

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

December 16, 2020

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC), held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 310 Abeyta Ave, Socorro, New Mexico.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 p.m. by Anne Dorough, President.

ROLL CALL

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

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Anne L. Dorough, President (via teleconference)
 Representative, District 5

 Luis Aguilar, Vice President (via teleconference)
 Representative, District 3

 Paul Bustamante, Secretary/Treasurer (via teleconference)
 Representative, District 1

 Leroy Anaya, Trustee (via teleconference)
 Representative, District 3

 James Nelson, Trustee (via teleconference)
 Representative, District 2

 Donald Wolberg, Trustee (via teleconference)
 Representative, District 3

 Michael Hawkes, Trustee (via teleconference)
 Representative, District 4

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

ALSO, PRESENT: Joseph Herrera, General Manager
 Donna Wilkins, Administrative Assistant
 Steve Dettmer, Line Superintendent (via teleconference)
 Marilyn Madrid, Member Services Supervisor (via teleconference)
 Jimmy Capps, Director of Communications and Public Affairs (via teleconference)

SEC MEMBERS PRESENT: None; due to Governor Lujan-Grisham's executive order restricting all groups to no more than five (5) individuals.

QUORUM

Secretary Bustamante declared a Quorum of Trustees present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Manager Herrera led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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President Dorough approved the Agenda as presented.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL PREVIOUS MINUTES

Trustee Aguilar made a motion to approve the minutes from November 24, 2020, as presented; motion seconded by Trustee Bustamante. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough approved the minutes from November 24, 2020, as presented.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Manager Herrera reported that no Members had called in or were present for Member Comments.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Herrera reported on the expenditure check register totaling \$1,256,530.00 for November 2020 and answered questions posed by the Trustees.

President Dorough thanked Manager Herrera for the Expenditure Report for November 2020.

Manager Herrera reported on the Visa credit card expenditures, complete with supporting receipts, made available to the Board of Trustees for November 2020.

President Dorough thanked Manager Herrera for the credit card report for November 2020.

Manager Herrera carefully reviewed in detail the RUS Form 7 Report for November 2020.

President Dorough thanked Manager Herrera for the RUS Form 7 Report.

Manager Herrera provided an update regarding COVID-19 reporting at the last NMRECA Statewide Meeting, there was much discussion about the current COVID-19 restrictions and upcoming Annual Meetings. Manager Herrera reported the current COVID-19 restrictions for mass gatherings is looking to stay in place through May-June 2021. Manager Herrera reminded the Board of Trustees that SEC's Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2021 at Macey Center. Manager Herrera continued stating that staff are properly wearing masks and practicing social distance. Manager Herrera stated that a few employees had reported leaving New Mexico and were completing 14-day self-quarantines as required by the travel restrictions in place by Governor Lujan-Grisham.

President Dorough thanked Manager Herrera for the COVID-19 Update for November 2020.

Manager Herrera provided the Engineering Report stating that he has been asked by the US Forest to participate in a Wildfire Mitigation Task Force. Manager Herrera stated the task force was created due to the fires that are burning on the west coast. Manager Herrera continued stating that Federated Insurance is getting more expensive when it comes to getting reinsurance and they will start putting a cap on the umbrella coverage for wildfires.

President Dorough thanked Manager Herrera for the Engineering Report for November 2020.

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.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Dettmer reported for November activities crews completed 15 work orders, closed 24 work orders, and completed 37 service orders with most of the service orders for security lights. Mr.

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Dettmer reported that numbers were down in November due to individuals being out for COVID-19 related issues and the holidays.

OUTAGE REPORTS

Mr. Dettmer reviewed several major outages that either affected over 100 members or those for which the outage time was lengthy.

President Dorough thanked Mr. Dettmer for the Operations and Maintenance Report for November 2020.

MEMBER SERVICES REPORTS

ENERGY DELINQUENT REPORT

Ms. Madrid presented the Energy Delinquent Report for November 2020 and proceeded to answer questions posed by the Trustees.

NM PRC MEMBER CONCERNS

Ms. Madrid reported that SEC had one Member complaint filed with the NM PRC in November 2020. Ms. Madrid stated that NM PRC found that SEC was not in violation of any approved NM PRC rules and the case was closed.

President Dorough thanked Ms. Madrid for the Member Services Report for November 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

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

President Dorough thanked Mr. Capps for the Communications and Public Affairs Report for November 2020.

TRI-STATE REPORT

Trustee Anaya gave the Tri-State Board of Director's activities report for December 2020.

President Dorough stated that at the November Board meeting, it had been decided to not send Tri-State the requested support letter to provide comments and intervene with FERC for their filing of an "Open Season" option for partial requirement contracts with its members. President Dorough stated that e-mails were sent amongst the Trustees after the Board meeting regarding this conversation and a decision was made to send the support letter after all. President Dorough stated that a motion was made to send a letter of support to Tri-State, supporting Board Policy 124 by Trustee Anaya and seconded by Trustee Wolberg with affirmation from Trustees Aguilar, Anaya, Bustamante, Nelson, and Wolberg. President Dorough stated that this letter was sent to Tri-State on December 1, 2020.

