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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

This coming Wednesday, July 28, 2010, is the date for the July Board of Trustees Meeting. Time is 5:30 p.m., Place is 310 Abeyta, Socorro, NM (across from the DAV Hall). The meeting promises to be of high interest due to the actions of the board majority and its attorney in filing suit against members and press. It is a unsettled question as to the board's compliance with the NM Open Meetings Act in regard to this meeting. Trustee Charlie Wagner's letter to the Board detailing offenses against the NMOMA went unanswered clearing the way for Trustee Wagner to go into court regarding their noncompliance.

LEGAL MATTERS PENDING: This section could be subtitled "Francish has a frantic Friday."

About 5:10 p.m. on Friday, board attorney Dennis Francish called Trustee Wagner to inform him that he had learned that no one from the Board had contacted him about his vote on withdrawing the lawsuit filed in Valencia Cty. A rumor has been floating around for the past 10 or so days about the board wanting to pull the suit and calling around for a phone vote. Such action should take place at a board meeting not by a call around and omitting Trustee Wagner, a member of the board turned an improper action into an egregious one.

Mr. Francish also called (Co-op member/owner) Alvin Hickox of San Antonio about Mr. Hickox's filing of an "Answer to Complaint for declaratory judgement injunctive relief and attorney fees and Complaint for writs of mandamas, order for expenses and a ruling that plaintiff and attorney take nothing." It was a "feeling out" conversation according to Mr. Hickox and a personal invitation from Mr. Francish for Mr. Hickox to attend Wednesday's Board of Trustees Meeting.

Mr. Hickox's filing is the first but not the last. These ANSWERS TO THE COMPLAINT will put an end to the Board's disregard of the bylaws and the members wishes as expressed at the 2010 Annual Members' Meeting. At present the Board just ignores what it doesn't want to do, a situation that cannot be allowed to continue. The only thing that will stop this behavior is a court ruling. A court case will also look into all practices of the cooperative. The cooperative can not continue in the present fashion. We must have a forward looking, business approach to all aspects of the co-op.

The Board of Trustees received a letter from Mr. Francish concerning an employee's filing of a charge of discrimination against the Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. It focuses on Trustee Wagner and is just another in the lineup of legal matters.

It is important to note that attorney Francish is not acting on his own. He was hired by the Board and he acts at their bidding and in their interests. Previous attorneys hired by the Board have also acted in this fashion.

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