

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON

April 23, 2026

The meeting of Thursday April 23, 2026, was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Board President, Robert Baca.

1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Robert Baca, President
 James Ortiz, Vice -President
 Virginia Mondragon, Secretary
 Joe C de Baca, Trustee
 Samuel Ramirez, Trustee
 Isaiah Romero, Interim General Manager
 Tami Hernandez, 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 Sam Ramirez. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS –

- a. Invited Speakers- (15-minute time limit)-None
- b. General Public Comments-(5-minute time limit)- None
- c. Introduction of New Employee- None

6. SAFETY REPORT/MINUTES – March 24, 2026-Minutes not completed.

7. ACTION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES HELD ON March 26th 2026 – The Board Minutes for the meeting held on March 26th 2026, were presented to the Board for review and approval. **A motion to approve the Board Minutes as presented was made by James Ortiz and seconded by Virginia Mondragon. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS (MORA 17– PECOS-15) A total of thirty-two, memberships were presented for review and approval. After review, **a motion was**

made by Virginia Mondragon, seconded by Sam Ramirez, to approve all new memberships as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT – Manager's report was approved with a motion by Sam Ramirez and seconded by Sam James Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. **Delinquent report** – The Delinquent Report for the month of March was presented for review. There was a total of 902 delinquent accounts totaling \$267,975.59. After collections, 512 of those accounts remained unpaid for a total of \$83,256.77.
- b. **RUS FORM 7** – The month ending **February 28, 2026**, shows a Margin of \$274,747, for the month. We are at \$1,465,443 in Revenue, \$955,469 Total Expenses and \$118,197 in Depreciation. Interest on Long Term Debt \$23,597 and Interest Expenses \$92,191. Total Cost for the month \$1,190,696. Non-Operating Margins Interest is \$1,600. Operating Margins are \$276,347 for Year-to-Date. Tier 8.59 YTD and 12.71 for the Month.
- c. **Outage Report-** February 2026.
- d. **Fused Cut-Out Report-0** Fused cut-outs.

10. FINANCE REPORT – A motion to approve the Finance Report along with Manager's report was motioned by Sam Ramirez and Seconded by James Ortiz. Motion Carried.

11. TRI-STATE TRUSTEE REPORT – Robert Baca, Tri-State Trustee, reported on Tri-State's April 9th & 10th, Annual meeting. A few of the items covered/discussed included the following:

- Robert stated that the Annual Meeting went really well, it was a successful turn out nearly 500 guest and staff attendees.
- March and April were busy for Tri-State.
- Tri-state joined SPP RTO Western expansion, an important step in strengthening coordination and market access.
- La Plata Electric Association exited Tri-State April 1st. Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative gave an unconditional withdrawal notice.
- US Department of Energy issued a new 202 (c) order, SPP Directed Craig Station Unit 1 to operate from April 10-15.
- Total Electric Sales were lower than budget, driven by warmer weather. Purchased power was higher than budgeted.
- Robert said the board should take a tour of the Tri-State Complex.
- Roger Schenk (YW Electric) was elected in place of Julie Kilty for treasurer.
- Scott Wolfe (San Luis Vally) and Corey Robinson (Monte Vista Colo.) replaced were each elected as assistant secretary.

- Stewart didn't run for executive committee. Wayne Connell (Central), Shawn Turner (Midwest) and Willie Bridges (Big Horn) were elected to at-large positions.
- Mr. Bill Wilson's wife Anne passed away.

12. NMREC TRUSTEE REPORT – James Ortiz, NMREC Trustee reported meeting for April 3rd, 2026.

- Travis Day is the new Presidential appointee as the USDA director. His focus is how to build rural communities throughout New Mexico and understands the important role cooperatives play in each of those communities.
- Nominations for Mike West, Dan Najjar, and Rep. Jack Chatfield as the 2026 Co-op Champion Award recipients as presented.
- James talked about the Long Rope award at the meeting and suggested that there should be more than one Long Rope Award recipient each year. He suggested one for Northern, one for Southern cooperatives, and one for inside staff.
- Travis responded that inside staff was submitted, but the recipient selected is on from the line crew. Committee discussed having more than one award but it will not be in 2026.
- Good catch award and My Why award, they discussed maybe giving more than one also in the future.
- The PRC will have a permanent home in the next 18 months and have suggested hosting pre-rate filing meetings to get ahead of any protests.
- They discussed the abuse of medical certificates and door hangers being an outdated means of communication.
- The managers also discussed Rule 568 and upcoming deadlines, as well as the potential formation of the Navajo energy Office.
- Self-insurers fund met and will need to seat new members to the board.
- Antonio also mentioned that the safety demonstration trailer will be at the overhead school and reminded co-ops to get coops trained and qualified for use of the demo trailer.
- Isaiah is requesting the safety demonstration trailer for MSMEC's annual meeting.
- Bobby Ferris reported that the committee reviewed the new Whistleblower policy. He also reported they have been working closely with legal on updating the Bylaws to accurately reflect internal procedures.
- Thomas Rivas reported that the committee reviewed the new websites, which are currently under development and will going live soon.
- Vince stated that statewide will be hosting a fundraiser for House district 41 candidate Debbie Rodella on April 14th, and for Lt. Governor candidate and current Senator David Gallegos on April 16th.
- Vince also stated that there are several PAC requests for Representatives Leger Fernandez and Vasquez and encouraged everyone to support the NRECA PAC.

