

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

December 27, 2023

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) was held on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 310 Abeyta Ave, Socorro, New Mexico.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Leroy Anaya, President.

ROLL CALL

Manager Herrera called the roll and reported those present and attending as follows:

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Leroy Anaya, President
 Representative, District 3

 Ron Burnett, Vice-President
 Representative, District 5

 Ward McCartney, Trustee
 Representative, District 1

 M Kenneth Bowden, Trustee
 Representative, District 3

 Dave Wade, Trustee
 Representative, District 4

TRUSTEE(S) ABSENT: Stephen Rosas, Trustee *
 Representative, District 3

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Herrera, General Manager
 Donna Wilkins, Administrative Assistant
 Jimmy Capps, Chief Financial Officer
 David Montoya, Safety Compliance Officer
 Darren Thomas, Line Superintendent
 Marilyn Madrid, Member Service Supervisor
 Jerrid Williams, Director of Communications and Public Affairs
 V. Todd Unruh, Engineering Manager

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: David L Wade; Prescilla Mauldin

QUORUM

Manager Herrera declared a Quorum of Trustees present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Anaya led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee McCartney moved to approve the Agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Burnett. The motion carried unanimously.

President Anaya approved the Agenda as presented.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES

Trustee Burnett moved to approve the Minutes from November 22, 2023, as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Bowden. The motion carried unanimously.

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President Anaya approved the Minutes from November 22, 2023, as presented.

MEMBER COMMENTS

No Member Comments were brought forth.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Herrera reported on the expenditure check register totaling \$1,320,176.85 for November 2023 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked Manager Herrera for the Expenditure Report for November 2023.

Manager Herrera reported the Visa credit card expenditures, complete with supporting receipts, made available to the Board of Trustees for November 2023.

President Anaya thanked Manager Herrera for the credit card report for November 2023.

Manager Herrera concluded that SEC has received numerous 4-H thank you cards. Manager Herrera also reported that once he has received more information on what will be provided by the Tri-State energy efficiency program and what SEC can use the 1% renewable that has been collected from the members.

President Anaya thanked Manager Herrera for the Manager's Report for November 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Capps carefully reviewed the RUS Form 7 Report for November 2023 RUS Form 7 in detail and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked Manager Herrera for the RUS Form 7 Report for November 2023.

SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT

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

JOB BRIEFING

Mr. Montoya reviewed the November Job Briefing Reports.

President Anaya thanked Mr. Montoya for the Safety Report for November 2023.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Thomas reported on November activities, with crews completing 17 service orders, completing 30 work orders, and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

OUTAGE REPORTS

Mr. Thomas reviewed the outages that occurred in November 2023.

President Anaya thanked Mr. Thomas for the Operations and Maintenance Report for November 2023.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS

ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT

Ms. Madrid presented the Energy Delinquent Report for November 2023.

NM PRC MEMBER CONCERNS

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Ms. Madrid reported that SEC had no Member complaint filed with the NM PRC in November 2023.

President Anaya thanked Ms. Madrid for the Member Services Report for November 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Mr. Williams reviewed the November Communications and Public Affairs Report and answered questions posed by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked Mr. Williams for the Communications and Public Affairs Report for November 2023.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Unruh reviewed the November Engineering Report and answered questions the Trustees posed.

President Anaya thanked Mr. Unruh for the Engineering Report for November 2023.

* Trustee Rosas arrived at the meeting during this agenda item at 2:54 p.m.

TRI-STATE REPORT

President Anaya gave the Tri-State Board of Directors' activities report for December 2023 and answered questions posed by the Trustees.

NMREC REPORT

President Anaya gave the NMREC activities report for December 2023.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Anaya reported that the annual CEO/General Manager Appraisals forms had been distributed and asked all Trustees to complete these by January 17, 2024, as there will be no committee meetings in January 2024.

After discussion, Trustee McCartney moved to set the time of the CEO/General Manager Appraisal review on January 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Trustee Rosas. Motion carried unanimously.

President Anaya reported on the training that Trustee Burnett and he attended for the NRECA Cyber Security Training and encouraged the rest of the Board to try to attend.

President Anaya reported that after receiving Trustee Holcomb's resignation letter on November 22, 2023, the Board of Trustees would need to determine what would occur with the District II Trustee Vacancy seat. President Anaya reviewed the information in the By-Laws regarding the options available to the Board in addressing the District II Trustee seat vacancy.

After discussion, Trustee McCartney moved to fill District II for the remainder of the term to be appointed at the January 2024 Board meeting with SEC staff trying to get a mailer out to members within District II; the motion was seconded by Trustee Burnett. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Burnett reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on December 20, 2023, with recommendations to the full Board of Trustees and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

President Anaya thanked Trustee Burnett for the Finance Committee Report.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Draft Budget

Manager Herrera explained, in detail, the draft 2024 Budget explaining the proposed capital items and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees. Manager Herrera stated that

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the Finance Committee reviewed the budget and recommended that the Board approve the 2024 Budget as presented.

After discussion, Trustee Burnett moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation of the 2024 Budget as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Rosas. The motion carried unanimously.

Middle Mile Fiber Grant Funds Material RFP Response

Manager Herrera reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the RFP Responses for the Middle Mile Fiber Grant Funds Material, and the Committee recommended that the Board approve the Techline RFP for \$794,661.42.

Trustee McCartney moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the Techline RFP for \$794,661.42 for the Middle Mile Fiber Grant Funds Material; the motion was seconded by Trustee Bowden. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Line Extension Contracts

There were no Line Extension Contracts open for consideration.

Secretary/Treasurer

President Anaya reviewed the information in the By-Laws regarding the options available to the Board for filling the Secretary and Treasurer position.

After discussion, Trustee Burnett moved that the position remain one position and nominated Trustee Rosas as Secretary/Treasurer; the motion was seconded by Trustee McCartney. The motion carried unanimously.

NMREC Statewide Representative

President Anaya reported a new NMREC Statewide Representative was required.

After discussion, Trustee Burnett moved for Manager Herrera to be the NMREC Statewide Representative and President Anaya as the Alternate; the motion was seconded by Trustee McCartney. The 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 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees. 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-Dec-23-A	\$460.54	\$1.66	\$30.63	\$18.82	\$181.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$693.23	\$511.65

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
N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Consideration of Trustee Travel

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There was no Trustee Travel brought forth for consideration.

NRECA 2024 PowerXchange Voting & Alternate Delegate

After discussion, Trustee McCartney moved to make President Anaya the Voting Delegate and Trustee Rosas as Alternate Delegate for NRECA, Federated Electric, CFC, and NRTC; the motion was seconded by Trustee Burnett. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items to discuss in the Executive Session.

SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING

After discussion, Trustee Burnett moved to set the date and time of the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting for January 31, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Trustee McCartney. The motion carried unanimously.

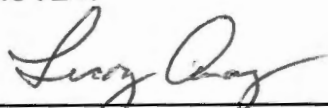
ADJOURNMENT

With no other items open for discussion, Trustee Burnett moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Trustee McCartney. The motion carried unanimously.

President Anaya adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

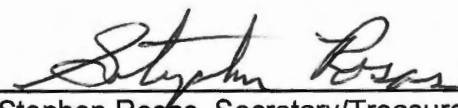

Stephen Rosas, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



Leroy Anaya, President

I, Stephen Rosas, 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 December 27, 2023. 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.



Stephen Rosas, Secretary/Treasurer