

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 in Socorro, New Mexico.

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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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Wagner, Trustee  
Representative, District II

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Herrera, General Manager  
Eileen Latasa, HR Manager/Executive Assistant  
Pattie Williams, Attorney  
Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor  
David Montoya, Line Superintendent

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Dorough, James Cherry, David L. Wade,  
John Larson, Marie Watkins, Santos Aragon,  
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 August 27, 2014,  
President Dorough approved the Minutes as written.

APPROVAL OF  
PREVIOUS  
MINUTES

\*Trustee Amaro arrived at 2:10 p.m.

Marie Watkins expressed her concern with the article, Advantage of Being a Coop Member,  
in the Enchantment and margins not being good for the members.

PUBLIC  
INPUT

Santos Aragon expressed his concern with the Scholarship Awards.

Manager Herrera reported that Expenditures for the month of August, 2014 totaled  
\$668,910.10.

EXPENDITURE  
REPORT

There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the  
Expenditure Report for August, 2014 as information.

There being no questions from the Board on the Credit Card Expenditures,  
President Dorough accepted the Report as submitted.

CREDIT CARD  
EXPENDITURES

Manager Herrera reviewed the RUS Form 7 Report for August, 2014 with the  
Board.

RUS FORM 7

There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted the  
RUS Form 7 Report for August, 2014 as presented.

Manager Herrera reviewed the NMRECA Report for September, 2014 as follows:	NMRECA REPORT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase of 3% for dues effective in 2015</li><li>• A House Bill regarding Renewables would be discussed during the 2015 N.M. Legislative Session</li><li>• Cost of Service Class scheduled for November</li><li>• The N.M.P.R.C. will be discussing the Pre-Paid Metering issue</li><li>• Manager Herrera explained the process for a Cost of Service Study</li></ul>	
Manager Herrera reported that the 2015 Tri-State Budget was approved.	TRI-STATE REPORT
Manager Herrera reported that the N.M.P.R.C. approved the interim rate increase, effective October 1, 2014 and that he met with the NRAO, WSMR and meetings were scheduled with other Large Power Users.	OTHER
Manager Herrera also reported that 9,600 Capital Credit checks totaling \$1.8 million would be mailed on 10/2/14.	
Manager Herrera informed the Board that the SEC had booths at the Socorro County Fair and the Pie Town Festival and that members commented that they were very supportive of the SEC in addition to receiving good comments about the SEC from those members that stopped by the booths.	
Mr. Montoya reported that there has been very little activity in the area of new construction which he attributes to the economy although he did say that a new Dollar Tree store was under construction on Hwy 85 In Socorro.	CONSTRUCTION REPORT
Mr. Montoya noted that line maintenance is ongoing by addressing major lines and pole replacements and are being checked by SEC crews. Tree-trimming projects are continuing.	
Mr. Montoya stated that for Outage Report for September, 2014, there were some big storms with lightning, but no major outages occurred other than transformers being hit by lightning.	INTERRUPTION REPORT
Mr. Montoya reported that there were no loss-time accidents for the month of September, 2014. Mr. Montoya also reported that the first inspection of all SEC facilities for RESAP was scheduled for September 29, 30 and October 1, 2014.	SAFETY REPORT
President Dorough accepted all reports as presented.	
Ms. Madrid reviewed the Energy Delinquent Report for August, 2014 with the Board.	ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT
Ms. Madrid also reviewed the Section V and XII Delinquent Reports for August, 2014	SECTION V & XII DELINQUENT REPORT
There being no questions from the Board, President Dorough accepted both reports as presented.	
Ms. Madrid reported that one complaint had been filed with the N.M.P.R.C., a payment plan was set up for the member and the P.R.C. noted that the SEC was not in violation with this complaint.	CONSUMER CONCERNS
Ms. Madrid also reported that the SEC is experiencing an increase with meter tampering and that complaints have been filed with the Magistrate Court but the cases are being dismissed by the Court.	
Discussion ensued on how to best handle collecting \$6,215 in tampering fees.	
Secretary Cordova reported on the Application/Cancellation Report for August, 2014 as follows:	APPLICATION/ CANCELLATION REPORT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Connects 8</li><li>• Re-Connects 71</li><li>• Disconnects 39</li></ul>	
President Dorough accepted the Application/Cancellation Report for August, 2014 as presented.	

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to approve the 2014 Load Forecast Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

2014 LOAD  
FORECAST  
RESOLUTION

Attorney Williams reviewed and recommended the Retirement of Patronage Capital to the following Estates:

CAPITAL  
CREDIT  
ESTATE  
RETIREMENT

• Mrs. Nellie Baca	\$ 403.74	TT Court, M Torres	\$2,191.72
• Melicio Ulibarri	\$ 234.11	Elaine Edgington	\$ 336.21
• Charles Wilson	\$ 400.94	Ruth Aragon	\$ 143.06
• Susie Padilla	\$ 375.26	Joe M. Montano	\$ 388.77
• Sophie Rosas	\$ 707.05	Ernest Moore	\$1,696.15
• Prudencio Padilla	\$ 279.58	Vicente Avalos	\$ 778.76
• C.P. Otero	\$ 262.59	Josephine Torrres	\$2,190.80
• Josephine Torres	\$ 687.81	Elizabeth C. Brown	\$ 939.01
• C. Hector Brown	\$1,287.87		

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

A motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to approve Policy 515, Foundation Awards as written. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 515  
FOUNDATION  
AWARDS

Manager Herrera informed the Board that two bids were received for computer mounts for thirteen (13) trucks. Bids were received from Mobile Mounts for \$22,515.76 and Specialty Communications for \$31,158.40.

TRUCK  
COMPUTER  
MOUNTS  
BIDS

After review of the bids for the Truck Computer Mounts, a motion was made by Trustee Wade and seconded by Trustee Amaro to accept the low bid from Mobile Mounts for \$22,515.76. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera noted that due to a conflict with the date for NRECA Region X Meeting, Manager Herrera recommended that the date for the next Regular Meeting be moved to another date.

SET THE DATE  
AND TIME FOR  
THE NEXT  
REGULAR  
MEETING

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Amaro and seconded by Trustee Cordova to set the date for the next Regular Meeting for Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further items open for discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Cordova and seconded by Trustee Wade to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 3:00 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 September 24, 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

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