

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

February 20, 2018

INDEX

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC), held on Wednesday, February 20, 2018 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

President Dorough 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

Judith Holcomb, Trustee
Representative, District II

Luis Aguilar, Trustee
Representative, District III

Leroy Anaya, Trustee
Representative, District III

Donald Wolberg, Trustee
Representative, District III

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mary Lucy Baca, Secretary/Treasurer
Representative, District I

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Herrera, General Manager
Donna Wilkins, Administrative Assistant
David Montoya, Safety Compliance Officer
Tony Lopez, Line Foreman
Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor
Jimmy Capps, Director of Communications and Public Affairs

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Dorough, Richard Gardner

QUORUM

President Dorough 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, Trustee Aguilar motioned to accept the Agenda as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough approve the Agenda as distributed.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES

February 20, 2018

Trustee Aguilar made a motion to correct the draft minutes of the January 24, 2018 meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Gardner, a new member from District 3, recently had an issue with a security light in his back yard. Mr. Gardner thanked Manager Herrera for going above and beyond to help him resolve the issue.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Herrera reported on the expenditures check register totaling \$768,210.65 for the month of January 2018 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees concerning the Expenditure Report.

President Dorough accepted the Expenditure Report for January 2018 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 Expenditures for January 2018 as presented.

Manager Herrera carefully reviewed the RUS Form 7 Report for January 2018 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees concerning the RUS Form 7.

President Dorough accepted the RUS Form 7 Report for January 2018 as presented.

Manager Herrera reported that the Engineering Department completed 32 site visits in January with 23 of those being from our West area. Manager Herrera also reported that due to a staffing change at their company, progress has been delayed on our Magdalena 69kV project, but Tierra ROW have assured us they will be getting back to work on our project soon. Manager Herrera answered questions by the Trustees.

President Dorough accepted the Engineering Report for January 2018 as presented.

Manager Herrera concluded his report by stating that SEC had received from New Mexico Self-Insurer's Fund a worker's compensation refund for the 3rd year in a row. Manager Herrera also reported that the Credentials and Elections Committee had met on February 19, 2018, whereby Pete Gonzales was elected as President and Chuck Zimmerly as Secretary for the purposes of this meeting of the Committee. Manager Herrera stated that the Credentials and Elections Committee, pursuant to the responsibilities assigned to them in Section 4.12 of the by-laws, unanimously approved that, in accordance to Section 5.03 of the by-laws, there is no need for a secret ballot election at the upcoming Annual Meeting of Members as the number of nominees from District 3 equals the number of open candidate positions for this District. This will allow the SEC Staff to host the registration at the Annual Meeting of Members without securing the services of a 3rd party firm to oversee and validate the election of Trustees. Manager Herrera stated that the Board had received another 4-H thank-you card.

SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT

SAFETY REPORT

Mr. Montoya reviewed the January Safety Report and proceed to answer questions posed by the trustees.

JOB BRIEFING

Mr. Montoya proceeded to go over the January Job Briefing Report and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

President Dorough accepted the Safety Compliance Report for January 2018 as presented.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2018

Mr. Lopez reported that crews have seen an increase in construction activities in January 2018 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

OUTAGE REPORTS

Mr. Lopez went over the Cooperative Response Center report for January 2018 stating that all crews have been restoring all reported outages in a safe manner. Mr. Lopez answered questions posed by the Trustees.

President Dorough accepted the Operations and Maintenance Report for January 2018 as presented.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS

ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT

Ms. Madrid reported on the Energy Delinquent Report for January 2018 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

NMPRC MEMBER CONCERNS

Ms. Madrid reported that SEC had one-member complaint filed with the NMPRC in January 2018, but that the case was closed by the PRC with a finding of "no wrongdoing" by SEC.

President Dorough accepted the NMPRC Member Concerns Report as presented for January 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Mr. Capps reviewed the December Communications and Public Affairs Report and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Mr. Capps presented an assortment of items that will comprise the Annual Meeting Registration prizes and stated that all would have the new Socorro Electric logo.

President Dorough accepted the Communications and Public Affairs Report for January 2018 as presented.

