

033013- Comments from Dorough-District V on March 28 meeting

Update on Socorro Electric Cooperative
for District V Members

First of all I would like to thank the people who shared their personal email lists to enable me to make contact with the members of District V of the Socorro Electric Cooperative. By the same token, if you do not wish to be contacted about the coop, send me an email to that affect and I will remove you from the list.

So many things happen at the board meeting on Thursday, March 28th that I will have to break this up into more than one email. I am going to address what I feel is the most important matter first.

On October 27, 2012 members of District V attended the Annual District meeting and went to a great deal of effort to pass several amendments to the ByLaws of the cooperative. Members did this with the understanding that these would then appear on the ballot at the 2013 Annual Meeting to be voted on by the general assembly and, if passed, would go into effect immediately. This is the means by which the amendments passed at the district meetings in 2009 were added to the ballot at the 2010 Annual Meeting and passed by the general assembly.

New Year; New Attorney; New Interpretation

SEC ByLaws Article III Section 12. Action by Members at District Meetings. Any proposition submitted at a District Meeting and adopted by resolution by a majority of the members voting, together with any document submitted with the resolution, must be reported to and submitted for consideration at the next succeeding annual meeting, or special meeting of the members, if the resolution so provides.

Ms Wiggins interpretation of the preceding bylaw is based on the word "consideration." She feels that the propositions approved at the district meeting can only be "considered" and not "voted on." What is the bottom line? The amendments approved at the District V Annual Meeting will not be on the ballot but instead added to the agenda to be discussed by the members. Any propositions approved at that time will be added to the notice and ballot of the next annual meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose of voting on the propositions.

Instead of the District V amendments the following items will be on the ballot of the 2013 Annual Meeting:

Three amendments that were passed from the floor at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

1. An amendment that would allow mail in ballots to be included in the count when determining a quorum.

2. An amendment that would allow trustees from each of the districts to appoint judges to assist in counting ballots at annual meetings

3. An amendment that would allow annual district meetings

An amendment passed by the bylaw committee that would raise the quorum required from 3% to 5%.

The 14 amendments placed on the ballot at the 2012 Annual Meeting and rejected 5 to 1 by the membership

As you can see, attendance at the Annual Meeting is going to be extremely important. It is also going to be a pain in the back side. The board voted 4 to 3 to change the date and time of the

Annual Meeting. It is now scheduled for WEDNESDAY, the 15th of May at Finley Gym, registration and voting starting at 1:00PM and the meeting at 3:00PM. More about this later.