

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

AUGUST 27, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in Socorro, New Mexico.	INDEX
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., by Anne L. Dorough, President.	CALL TO ORDER
Secretary Cordova called roll and reported those present and attending as follows:	ROLL CALL
MEMBERS PRESENT:	
Anne L. Dorough, President Representative, District V	
David Wade, Vice-President Representative, District IV	
Leo C. Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer Representative, District I	
Melissa Amaro, Trustee Representative, District III	
Charles Wagner, Trustee Representative, District II	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	
Joseph Herrera, General Manager Eileen Latasa, HR Manager/Executive Assistant Bruce Wiggins, Attorney Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor David Montoya, Line Superintendent Kathy Buhl, CFC Regional Vice-President Aaron Christensen, Smith & Christensen, LLP	
SEC MEMBERS PRESENT:	
Jimmy Dorough, James Cherry, David L. Wade, John Larson, Linda Berd, Collette Foard Wesley Burris, Steve Grossman, Marie Watkins, Dave Bockenstette, Santos Aragon, Charlene West, Charlene Wagner, Audrie Clifford, Cyndi M. Wade	
Secretary Cordova declared a Quorum of Trustees present.	QUORUM
President Dorough led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
After review of the Agenda, there being no additions/deletions to the Agenda, President Dorough accepted the Agenda as distributed.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
After review of the Draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 23, 2014, President Dorough approved the Minutes as corrected.	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
James Bockenstette addressed his concern with the President Dorough's letter to SEC Members in the electric bills and the Enchantment.	PUBLIC INPUT
Marie Watkins expressed her concern with interpretation of the Bylaws by SEC's Attorneys.	
Steve Grossman stated that the SEC is saddled with a board president that is out of touch with the members.	
Santos Aragon stated his concern with the Board's lack of accountability and issues with his estimated electric.	
Mr. Christiansen introduced himself and stated his mission and goals for conducting an audit of the issues and concerns affecting the SEC and his focus on trying to resolve the issues in order to move the SEC forward.	PRESENTATION/ AARON CHRISTIANSEN

Ms. Buhl reviewed and explained the CFC's Cooperative Integrity Fund Information which assists rural electric cooperatives (REC) facing regulatory, judicial, and legislative challenges and provides financial assistance to rural electric cooperatives to resist threats to the integrity of their service territory.	PRESENTATION/ CFC INTEGRITY FUND
Manager Herrera reported that expenditures for the month of June, 2014 totaled \$628,362.	EXPENDITURE REPORT
There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the Expenditure Report for June, 2014 as information.	
Manager Herrera reviewed the Credit Card Report for June, 2014 and answered Trustee Amaro's question regarding the amount of the American Express statement.	CREDIT CARD REPORT
President Dorough accepted the Credit Card Report for June, 2014 as information.	
Manager Herrera gave a detailed report of the RUS Form 7 for June, 2014.	RUS FORM 7
There being no questions from the Board on the report, President Dorough accepted the report as information.	
Manager Herrera reviewed the NMRECA Report and provided comments made to the EPA regarding clean energy with coal; the Tri-State Global Resolution, and the 2015 NMRECA Annual Meeting in Taos, New Mexico.	NMRECA REPORT
There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the NMRECA Report as presented.	
Manager Herrera reported that Tri-State's final budget would be reviewed next month. And Tri-State staff's detailed update on the new Clean Energy Act.	TRI-STATE REPORT
Manager Herrera also reviewed the X prize comprised a \$10,000,000 fund which is used to develop a carbon capture solution from coal plant emission.	
Manager Herrera gave an update on the number of mediation meetings between Tri-State and the New Mexico coops and the Global Settlement Agreement approved by all entities.	
There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the Tri-State Report as presented.	
Manager Herrera reviewed the 2013 Form 990 as prepared by Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP. A filing extension of the Form 990 was requested and approved.	2013 FORM 990 REPORT
President Dorough accepted the draft of the 2013 Form 990 Report as presented.	
After careful consideration, a motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Amaro to accept the offer by the Old San Miguel Mission for assistance with the installation of banners commemorating their 400 th Anniversary. Motion carried unanimously.	SAN MIGUEL REQUEST
Manager Herrera informed the Board that staff reports on the Member Service Training were included as information	MEMBER SERVICE TRAINING
Mr. Montoya announced that Jeremiah Apachito had completed the four year Merchant Training Program and was now elevated to journeyman lineman status.	CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE REPORT
Mr. Montoya and Manager Herrera provided an explanation for the purchase of a back-up generator with funds applied for from the County of Socorro.	
Mr. Montoya reported that the upgrade of the Burris Substation was complete and tree trimming maintenance was ongoing.	
Mr. Montoya reported on the outage that occurred west of Magdalena as a result of six (6) poles going down and an additional two (2) poles going down near the sand dunes north of Socorro.	

Mr. Montoya reported that an employee was hurt while working with the chipper truck and has since returned to work.

SAFETY
REPORT

Trustee Wagner called for a Point of Privilege and asked for a short recess.

BOARD
RECESS

President Dorough called for a three (3) minute recess.

The Board returned to Regular Session.

REGULAR
SESSION

Ms. Madrid reviewed the Energy Delinquent Report for July, 2014 with the Board.

DELINQUENT
REPORT
ENERGY

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Amaro for the Board to be provided with written reports in the BoardPaq five (5) days before the meeting and presented by the manager instead of being given by SEC employees.