- Talia reported that all 50 delegates from Youth Tour have completed their electronic forms and planning efforts are still underway.
- Evelyn vigil reported that the retirement seminar is scheduled for October 14-15 at the Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel. Evelyn also reported that the Director's Training will be held at the Hyatt Uptown on August 10-14.

13. ON-GOING BUSINESS-

- a. **Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc., and MSM Solar, LLC. Invoices.**
- b. **Milsoft Upgrade.** Isaiah is waiting for a new quote from Milsoft. Tabled until Isaiah gets a new quote.

14. NEW BUSINESS-

- a. **Resolution No. 04-23-2026-006 Resolution Authorizing the Interim General Manager to sign the New Mexico Rural Electric Self Insurers' Fund Documents.** Virginia Mondragon made a motion to approve Resolutions No. 04-23-2026-006 Authorizing the Interim General Manager Isaiah Romero to sign the New Mexico Rural Electric Self Insurers' Fund Documents. Seconded by James Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Notice of Election for District 4 and District 5, In accordance with Article IV, Trustees, of the Cooperative Bylaws, where there is no competition for vacancy, there is no voting and, as a result, no business to come before the members of said district. As per Article IV-Trustees- Section 8. Election (1) If there is no competition, the incumbent shall remain in office for an additional three-year term. Therefore, no voting will take place for District 4 or District 5 and the persons nominated (Robert Baca) and (James Tanuz). Therefore, no voting will take place for wins by acclamation, and to hold office for a period of three (3) years from the 27th day of June 2026. Notice of Meeting for Election May 19th 2026 @ Mora HS Gym.** Virginia Mondragon made a motion to approve Notice of Election letters for District 4, and 5 with a correction on the Notice of Election Letter time to be 4:30-7:30 pm. Seconded by James Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Sole source material agreement with Techline.** No action taken. Agreement needs to be revised. Interim General Manager Isaiah Romero would like our Attorney Lorna Wiggins to review and approve agreement.

15. GENERAL INFORMATION-

- a. None.

16. MSMEC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

- a. **Board to review 2026 Scholarship for selection and approval.**

Virginia Mondragon made a motion to go into MSMEC Education Foundation @12:04 pm. Seconded by Joe C de Baca. Motion carried unanimously.

All fourteen applications were approved by the MSMEC Education Foundation Committee.

Virginia Mondragon made a motion to get out of MSMEC Education Foundation at 12:12pm, Seconded by James Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously.

17. BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

- a. **MSMEC Policy-General Board Policy/Policy #100/For review and update.**
The board reviewed the policy and no changes or updates were made. James Ortiz made a motion to approve Policy #100 with no change or updates. Sam Ramirez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **None.**

19. Events Calendar:

- a. **Tri-State G&T Annual Meeting May 4th & 6th 2026 (Monday & Wednesday).**
- b. **Monday May 25th 2026 Memorial Day/MSMEC Offices Closed.**
- c. **NMRECA Board & Committee Meeting May 27th, 28th & 29th 2026 (Wednesday thru Friday).**

A motion to move into Executive Session @ 12:20 pm was made by Sam Ramirez and seconded by James Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

- a. **Personnel Matters**
- b. **Update on Union Matters**
- c. **Litigation Matters**

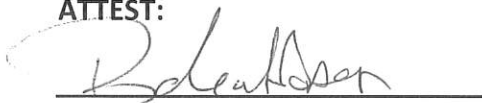
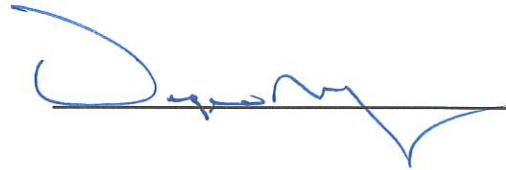
A motion to move out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session @1:40p.m. was made by James Sam Ramirez and seconded by James Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously.

21. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION-

22. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: NONE.

23. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn today's meeting was made by James Ortiz and seconded by Sam Ramirez. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

ATTEST:

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