TRI-STATE REPORT

Trustee Wolberg gave the Tri-State Board of Directors activities report for January 2018.

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 2018.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dorough thanked the Trustees for their active participation in the Board Strategic Planning Session held during February 15-16, 2018.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Manager Herrera reported on the Committee meeting held January 24, 2018 with recommendations to the full Board.

President Dorough accepted the Finance Committee Report as presented.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Trustee Anaya reported on the Committee Meeting held February 20, 2018.

President Dorough accepted the Standing Committee Report as presented.

February 20, 2018

MRGEDA REPORT

Trustee Holcomb reported on the MRGEDA activity for February 2018.

President Dorough accepted the MRGEDA report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS**2018 Annual Meeting**

Manager Herrera stated that the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members will be held on April 28, 2018 at the New Mexico Tech Macey Center with registration being from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and the business meeting starting at 3:00 p.m. Manager Herrera reported that Florencio Saavedra had agreed to do the Invocation; Catherine Barela had agreed to sing the National Anthem and the Joe C. Montoya Chapter of the Disabled American Veteran's corps had agreed to do the Presentation of Colors. Manager Herrera also reported that the Finance Committee had recommended to the Board to increase the budget for Annual Meeting registration prizes from \$8,000 to \$12,000 and provide a \$25.00 energy credit to those that register at the meeting.

Trustee Aguilar asked if the Socorro High School choral group would be available to sing the Star-Spangled Banner.

After discussion, Trustee Wolberg made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase the budget for registration prizes from \$8,000.00 to \$12,000; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Trustee Aguilar made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to provide a \$25.00 energy credit to those members that register at the Annual Meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and Selection of Tri-State Annual Meeting Voting Delegate and Alternate

President Dorough stated that Trustee Wolberg will be the Tri-State Annual Meeting Voting Delegate for SEC with Trustee Anaya being the Alternate Delegate.

Consideration of Capital Credit Estate Retirements

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

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
Jennie R Devore	\$561.07	\$21.19	\$17.66	\$1.44	\$63.64	\$73.68	\$0.00	\$738.68	\$675.04
Florence R Martin	\$690.88	\$22.31	\$36.92	\$13.12	\$240.39	\$49.43	\$0.00	\$1,053.05	\$812.66
Patricia Mae McLain	\$712.99	\$18.16	\$45.06	\$26.13	\$242.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,045.21	\$802.34
Lois Joann Koenig	\$510.79	\$1.01	\$35.97	\$13.30	\$236.48	\$45.14	(\$12.49)	\$830.20	\$593.72
Scott D Burton	\$26.63	\$0.00	\$7.04	\$7.74	\$21.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.58	\$41.41

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
Frank Guerro	\$85.97	\$5.10	\$3.12	\$0.89	(\$0.19)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.08	\$298.09
Kincy Harris	\$125.18	\$5.07	\$2.84	\$0.43	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$154.52	\$298.09

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2018

Edward E

Harris	\$342.93	\$11.13	\$16.84	\$5.48	\$94.17	\$39.74	\$0.00	\$416.12	\$298.09
--------	----------	---------	---------	--------	---------	---------	--------	----------	----------

After discussion, Trustee Holcomb made a motion to approve the Retirement of Patronage Capital as presented, absent any Tri-State allocations, to the above-mentioned estate accounts; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Line Extension Contracts

There were no Line Extension Contracts presented for consideration.

Consideration of Trustee Travel

There were no Trustee travel requests to consider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation matters; motion seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough called for an Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 4:04 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Wolberg and seconded by Trustee Aguilar to return to Regular Session at 4:24 p.m. President Dorough stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING

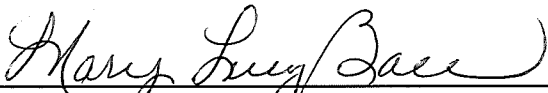
After discussion, Trustee Anaya made a motion to: set the date and time of the next Standing Committee meeting for March 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.; set the date and time for the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting for March 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.; have a Finance and Standing Committee workshop on March 14, 2018 to start 1:00 p.m.; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items open for discussion, President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.


REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2018



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 February 20, 2018. 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