

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

September 27, 2017

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 310 Abeyta Ave, Socorro, New Mexico.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Anne L. Dorough, President.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Baca 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

 Mary Lucy Baca, Secretary/Treasurer
 Representative, District I

 Luis Aguilar, Trustee
 Representative, District III

 Leroy Anaya, Trustee
 Representative, District III

 Donald Wolberg, Trustee
 Representative, District III

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Judith Holcomb, Trustee
 Representative, District II

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Herrera, General Manager
 Donna Wilkins, Administrative Assistant
 David Montoya, Safety Compliance Officer
 Tony Lopez, Line Foreman
 Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Dorough, Ward McCartney, David L. Wade, John Larson

QUORUM

Secretary Baca declared a Quorum of Trustees present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Dorough led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES

Trustee Wolberg motioned that in the title labeled "Managers Report" it should have an apostrophe before the "s" in "Managers"; still under "Manager's Report" third paragraph down,

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"Board of Trustee" should have an "s" after "Trustee"; also under "Manager's Report", ninth paragraph down, "Quemado" is misspelled; under "Operations and Management Outage Reports", suggested about the wording be changed on how it is written.

President Dorough hearing no other corrections accepted the Minutes as corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ward McCartney, District 1 member, informed the Board of Trustee of the situation he had had with trying to put an ad in the Enchantment magazine due to the organization that he was with, 350.org of New Mexico. Mr. McCartney explained about the benefits and how the Board of Trustees should consider it.

PRESENTATION OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION DONATION TO SOCORRO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Trustee Wolberg explained that he had a donation from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association to present to the Socorro Historical Society who was not able to attend the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Herrera reported on the expenditures check register totaling \$755,907.20 for the month of August, 2017 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees concerning the Expenditure Report.

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

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

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

Manager Herrera carefully reviewed, at length, the RUS Form 7 Report for August, 2017 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees concerning the RUS Form 7.

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

Manager Herrera reported that in Engineering for August, T&D Services and Tierra Right of Way were finishing up the environmental assessment for the 69 KV line from Socorro to Magdalena as required by the BLM. Manager Herrera reported that it should be completed in October contingent on if BLM doesn't have any other requirements when the notice is sent to the federal registrar. RUS 4-year 2018 -2022 construction work plan process has begun. Manager Herrera explained how SGS Engineering had never finished the 10-year long range work plan that was paid for by SEC. Manager Herrera continued stating that T&D Services needs our 10-year long range work plan. Manager Herrera is working with SGS Engineering to provide the completed document that was already paid for.

Manager Herrera reported he was contacted by a group of astronomers' who live in Magdalena regarding changing our existing street lights on highway US 60 to a dark sky compliant street lights. Manager Herrera reported that he has been in contact with our sole source equipment provider Anixter to see about getting dark sky lights and found out they have a LED street light at a lower cost than our current none LED lights. Manager Herrera stated that we will be trying a pilot of 30 dark sky lights in Magdalena along highway US60 to see how they work out before purchasing more.

Manager Herrera continued by updating Board of Trustees on the what was happening with Solaro Energy. Manager Herrera reported that that SEC had received from Solaro a check in the amount of \$20,743.44 of the \$21,820.71 invoice that had been sent to them. Manager Herrera reported that SEC has been clear to Solaro that once they paid the balance off on the 10-month old invoice, SEC will order and change out the transformer at no additional cost to Solaro.

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

Manager Herrera concluded his report by stating that he had a meeting with Adam Jobes from the New Mexico Homeland Security Department. Manager Herrera reported that Mr. Jobes has asked that anytime there is vandalism at any of our substations we are to report it to them as this is a security concern.

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Manager Herrera reported that an offer had been made to all the Cooperatives from State Land by Commissioner Aubrey Dunn. Manager Herrera stated that the offer was to waive fees and requirements for the archeological review with only presenting GPS points of our poles and doing only one application.

Manager Herrera reported that that we had received from Western United Electric patronage for fiscal year 2017 and a thank you note from Socorro County Fair for SEC's donation to the Socorro County 4-H club and were invited to an appreciation dinner.

SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT

Mr. Montoya proceeded to go over the August Monthly Safety Report and proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees.

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

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Lopez reported crews have installed several commercial and residential services for August as well as replaced 125 VCR reclosers. Mr. Lopez stated the crews were performing maintenance throughout the entire system and proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees.

OUTAGE REPORTS

Mr. Lopez reported about the outages that had occurred in August, 2017 stating all crews have been restoring the reported outage in safe manner; and proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees.

