

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

June 15, 2022

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 310 Abeyta Ave, Socorro, New Mexico.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by James Nelson, Chairman.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Wolberg called the roll and reported those present and attending as follows:

TRUSTEES PRESENT: James Nelson, Chairman
 Representative, District 2

 Luis Aguilar, Vice-Chairman
 Representative, District 3

 Ward McCartney, Trustee
 Representative, District 1

 Donald Wolberg, Secretary/Treasurer
 Representative, District 3

 Leroy Anaya, Trustee
 Representative, District 3

 Dave Wade, Trustee
 Representative, District 4

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Ron Burnett, Trustee
 Representative, District 5

ALSO, PRESENT: Joseph Herrera, General Manager
 Donna Wilkins, Administrative Assistant
 Jimmy Capps, Chief Financial Officer
 Steve Dettmer, Line Superintendent
 Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor
 Duane Highley, Tri-State G&T
 Tim Rabon, Tri-State G&T

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Cyndi Mae Wade, David L Wade, and Gene Cole

QUORUM

Secretary Wolberg declared a Quorum of Trustees present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nelson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Nelson approved the Agenda as presented.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to approve the minutes from May 18, 2022, as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nelson approved the minutes from May 18, 2022, as presented.

MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments brought forth by SEC Members.

TRI-STATE PRESENTATION

Chairman Nelson stated Mr. Duane Highley and Mr. Tim Rabon were running late and would be arriving soon.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Herrera reported on the expenditure check register totaling \$841,451.45 for May 2022 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the Expenditure Report for May 2022.

Manager Herrera reported the Visa credit card expenditures, complete with supporting receipts, made available to the Board of Trustees for May 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the credit card report for May 2022.

Manager Herrera provided the Engineering Report stating there has been an increase in site visits primarily for cannabis grow houses in the northern area and within the City of Socorro. Manager Herrera proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the Engineering Report for May 2022.

TRI-STATE PRESENTATION

Chairman Nelson welcomed Mr. Highley and Mr. Rabon.

Mr. Highley thanked the Board of Trustees for allowing himself and Mr. Rabon to attend to be able to present what is going on at Tri-State G&T. Mr. Highley reported that Tri-State is doing well and is in good shape as far as supply and demand balance through 2028-2029 with a new natural gas facility coming online in Wyoming at that time as a coal plant comes offline to improve reliability. Mr. Highley stated Tri-State continues to plan for the future for Tri-State to continue to be reliable, affordable, and responsible supply to its members. Mr. Highley explained the steps Tri-State continues to take to ensure that its members receive affordable energy and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Mr. Highley and Mr. Rabon for attending and for the Tri-State presentation.

Chairman Nelson called for a ten-minute recess at the end of this discussion item at 3:24 p.m.

Chairman Nelson called the meeting back to order at 3:34 p.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Herrera provided an update regarding the NM DoIT Broadband Program, stating that CTC Technology & Energy (CTC) has received a good response on the broadband survey that will close on June 30, 2022. Manager Herrera reported with New Mexico releasing the Request for Information (RFI) to help get information to see the interest in broadband across the state and who is interested in providing this service; SEC hopes to hear something on this within the next few months as we continue working with CTC.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the NM DoIT Broadband Program Report for May 2022.

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Manager Herrera concluded by reporting that SEC had received numerous thank you letters from SEC scholarship winners. Manager Herrera stated that SEC would be doing a drawdown on our RUS loan of approximately \$2.4 million, and the parked unused vehicles will be sold at auction. Manager Herrera proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the Manager's Report for May 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Capps carefully reviewed in detail the RUS Form 7 Report for May 2022 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Mr. Capps for the RUS Form 7 Report for May 2022.

SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT

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Manager Herrera reported that Mr. Montoya could not be present due to a safety issue with a line being down. Manager Herrera reviewed the May Safety Report.

JOB BRIEFING

Manager Herrera reviewed the May Job Briefing Reports.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the Safety Report for May 2022.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Dettmer reported for May activities that crews completed 19 work orders, closed no work orders, and completed 37 service orders, with most service orders for area lights. Mr. Dettmer reported that crews cut 25 trees and trimmed 10 trees in May.

OUTAGE REPORTS

Mr. Dettmer reviewed several major outages that either affected over 100 members or those for which the outage time was lengthy and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Mr. Dettmer for the Operations and Maintenance Report for May 2022.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS

ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT

Ms. Madrid presented the Energy Delinquent Report for May 2022.

NM PRC MEMBER CONCERNS

Ms. Madrid reported that SEC had no Member complaints filed with the NM PRC in May 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Ms. Madrid for the Member Services Report for May 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Mr. Capps reviewed the May Communications and Public Affairs Report and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Mr. Capps for the Communications and Public Affairs Report for May 2022.

TRI-STATE REPORT

Trustee Anaya gave the Tri-State Board of Directors' activities report for June 2022.

