

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON

February 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Robert Baca, at 10:45 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Robert Baca, President
 James Ortiz, Vice -President
 Virginia Mondragon, Secretary/Treasurer
 Joe C de Baca, Trustee
 Samuel Ramirez, Trustee
 Les Montoya, General Manager
 Irinea Valdez, Administrative Assistant

2. INVOCATION – Robert Baca, Board President, led us in prayer.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The Agenda for today's meeting was presented. A motion was made by Virginia Mondragon to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Samuel Ramirez. Motion carried.

5. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – Geri Madrid and Marie Saiz, Vice-President with El Valle Community Center, Steve Smaby with Mora County Economic Development, Patricia Smith with Watrous 4-H Club and Angela Sandoval and Lana Gallegos with Rivera Community Center. Presentation of Mora-San Miguel Education Foundation Funding for Assisting the Community and Development of Youth. Other guests included are Brent Racher and Sarah Schantz with T & D Services.

6. Introduction of New Employee – None

7. SAFETY REPORT/MINUTES – February 18, 2025

8. ACTION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES HELD ON January 30, 2024 – The Board Minutes for the meeting held on January 30, 2024 were presented for review. Sam Ramirez, motioned to approve the minutes as presented. James Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 9. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS (MORA 19 – PECOS 11)** A total of Thirty memberships were presented. After review, a motion was made by Virginia Mondragon, seconded by Joe Samuel Ramirez, to approve all new memberships. Motion carried.
- 10. MANAGER'S REPORT** – Manager's report was approved with a motion by James Ortiz and seconded by Samuel Ramirez. Motion carried.
- 11. Delinquent report** – AS of December 2024 there were \$198,580.77 total delinquents and as of January 2025 there were \$126,139.37 total delinquents.
- 12. RUS FORM 7** – The month ending **December 31, 2024** shows a negative margin of \$157,232.00 for the month. We are at \$1,243,583 in Revenue, \$1,118,075 Total Expenses and \$113,835 in Depreciation. Interest on long term debt \$154,862 and interest expenses \$21,752. Total cost for the month \$1,408,720. Non-Operating margins interest is \$7,905. Operating Margins is a negative \$157,232.00 for year-to-date. Tier 0.53 YTD, and -0.02 for the Month.
- The month ending **January 31, 2025** shows a margin of \$162,597 for the month. We are at \$1,619,633 in Revenue, \$1,303,403 Total Expenses and \$113,995 in Depreciation. Interest on long term debt \$22,712 and interest expenses \$22,288. Total cost for the Month \$1,462,810. Non-Operating margins interest is \$5,774. Operating Margins is \$162,597. Tier 8.16 YTD, Tier 8.16 MTD.
- 13. Outage report** – February 2025 - Incomplete
- 14. FINANCE REPORT** –Approval of Finance Report along with Manager's report was motioned by James Ortiz and Seconded by Samuel Ramirez. Motion Carried.
- 15. TRI-STATE TRUSTEE REPORT** – Robert Baca, Tri-State Trustee, reported on the February 2025 meeting. Some topics covered included the following:
- Discussed approval of some Contracts on improving the Benefits of Long-Term Wholesale Electrical. Contracts. Will be voting on a new contract with Tri-State in April of 2025. Tri-State board members are encouraging local Board Members to discuss more thoroughly during their monthly. Have attorney review.
 - There will be a presentation at Annual meeting on Wholesale Electrical Service Contracts (WESC)
 - Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday April 1, 2025, starting with Executive Committee (same format as last year)

- Generation of Power for the month was 79% available, 33% of a power gas. The gas fleet was over budget by 6%
- United Purchasing Power on open market. United got another rate increase
- Discussed the Bills that are going to be affecting the Coops in New Mexico and in Colorado. Wyoming is still doing coal. Everything is good in Nebraska
- Talked about the contract and strategic planning on what they are going to do for the future
- PowerXChange Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA on March 7-12, 2025