After further discussion, President Dorough called for the vote on Trustee Wagner's motion. Trustee Wagner voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Amaro, Wade and Cordova were opposed. Motion failed.

Ms. Madrid reviewed the Section V and Section XII for July, 2014 with the Board.

DELINQUENT
REPORT
SECTION V & XII

Ms. Madrid explained that one consumer complaint was filed with the N.M.P.R.C. due to an estimated electric bill. The file is pending further information being provided to the N.M.P.R.C.

MEMBER
CONCERNS

Manager Herrera explained the reason for the estimation on the electric bill in question.

Secretary Cordova reported on the Member Application/Cancellation Report for July, 2014 as follows:

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

- New Connects 19
- Reconnects 68
- Disconnects 104

President Dorough accepted the Member Application/Cancellation Report for July, 2014 as information.

President Dorough explained that the officers of the SEC Foundation met prior to this Board Meeting to review the draft of the Foundation Award Policy for consideration by the entire Board. Revisions were made and approved to the policy during the meeting.

SEC
FOUNDATION
COMMITTEE

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Amaro to postpone acceptance of the policy until the next Board Meeting in order to view the policy as revised. Motion carried with Trustee Wade opposed.

Due to the Foundation Awards Policy not being acted upon by the Board, Trustee Wade stated that this inaction would affect the 2014 Socorro County Junior Livestock Sale.

A motion was then made by Trustee Wagner to approve only the Section, Other Educational Sponsorship, of the draft Foundation Awards Policy effective immediately. Trustee Amaro seconded the motion.

After review of the Other Educational Sponsorship Section, Trustee Amaro made a motion to amend the section of the policy striking out the language that requires 'parents or legal guardians must be in good standing, not having an outstanding balance on either active or inactive accounts'. Trustee Wagner seconded the motion. Trustees Amaro and Wagner voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Wade, Cordova were opposed to the motion. President Dorough also opposed the amendment to Trustee Wagner's motion. Motion failed.

President Dorough then called for the vote on Trustee Wagner's motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Wiggins recommended the approval of the Retirement of Patronage Capital to the following Estates:

CAPITAL
CREDIT ESTATE
RETIREMENTS

Lillian Sickles	\$253.55	Mrs. J. Hernandez	\$ 227.51
Tom Brannon	\$745.85	Frank J. Wilson	\$ 572.49
Pedro Flores	\$ 88.88	C.L. Linderman	\$ 349.78
George Bunton	\$568.20	Santiago Gallegos	\$ 290.98
Bill Stroud	\$175.81	Max Gonzales	\$ 873.00
Frank C. Cordova	\$616.49	Ralph Santillanes	\$ 404.17
Josephine Torres	\$873.00	Joe Gibson	\$ 294.06
Guy Stump	\$188.97	Carol Atherton	\$ 657.80
Trinidad Baca	\$429.51	Abenicio S. Tafoya	\$1,160.62
Sam Jones	\$521.31	Edward E. Torres	\$1,528.28
Vera Jones	\$466.11		

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to approve the Retirement of Patronage Capital to the above-mentioned Estates. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera briefly explained the 2014 CoBank Board Election Information with the Board. Manager Herrera stated that Joseph Pandey, Jr., and Clint E. Roush are the candidates running for the Co-Bank Board of Directors from the Mid-Plains Region.

2014 COBANK
BOARD
ELECTION

A motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Cordova to support Mr. Roush for the Co-Bank Board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Amaro to amend the motion approved by the Board to hold the District II Meeting at the Macey Center on the New Mexico Tech Campus on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 12:00 noon for registration and lunch and the business meeting at 2:00 p.m., with a \$5,000 budget for lunch.

RESCIND/AMEND
MOTION
DISTRICT II
MEETING

Discussion ensued in regards to the District III Meeting being held on the same day and district volunteers assisting the 3rd party administrator.

President Dorough then called for a vote on Trustee Wagner's motion. Trustees Wagner and Amaro voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Wade and Cordova were opposed. President Dorough voted against the motion. Motion failed.

Manager Herrera explained the purpose of creating a new Consumer Refund Account at the First State Bank.

APPROVAL/
RESOLUTION
CONSUMER
REFUND
ACCOUNT

A motion was then made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Wagner to approve the Resolution authorizing the First State Bank to open a Consumer Refund Account. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera explained, at length, the New Mexico and Tri-State Term Sheet Resolution with the Board.

CONSIDERATION
NM/TS TERM
SHEET
RESOLUTION

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to support the New Mexico/Tri-State Term Sheet Resolution. Motion carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wagner calling for an Executive Session. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

President Dorough called for an Executive Session to discuss Limited Personnel as per the N.M.O.M.A. Bylaw.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 4:30 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 5:28 p.m.

REGULAR
SESSION

President Dorough stated that there was no action taken by the Board during Executive Session.

A motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova setting the date and time for the next Regular Meeting for Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

SET DATE/TIME
FOR NEXT
REGULAR
MEETING

There being no further business open for discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Amaro to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

:Leo C. Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

Anne L. Dorough, President

I, Leo C. Cordova, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter called the "Cooperative" and the above is a true and exact copy of the Minutes Of the Regular Meeting held on August 27, 2014. 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.

Leo C. Cordova, Secretary/Treasurer