Trustee Anaya made a motion to ratify the actions taken between November 26, 2020 thru December 1, 2020, to send the support letter to Tri-State; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg.

A roll call vote was conducted by President Dorough and is as follows:
Yes: Trustee Aguilar, Anaya, Bustamante, Hawkes, Nelson, and Wolberg
No: None
Motion carried unanimously.

NMRECA REPORT

Trustee Wolberg gave the NMRECA report for December 2020.

President Dorough thanked Trustee Wolberg for the NMRECA Report.

MRGEDA REPORT

Trustee Wolberg gave the MRGEDA report for December 2020.

President Dorough thanked Trustee Wolberg for the MRGEDA Report.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dorough reported that it is time to provide the General Manager's Annual Evaluation. President Dorough stated that the new General Manager evaluation form would be used that was created by the Performance Evaluation Committee.

After discussion, Trustee Hawkes made a motion to schedule the evaluation session for January 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.; motion seconded by Trustee Wolberg.

A roll call vote was conducted by President Dorough and is as follows:

Yes: Trustee Aguilar, Anaya, Bustamante, Hawkes, Nelson, and Wolberg

No: None

Motion carried unanimously.

ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Wolberg reported the Ethics Committee had met on December 16, 2020, with recommended changes to the Standing Committee. Trustee Wolberg stated the Committee also determined the Board of Trustees has adhered to all Board Policies, finding no report of undisclosed conflicts or violation.

Trustee Wolberg made a motion to adopt the recommended changes made by the Ethics Committee to the Standing Committee; motion seconded by Trustee Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough thanked Trustee Wolberg for the Ethics Committee Report.

NEW BUSINESS**Consideration of The Village of Magdalena Franchise Agreement**

Manager Herrera reported the Village of Magdalena's Board of Trustees had approved the Ordinance No. 2020-03, Franchise Agreement, with recommended changes for the SEC Board of Trustees to review.

After discussion, Trustee Aguilar made a motion to accept the recommended changes from the Village of Magdalena Ordinance No. 2020-03, Franchise Agreement with additional proposed changes from SEC; motion seconded by Trustee Hawkes.

A roll call vote was conducted by President Dorough and is as follows:

Yes: Trustee Aguilar, Anaya, Bustamante, Hawkes, and Wolberg

No: None

Abstained: Trustee Nelson

Motion carried with abstaining.

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-Dec-20-A	\$184.44	\$0.00	\$28.00	\$22.13	\$152.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$386.71	\$234.57
EM-Dec-20-B	\$411.50	\$9.80	\$38.57	\$29.58	\$163.91	\$3.02	\$0.00	\$656.38	\$492.47

JOINT ACCOUNT ESTATE RETIREMENTS:

Operating Margins	Plains G&T	Investment in Associated Organizations	Cushion of Credit	Tri-State	Gains	Unpaid Balance	Total	Total without Tri-State
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				& Other Non-Ops					
JM-Dec-20-A	\$159.95	\$0.00	\$15.53	\$12.18	\$96.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$283.89	\$187.66
JM-Dec-20-B	\$72.24	\$0.91	\$9.63	\$6.37	\$47.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136.38	\$89.15
JM-Dec-20-C	\$378.79	\$6.31	\$33.15	\$12.80	\$251.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$682.62	\$431.05
JM-Dec-20-D	\$95.57	\$0.00	\$15.35	\$14.12	\$82.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$207.78	\$125.04

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.

A roll call vote was conducted by President Dorough and is as follows:

Yes: Trustee Aguilar, Anaya, Bustamante, Hawkes, Nelson, and Wolberg

No: None

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 Wolberg made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and employment matters; motion seconded by Trustee Aguilar. Motion carried unanimously.

President Dorough called for an Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Aguilar made a motion and seconded by Trustee Wolberg to return to Regular Session at 3:41 p.m.

President Dorough stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

SET DATE/TIME FOR REGULAR MEETING

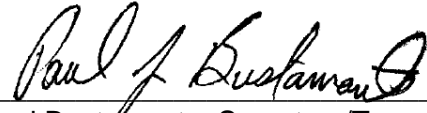
Trustee Bustamante made a motion to set the Committee meeting's date and time for January 20, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. and the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting for January 27, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.; motion seconded by Trustee Anaya. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items open for discussion, President Dorough adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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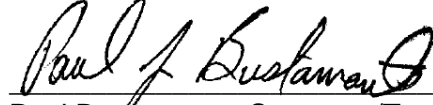
Paul Bustamante, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



Anne Dorough, President

I, Paul Bustamante, 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 16, 2020. 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.



Paul Bustamante, Secretary/Treasurer