16. NMREC TRUSTEE REPORT – James Ortiz, NMREC Trustee reported on the February 7, 2025 meeting.

- Discussed going with Nexstar Media Group for Advertising (Pioneer will still do the Printing)
- Voted Manny Gonzales CEO for Socorro
- Arsenio De La Cruz RUS representative from Washington was not present for updates
- Discussed Legislative Bills. Bills that were supporting and non-supporting such as FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act and Workers compensation changes, one Journeyman to one lineman)
- Esther Simon from CoBank reported that the Patronage Program payouts are scheduled for March 15, 2025.
- CoBank has increased Sharing Success Program funds and online applications will open April 1, 2025
- Discussed vehicles bids purchased by MSMEC and the other vehicle on consignment
- Legislative breakfast was a great success and will continue this event in the future
- Presented Ben Ray Lujan with \$1000 for campaign funds
- Discussion of mold in the Statewide building, getting bids
- Lengthy discussion NMRECA's on Budgets
- Discussion on Credit Cards Bills
- Discussion on Business Alliance
- Annual Meeting planned to be held at Isleta
- Long Rope recommendation is due by March 15, 2025
- Fall Meeting will be in Ruidoso this coming year
- Safety Training and Meter school will be in Lovington, NM this year on July 29-30, 2025
- Annual meeting will need Sponsors to help with registration and other duties
- Chris Myers is retiring from OAEC, Statewide will match retirement gift amount
- Applications for Youth Tour are due by February 28, 2025

17. ON-GOING BUSINESS-

- a. Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc., and MSM Solar, LLC

14. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **CoBank Line of Credit/Promissory Note required to finance the Hazard Tree Cutting Removal Project.** Requesting the board to review the Revolving Term Promissory Note offered by CoBank and the Opinion of Counsel provided by Lorna Wiggins. Motion to approve was made by Samuel Ramirez and seconded by Virginia Mondragon. Motion carried.
- b. **Bid Award Cat B Private Roads Maintenance and Repair Contract.** The Board will be asked to approve the recommendation to award bids for Private Road Repairs and Maintenance to the contractors recommended and authorize General Manager to sign off on performance contracts. Motion was made to approve by James Ortiz and seconded by Samuel Ramirez. Motion carried.
- c. **MSMEC Operating Budget Proposal for 2025 which includes projected revenue and expenses for the calendar year 2025.** The board will be asked to approve the Operating Budget for Calendar year 2025 with projected revenues and expenses. Motion was made to approve by James Ortiz and seconded by Samuel Ramirez. Motion carried.

15. MSMEC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION- None

16. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. Calendar of Events

1. New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Suppliers Group offering \$1500 Scholarship to be awarded to someone in our Coop.
2. NRECA PowerXChange 2025 March 7-12, 2025 Atlanta, GA
3. NRECA Conference in Washington DC., April 27-30, 2025
4. Tri-State- FOCUS 2025 Annual Meeting- Member voting Delegate Credentials.
Robert Baca, President and Virginia Mondragon, Alternate
5. Next Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

- 18. EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Motions was made to go into executive session at 1:45 p.m. by Samuel Ramirez and seconded by Virginias Mondragon. Motion to adjourn executive session at 2:40 p.m. was made by James Ortiz and seconded by Joe C de Baca. No action was taken.

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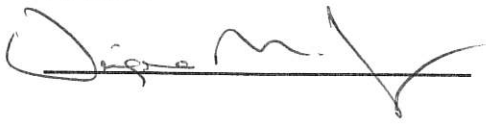
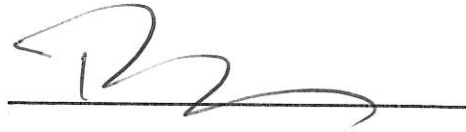
a. Personnel Matters

- b. Update on Union Matters
- c. Litigation Matters

18. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD – None

19. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn today's meeting was made by Samuel Ramirez and seconded by Virginia Mondragon. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Virginia Mondragon", written over a horizontal line.A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Samuel Ramirez", written over a horizontal line.