discussion, President Dorough accepted the Legislation Report as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2017 Annual Meeting**

Manager Herrera reported to the Board on the program, presentation of colors, national anthem and invocation. Manager Herrera also reported of what had been done in the past for energy credits and that request had been made to vendors for door prizes.

After Board discussion, Trustee Anaya made a motion to give a \$25 energy credit for members that attend the Annual Meeting and \$10 energy credit for members who return their mail in ballot; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration & Selection of Tri-State Annual Meeting Voting Delegate**

Trustee Anaya nominates Trustee Wolberg as Voting Delegate; motion seconded by Trustee Mauldin. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Wolberg nominates Trustee Anaya as Alternate Delegate; motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Middle Rio Grande Economic Development Association Membership**

Mr. Adams reported about the organization meeting that was recently held and the requirements to be within the membership.

After Board discussion, Trustee Wolberg made a motion to have Manager Herrera send in the application and to designate a representative to attend the Middle Rio Grande Economic Development Association; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Capital Credit Estate Retirements**

Manager Herrera reported that Cooperative General Counsel Bruce E. Wiggins Esq., had previously reviewed the Patronage Estate Capital Retirement as provided in the Trustees' Boardpaq. Mr. Wiggins reviewed the retirement documents and stated that they were in order, ready for the Board's approval:

**ESTATE RETIREMENTS:**

	Operating Margins	Plains G&T	Investment in Associated Organizations	Cushion of Credit & Other Non-Ops	Tri-State	Gains	Unpaid Balance	Total	Total without Tri-State
Edna D Zaman	\$440.64	\$6.06	\$15.55	\$7.36	\$122.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.52	\$469.61

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Terence A

Crider \$284.39 \$4.95 \$12.03 \$6.13 \$84.87 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$392.37 \$307.50

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Trujillo \$707.18 \$34.17 \$26.19 \$3.00 \$110.90 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$881.44 \$770.54

JOINT ACCOUNT ESTATE RETIREMENTS:

	Operating Margins	Plains G&T	Investment in Associated Organizations	Cushion of Credit & Other Non-Ops	Tri-State	Gains	Unpaid Balance	Total	Total without Tri-State
Esmael J Baca	\$570.22	\$20.94	\$31.21	\$16.13	\$182.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$820.83	\$638.49

After discussion, Trustee Mauldin made a motion to approve the Retirement of Patronage Capital total without the Tri-State amount to the above-mentioned estate accounts; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Line Extension Contract

There were no Line Extension Contract open for consideration.

Consideration of Trustee Travel

Trustee Anaya requested Board approval to attend the Tri-State Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Trustee Holcomb made a motion to approve Trustee Anaya's request to attend the Tri-State Annual Meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Baca and Holcomb requested Board approval to attend the NRECA Director's Conference in Tampa, Florida.

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to approve Trustee Baca and Holcomb's request to attend the NRECA Director's Training Conference; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough requested Board approval to attend the CFC Forum in San Antonio, Texas.

Trustee Anaya made a motion to approve President Dorough's request to attend the CFC Forum; motion seconded by Trustee Holcomb. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Wolberg requested Board approval to attend the CFC Forum in San Antonio, Texas.

Trustee Anaya made a motion to approve Trustee Wolberg's request to attend the CFC Forum; motion seconded by Trustee Baca. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustees Anaya, Baca, Holcomb, Wade, Wolberg and President Dorough requested Board approval to attend the NMRECA Annual Meeting in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to approve Trustee Anaya, Baca, Holcomb, Wade, Wolberg and President Dorough's request to attend the NMRECA Annual Meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Baca moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation matters; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough called for an Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 3:50 p.m.

\* Secretary Mauldin left the meeting at the beginning of discussion of this agenda item at 3:50 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

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A motion was made by Trustee Wolberg and seconded by Trustee Anaya to return to Regular Session at 4:08 p.m. President Dorough stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

**SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING**

After discussion, Trustee Anaya moved to set the Date and Time of Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the next regularly scheduled meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items open for discussion, President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.



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Prescilla Mauldin, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



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Anne L. Dorough, President

I, Prescilla Mauldin, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., herein called the "Cooperative" and the above is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2017. 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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Prescilla Mauldin, Secretary/Treasurer