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Manager Herrera reported on the Rate Design Committee Update activities for June 2022, stating there is good engage discussion participation that is helping reach a positive outcome. Manager Herrera stated the committee is still considering multiple tilt options and options to recover demand and member services-related costs. Manager Herrera proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Anaya and Manager Herrera for the Tri-State Report.

NMRECA REPORT

Trustee Wolberg gave the NMRECA report for June 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Wolberg for the NMRECA Report.

MRGEDA REPORT

Trustee Wolberg gave the MRGEDA report for June 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Wolberg for the MRGEDA Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no President's Report given at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Aguilar reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on May 18, 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Aguilar for the Finance Committee Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Wolberg reported on the Standing Committee Meeting held on June 15, 2022, with recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Wolberg for the Standing Committee Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Policy 112 – Trustee Authority

Manager Herrera reported that the Standing Committee reviewed Board Policy 112 – Trustee Authority, and the Committee recommended that the Board approve Board Policy 112 – Trustee Authority as reviewed.

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to accept the Standing Committee's recommendation of Board Policy 112 – Trustee Authority as reviewed; motion seconded by Trustee Aguilar. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy 113 – Delegation of Authority from the Board of Trustees to the General Manager

Manager Herrera reported that the Standing Committee reviewed Board Policy 113 – Delegation of Authority from the Board of Trustees to the General Manager, and the Committee recommended that the Board approve Board Policy 113 – Delegation of Authority from the Board of Trustees to the General Manager with proposed revisions.

After discussion, Trustee Wolberg made a motion to accept the Standing Committee's recommendation of Board Policy 113 – Delegation of Authority from the Board of Trustees to the General Manager with proposed revisions; motion seconded by Trustee Aguilar. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy 114 – Board of Trustees-General Manager Interrelationships

Manager Herrera reported that the Standing Committee reviewed Board Policy 114 – Board of Trustees-General Manager Interrelationships, and the Committee recommended that the Board approve Board Policy 114 – Board of Trustees-General Manager Interrelationships as reviewed.

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Trustee Anaya made a motion to accept the Standing Committee's recommendation of Board Policy 114 – Board of Trustees-General Manager Interrelationships as reviewed; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Setting of the 2023 Member's Annual Meeting

Manager Herrera reported that SEC had received available dates for the NM Tech Macey Center in consideration of a possible date for the 2023 Annual Member Meeting, with these dates being presented here for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

After further discussion, Trustee Anaya made a motion to set the 2023 Annual Member Meeting date for April 1, 2023, with an alternate date of April 29, 2023, at the NM Tech; motion seconded by Trustee McCartney. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Capital Credit Estate Retirements

Manager Herrera reported that SEC General Counsel Lorna Wiggins Esq. had previously reviewed the Patronage Estate Capital Retirement requests as provided in the Trustee's BoardPaq. Ms. Wiggins reviewed the retirement documents and stated that they appeared to be in order and were ready for the Board's consideration:

ESTATE RETIREMENTS:

	Operating Margins	Plains G&T	Investment in Associated Organizations	Cushion of Credit & Other Non-Ops	Tri-State	Gains	Unpaid Balance	Total	Total without Tri-State
EM-June-22-A	\$470.59	\$7.33	\$38.27	\$22.85	\$180.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$719.75	\$539.04
EM-June-22-B	\$601.30	\$8.88	\$46.02	\$38.78	\$183.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$878.58	\$694.98
EM-June-22-C	\$1,617.72	\$18.06	\$149.29	\$106.22	\$779.38	\$0.00	(\$269.73)	\$2,400.94	\$1,621.56

JOINT ACCOUNT ESTATE RETIREMENTS:

	Operating Margins	Plains G&T	Investment in Associated Organizations	Cushion of Credit & Other Non-Ops	Tri-State	Gains	Unpaid Balance	Total	Total without Tri-State
JM-June-22-A	\$275.66	\$3.90	\$26.71	\$21.06	\$112.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$439.79	\$327.33
JM-June-22-B	\$463.54	\$6.23	\$32.30	\$19.62	\$207.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$729.51	\$521.69

Trustee Aguilar made a motion to approve the Retirement of Patronage Capital as presented, absent any Tri-State allocations, to the accounts mentioned above; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Line Extension Contracts

There were no Line Extension Contracts open for consideration.

Consideration of Trustee Travel

There were no Trustee Travel requests brought forward for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Anaya made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an individual matter; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nelson called for an Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 4:54 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Wolberg made a motion and seconded by Trustee Aguilar to return to Regular Session at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Nelson stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

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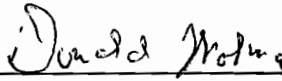
SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING

After much discussion, Trustee Anaya made a motion to set the next committee meeting's date and the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting for July 27, 2022, with Committee meetings starting at 1:00 p.m.; motion seconded by Trustee McCartney. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items open for discussion, Trustee Wolberg moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.



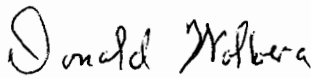
Donald Wolberg, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



James Nelson, Chairman

I, Donald Wolberg, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc., herein called the "Cooperative," and the above is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2022. 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.



Donald Wolberg, Secretary/Treasurer