

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

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) was held on Friday, July 29, 2022, at 310 Abeyta Ave, Socorro, New Mexico.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 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  
                                     David Montoya, Safety Compliance Officer  
                                     Steve Dettmer, Line Superintendent  
                                     Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: Cyndi Mae Wade and David L 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 made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Burnett. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nelson approved the Agenda as presented.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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Trustee Anaya made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2022, as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Nelson approved the minutes from June 15, 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 \$1,180,527.86 for June 2022 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

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

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

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

Manager Herrera provided the Engineering Report reviewing, in detail, the process that a member must do to be able to bring or update power at their location. Manager Herrera proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

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

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 with over 900 responses. Manager Herrera reported CTC would provide and present the feasibility study report at the August meeting.

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

Manager Herrera concluded by reporting that SEC had received numerous thank you cards from SEC scholarship winners and 4-H add-ons.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Manager Herrera reported that Jimmy Capps was at a training and carefully reviewed in detail the RUS Form 7 Report for June 2022 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the RUS Form 7 Report for June 2022.

**SAFETY COMPLIANCE REPORT**

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

**JOB BRIEFING**

Mr. Montoya reviewed the June Job Briefing Reports.

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

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Mr. Dettmer reported for June activities that crews completed 2 work orders and completed 54 service orders, with most service orders for area lights. Mr. Dettmer stated that crews cut 47

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trees in June. Mr. Dettmer also provided information on the stolen recovered trailer and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

### 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 June 2022.

### MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS

#### ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT

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

#### NM PRC MEMBER CONCERNS

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

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

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Manager Herrera reported Mr. Capps' June Communications and Public Affairs Report was made available for the Trustees. Manager Herrera was also happy to report that SEC had hired Ellena Tapia, who is the new Director of Communications and Public Affairs and was at the same training with Mr. Capps.

Chairman Nelson thanked Manager Herrera for the Communications and Public Affairs Report for June 2022.

### TRI-STATE REPORT

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

Manager Herrera reported on the Rate Design Committee Update activities for July 2022, stating there is continued engaged discussion from all participants. Manager Herrera provided information on the different topics covered and 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 July 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Wolberg for the NMRECA Report.

### MRGEDA REPORT

Trustee Wolberg gave the MRGEDA report for July 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Wolberg for the MRGEDA Report.

Chairman Nelson called for a five-minute recess at the end of this discussion item at 3:40 p.m.

Chairman Nelson called the meeting back to order at 3:45 p.m.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chairman Nelson reported the 2022 Trustee Expense reports for the second quarter had been provided for all Trustees to review.

Manager Herrera requested that all trustees turn in their expense reports monthly to keep the Trustee Expense report updated as it helps produce 1099 at the end of the year.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Aguilar reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on July 29, 2022.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Aguilar for the Finance Committee Report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Wolberg reported on the Standing Committee Meeting held on July 29, 2022, with recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

Chairman Nelson thanked Trustee Wolberg for the Standing Committee Report.

**NEW BUSINESS****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-July-22-A	\$1,247.93	\$23.92	\$82.36	\$59.86	\$349.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,763.22	\$1,414.07
EM-July-22-B	\$321.19	\$0.00	\$92.93	\$82.63	\$316.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$812.99	\$496.75
EM-July-22-C	\$1,063.94	\$15.36	\$86.07	\$58.90	\$400.80	\$35.38	\$0.00	\$1,660.45	\$1,259.65
EM-July-22-D	\$452.86	\$0.00	\$64.27	\$36.52	\$413.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$967.01	\$553.65

**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
JM-July-22-A	\$176.51	\$0.00	\$35.51	\$30.60	\$147.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$389.72	\$242.62
JM-July-22-B	\$269.92	\$4.66	\$10.41	\$0.00	\$81.53	\$41.50	\$0.00	\$408.02	\$326.49
JM-July-22-C	\$363.41	\$4.64	\$42.06	\$34.99	\$160.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$605.51	\$445.10
JM-July-22-D	\$222.95	\$11.70	\$4.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$239.00	\$239.00

After discussion, 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 Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Line Extension Contracts**

Manager Herrera reported a line extension contract for Bonnie Leyba for \$6,780.88 was being presented to the Board for approval. Manager Herrera recommended that the Board approve the contract for Ms. Leyba.

After discussion, Trustee Wolberg made a motion to approve the contract for Bonnie Leyba for \$6,780.88; motion seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Herrera reported a line extension contract for Leland Caudill for \$12,000.00 was being presented to the Board for approval. Manager Herrera recommended that the Board approve the contract for Mr. Caudill.

Trustee Aguilar made a motion to approve the contract for Leland Caudill for \$12,000.00; motion seconded by Trustee Wade. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Trustee Travel**

Trustees Burnett and Wolberg requested Board approval to attend the NMRECA Director Training scheduled for August 4-5, 2022, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Trustee Anaya requested Board approval to attend the NMRECA Annual BBQ scheduled for August 11, 2022, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Trustees Anaya and Wolberg requested Board approval to attend the NRECA Region 10 Meeting scheduled for October 24-26, 2022, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Trustee Burnett requested Board approval to attend the NRECA Winter School Director Training scheduled for December 9-13, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Trustee Anaya made a motion to approve the Trustee Travel as stated above; motion seconded by Trustee Aguilar. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Chairman Nelson called for an Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 4:03 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Wolberg made a motion and seconded by Trustee Anaya to return to Regular Session at 4:36 p.m.

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

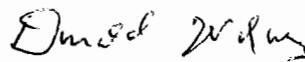
**SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING**

After discussion, Trustee Anaya made a motion to set the Committee meeting's date and time for August 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. and the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting for August 24, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 4:38 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 July 29, 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