

MINUTES
CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE
THE SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

June 29, 2015

A Meeting of the Credentials and Election Committee of The Socorro Electric Cooperative was held on Monday, June 29, 2015 in Socorro, New Mexico.

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Manager Herrera called the meeting to order and called roll as follows:

CALL TO
ORDER/ROLL
CALL

Members Present: Peter Gonzales Milton Ulibarri
Prescilla Mauldin David Johnson
Tanya Duffy Dennis Harris.

Members Absent: Manuel Marquez Eugene Cole

Also Present: Joseph Herrera, CEO/GM
Eileen Latasa, HR Manager/Executive Assistant
Bruce Wiggins, Attorney.

Manager Herrera declared a quorum of members present.

QUORUM

Attorney Wiggins opened the floor for nominations for the Chairman.

ELECTION OF
CHAIR

Mr. Ulibarri nominated Ms. Mauldin.

Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Gonzales.

There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Mauldin that nominations cease. Motion carried unanimously.

After a voice vote, Ms. Mauldin received two (2) votes and Mr. Gonzales received four (4) votes. Mr. Gonzales was elected Chairman of the Committee.

Attorney Wiggins opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

ELECTION OF
SECRETARY

Ms. Mauldin nominated Mr. Harris.

Mr. Johnson nominated Ms. Mauldin

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Duffy to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

After a voice vote, Mr. Harris received three (3) votes and Ms. Mauldin received three (3) votes. Due to the tie, a re-vote was conducted.

Mr. Harris received two (2) votes and Ms. Mauldin received four (4) votes.

Ms. Mauldin was elected Secretary of the Committee.

Attorney Wiggins reviewed the Responsibilities of the Committee in Accordance with Section 4.12 of the bylaws.

REVIEW OF
COMMITTEE
RESPONSIBILITY

Attorney Wiggins also reviewed Trustee Qualification also in accordance With Section 5.02 of the bylaws.

REVIEW
TRUSTEE
QUALIFICATIONS

Due to the fact that only two (2) members filed for candidacy, a lengthy and thoughtful discussion ensued whether to conduct the trustee election along with the mail-in ballots; to forego the mail-in ballots and in-person voting; determination of a quorum; and electing the candidates by acclamation.

Attorney Wiggins read Section 5.03, Election, of the bylaws and stated that the worst case scenario would be that there would be no quorum of members.

Manager Herrera reviewed the RFP's for the Third Party Administrator.

Discussion ensued that there is no need to go with the expense of conducting the election with the mail-in ballots.

*no longer
mandated
by bylaws*

After review of the Affidavits Declaring Candidacy, a motion was made by Ms. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Ulibarri to validate both candidates as follows:

VALIDATION/
ACTION ON
AFFIDAVITS
DECLARING
CANDIDACY

Donald L. Wolberg

Leroy Anaya

Motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion was held on the selection of the Third Party Administrator and the RFP's received.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSALS FOR
THIRD PARTY

The Committee discussed at length the pros and cons of conducting an Election and a motion was made by Ms. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Johnson to conduct the election of candidates with mail -in ballots and to select the Third Party Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Ulibarri to accept the low bid from Automated Elections Services from Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera explained the process that is implemented for the mail-in ballots and the in-person voting.

MANNER OF
CONDUCTING
ELECTION

Manager Herrera explained the duties and responsibilities of the Committee during the registration process at the meeting; the validation of the mail-in ballots and certifying the in-person election results with the assistance of the Third Party Administrator.

Manager Herrera announced that the next planned meeting of the Committee would be on August 22, 2015 at the Macey Center and that the Committee should plan on arriving at 12:00 noon. Registration would be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the Business Session starting at 3:00 p.m.

OTHER

There being no further items open for discussion, Mr. Ulibarri made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.