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

MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS

ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT

Ms. Madrid reported the Energy Delinquent Report for August, 2017 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the trustees.

NM PRC MEMBER CONCERNS

Ms. Madrid reported there were no member complaints filled with the NM PRC in August, 2017.

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

COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Manager Herrera reported that Mr. Capps was not able to attend as he was at the Tri-State Member Service meeting; and proceeded to go over the August Monthly Communication and Public Affairs Report answering questions posed by the trustees.

President Dorough accepted the Communication and Public Affairs Report for August, 2017 as presented.

TRI-STATE REPORT

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

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

NMRECA REPORT

Trustee Anaya gave the NMRECA Board of Directors activities report for August, 2017.

President Dorough accepted Trustee Anaya's NMRECA Report as presented.

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MRGEDA REPORT

President Dorough gave the MRGEDA activities report for August, 2017.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dorough handed out the CEO/GM Appraisal for 2017 to all trustees explaining a meeting will be set up to go over it.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Trustee Baca reported on the Committee meeting held August 30, 2017.

President Dorough accepted the Finance Committee Report as presented.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Trustee Anaya reported on the Committee meeting held September 20, 2017, with recommendations from the committee to the full Board for its consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 112 – Trustee Authority

Manager Herrera reported that Policy 112 – Trustee Authority was reviewed with revisions; and it was the recommendation from the Standing Committee to keep Policy 112 – Trustee Authority with revisions.

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to accept the Standing Committee's recommendation of Policy 112 – Trustee Authority with revisions; motion seconded by Trustee Aguilar. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy 302 – Local Advertising

Manager Herrera reported that it was the recommendation from the Standing Committee to retire Policy 302 – Local Advertising due to it is included within the budget that is approved every year.

Trustee Baca made a motion to accept the Standing Committee's recommendation to retire Policy 302 – Local Advertising; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 309 – Appliance Financing Program and Policy 310 – Appliance and Equipment Eligible for Financing

Manager Herrera reported that it was the recommendation from the Standing Committee to make obsolete Policy 309 – Appliance Financing Program since we no longer do appliance financing as well as Policy 310 – Appliance and Equipment Eligible for Financing which indicates how a member is eligible.

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to accept the Standing Committee's recommendation to make obsolete Policy 309 – Appliance Financing Program and Policy 310 – Appliance and Equipment Eligible for Financing; motion seconded by Trustee Baca. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 311 - Donations

Manager Herrera reported that it was the recommendation from the Standing Committee to make obsolete Policy 311 – Donations as having been stricken from the bylaws.

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to accept the Standing Committee's recommendation to make obsolete Policy 311 – Donations; motion seconded by Trustee Baca. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Capital Credit Estate Retirements

There were no Capital Credit Estate Retirements for consideration.

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Consideration of Line Extension Contract

Manager Herrera reported that there was one contract that was being presented for Linda Valencia in the amount of \$8,803.02. Manager Herrera made a recommendation for the Board to approve the contract.

Trustee Wade made a motion to approve the contract for Linda Valencia in the amount of \$8,803.02; seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Trustee Travel

Trustee Aguilar requested Board approval to attend the NRECA Director Winter School in Nashville, Tennessee on December 2-5, 2017.

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to approve travel for Trustee Aguilar to attend the NRECA Director Winter School being held in Nashville, Tennessee; motion seconded by Trustee Baca. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING

After discussion, Trustee Anaya motion to set the Date and Time of Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the next regularly scheduled meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Baca. Motion carried unanimously.

SET DATE/TIME OF CEO/GM APPRAISAL CONFERENCE

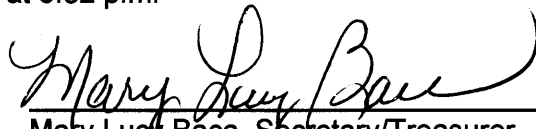
After discussion, President Dorough set the Date and Time of Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the Standing Committee meeting.

After discussion, Trustee Anaya motion to set the Date and Time of Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the CEO/GM Appraisal Conference; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items open for discussion, Trustee Aguilar made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Anaya.

President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.



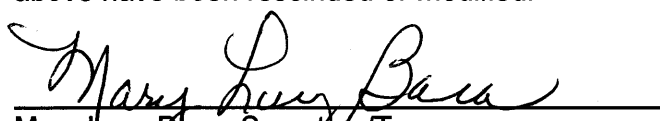
Mary Lucy Baca, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



Anne L. Dorough, President

I, Mary Lucy Baca, 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 September 27, 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.



Mary Lucy Baca, Secretary/Treasurer