

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

September 28, 2022

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 310 Abeyta Ave, Socorro, New Mexico.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:48 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

 Donald Wolberg, Secretary/Treasurer
 Representative, District 3

 Ward McCartney, Trustee
 Representative, District 1

 Leroy Anaya, Trustee
 Representative, District 3

 Dave Wade, Trustee
 Representative, District 4

 Ron Burnett, Trustee
 Representative, District 5

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

ALSO, PRESENT: Joseph Herrera, General Manager
 Donna Wilkins, Administrative Assistant
 Jimmy Capps, Chief Financial Officer
 David Montoya, Safety Compliance Officer
 Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor
 Ellena Tapia, Director of Communications and Public Affairs

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Cyndi Mae Wade

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

Chairman Nelson approved the Agenda as presented.

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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES

Trustee Aguilar moved to approve the minutes from August 24, 2022, as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nelson approved the minutes from August 24, 2022, as presented.

MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments brought forth by SEC Members.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Herrera reported on the expenditure check register totaling \$727,923.18 for August 2022 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

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

Manager Herrera reported the Visa credit card expenditures, complete with supporting receipts, made available to the Board of Trustees for August 2022 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

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

Manager Herrera provided the Engineering Report reporting that Electrify American had contacted him to install a fast electric vehicle charger next to the Tesla site. Manager Herrera stated that SEC had not received any more information from the apartment complex that would be built within the industrial park after receiving the engineering review of the new load. Manager Herrera reported a single-phase SEC member wants to install a three-phase motor; however, this will create harmonics issues for the existing single members being served off this tap. Manager Herrera proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

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

Manager Herrera concluded by reporting that SEC had received patronage allocation payments and notices from Western United Electric Supply, CoBank, Pioneer Utility Resources, and CRC. Manager Herrera explained that with the upcoming Strategic Board Retreat, Jan Maples has requested that if any additional topics need to be addressed other than those already in the 2021 Strategic Plan, please email them to him by no later than October 4, 2022. Manager Herrera, with the third quarter ending, asked that all Trustees turn in their hourly reports. Manager Herrera proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT

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Mr. Montoya reviewed the August Safety Report and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

JOB BRIEFING

Mr. Montoya reviewed the July Job Briefing Reports.

Chairman Nelson thanked Mr. Montoya for the Safety Report for August 2022.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT

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Manager Herrera reported that Mr. Dettmer's had a death in the family and reported for August activities that crews completed 7 work orders and completed 58 service orders, with most service orders for area lights.

OUTAGE REPORTS

Manager Herrera reported a report was made available with the list of the major outages for August.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the Operations and Maintenance Report for August 2022.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS

ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT

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

NM PRC MEMBER CONCERNS

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Ms. Tapia reviewed the August Communications and Public Affairs Report and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Ms. Tapia for the Communications and Public Affairs Report for August 2022.

TRI-STATE REPORT

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

Manager Herrera reported on the Rate Design Committee Update activities for August 2022, stating the Committee will look at the rate. Manager Herrera stated the Committee was provided helpful information regarding tilt options that will help for the October meeting with NewGen presenting and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

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

MRGEDA REPORT

Trustee Wolberg gave the MRGEDA report for August 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Wolberg for the MRGEDA Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairman Nelson reported a change to the Standing Committee, with Trustee Burnett replacing Trustee McCartney.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Aguilar reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on September 21, 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Aguilar for the Finance Committee Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Wolberg reported on the Standing Committee Meeting held on September 21, 2022, with recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Wolberg for the Standing Committee Report.

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ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Anaya reported on the Ethics Committee Meeting held on September 21 and 28, 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Anaya for the Ethics Committee Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Policy 115 – Attendance at Regional, National, and Statewide Meetings

Manager Herrera reported that the Standing Committee reviewed Board Policy 115 – Attendance at Regional, National, and Statewide Meetings, and the Committee recommended that the Board approve Board Policy 115 – Attendance at Regional, National, and Statewide Meetings as reviewed.

Trustee Wolberg moved to accept the Standing Committee’s recommendation of Board Policy 115 – Attendance at Regional, National, and Statewide Meetings as reviewed; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy 129 – Appointment to Board of Trustees of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Manager Herrera reported that the Standing Committee reviewed Board Policy 129 – Appointment to Board of Trustees of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., and the Committee recommended that the Board approve Board Policy 129 – Appointment to Board of Trustees of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. as reviewed.

Trustee Anaya moved to accept the Standing Committee’s recommendation of Board Policy 129 – Appointment to Board of Trustees of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. as reviewed; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy 130 – Appointment to Board of Trustees of New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Manager Herrera reported that the Standing Committee reviewed Board Policy 130 – Appointment to Board of Trustees of New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and the Committee recommended that the Board approve Board Policy 130 – Appointment to Board of Trustees of New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association as reviewed.

Trustee Wolberg moved to accept the Standing Committee’s recommendation of Board Policy 130 – Appointment to Board of Trustees of New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association as reviewed; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Patronage Capital Retirements

Manager Herrera reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the proposed Patronage Capital Retirement options, and the Committee recommended that the Board approve the Patronage Capital Retirement for the fiscal year 1996 for \$550,916.30.

Trustee Anaya moved to accept the Finance Committee’s recommendation to approve Patronage Capital Retirement for the fiscal year 1996 in the amount of \$550,916.30; motion seconded by Trustee Aguilar. 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-Sept-22-A	\$555.08	\$0.00	\$124.88	\$81.20	\$509.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,270.68	\$761.16

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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-Sept-22-A	\$216.35	\$0.00	\$32.73	\$26.69	\$152.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$428.51	\$275.77
JM-Sept-22-B	\$212.50	\$0.00	\$43.51	\$33.30	\$180.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$469.83	\$289.31

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

Consideration of Line Extension Contracts

There were no Line Extension Contracts open for consideration.

Consideration of Trustee Travel

Trustees Burnett, McCartney, and Chairman Nelson requested Board approval to attend the Tri-State Board Orientation scheduled for November 30, 2022, in Westminster, Colorado.

Trustee Wolberg moved to approve Trustees Burnett, McCartney, and Chairman Nelson to attend Tri-State Board Orientation; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee McCartney requested Board approval to attend the NRECA Online CCD Seminar scheduled for October 10-14, 2022.

Trustee Wolberg moved to approve for Trustee McCartney to attend the NRECA Online CCD Seminar; motion seconded by Trustee Aguilar. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Wolberg moved to go into Executive Session to discuss individual employee matters and strategic and long-range business plans; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nelson called for an Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 3:22 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Wolberg moved and seconded by Trustee Anaya to return to Regular Session at 3:49 p.m.

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

SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING

After discussion, Trustee Anaya moved to set the date and time of committee meetings and the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for October 19, 2022, with committee meetings starting at 11:30 a.m. and the Board meeting at 2:00 p.m.; motion seconded by Trustee Aguilar. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera reminded the Trustees of the Strategic Board Retreat scheduled for October 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Engineering Conference Room.

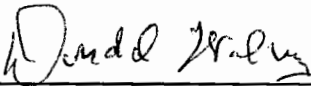
ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.


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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 September 28, 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