

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON
June 25, 2026

The meeting of Thursday June 25, 2026, was called to order at 11:04 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 CEO/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 – June- No Safety Meeting held.

7. ACTION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES HELD ON May 19th 2026 – The Board Minutes for the meeting held on April 23rd 2026, were presented to the Board for review and approval. **A motion to approve the Board Minutes as presented was made by Virginia Mondragon and seconded by Sam Ramirez. Motion carried unanimously.**

8. **APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS (MORA 11– PECOS-18)** A total of twenty-nine, memberships were presented for review and approval. After review, a motion was made by Sam Ramirez, seconded by Joe C de Baca, to approve all new memberships as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **MANAGER’S REPORT** – Manager’s report was approved with a motion by James Ortiz and seconded by Sam Ramirez. Motion carried unanimously.
- a. **Delinquent report** – The Delinquent Report for the month of May was presented for review. There was a total of 924 delinquent accounts totaling \$308,192.74. After collections, 584 of those accounts remained unpaid for a total of \$173,843.22.
 - b. **RUS FORM 7** – The month ending **May 31 2026**, shows a Margin of –(\$11,295), for the month. We are at \$1,072,513 in Revenue, \$863,044 Total Expenses and \$118,504 in Depreciation. Interest on Long Term Debt \$23,504 and Interest Expenses \$83,562. Total Cost for the month \$1,089,095. Non-Operating Margins Interest is \$5,286. Operating Margins are (\$16,582) for Year-to-Date. Tier 1.93 YTD and 0.52 for the Month.
 - c. **Outage Report**- None.
 - 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 James Ortiz and Seconded by Sam Ramiez. Motion Carried.
11. **TRI-STATE TRUSTEE REPORT** – Robert Baca, Tri-State Trustee, reported on June 1st and June 3rd Tri-State’s June, meeting. A few of the items covered/discussed included the following:
- This was Rick Gordons last meeting he retired after 32 years. Tri-State will make a contribution in his honor to the Gordon Family Legacy Scholarship at Big Sand School District.
 - Tri-State has received notice that Midwest Electric will exit June 1, 2028 making it the sixth of the six Nebraska Panhandle members to provide notice.
 - Tri-State sold more power because of the summer heat & dry weather.
 - Discussion about the Tri-State building, and remodel.
 - Trump keeping the Co Plant open and it’s costing a lot of money.
 - Renewable generation accounted for 40% of total power supply and 53% of member load.
 - Discussion regarding wildfire preparedness, they have made significant progress on wildfire liability legislation that they are hoping to pass out of legislature next year.

- Discussion regarding current fires in New Mexico.
- Robert Castello retired.

12. NMREC TRUSTEE REPORT – James Ortiz, NMREC Trustee No-Report-NMREC Annual Meeting Scheduled May 27th thru May 29th 2026.

- NMREC had recognition of the Board Voting Delegates and Alternates.
- Reading of the 2025 NMREC Annual Meeting Minutes, and to approve as presented.
- NMRECA 2025 financial audit report, there were no findings that were any concern and staff at NMRECA provided all the information necessary without incident. Audit reported was accepted.
- 2026 NMRECA Resolutions, President Morrow recognized Mr. Ferris, chair of the Bylaws, Policy & Resolutions Committee they spent several months reviewing the Association's resolutions. He advised no new resolutions were proposed for 2026. The redlined document presented to the Board consisted solely revisions prepared by NMRECA Legal Counsel, Mr. Paul Bishop, along with comments and recommendations from the Committed and Staff. Mr. Ferris moved that the Board adopt the red-lined revisions to all NMRECA resolutions in their entirety.
- 2026-2027 NMRECA Board Officer Elections-Mr. Connell nominated the current slate of offices to continue serving for the 2026-2027 term: President: Mr. Tim Morrow, Vice President: Mr. Charles Wagner, and Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. Preston Stone. All nominations were accepted by acclamation.

13. ON-GOING BUSINESS-

- Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc., and MSM Solar, LLC. Invoices.**
- America's Electric Cooperative PAC Contribution Request.** Discussion only. Board made personal donations at NMREC Annual Meeting. No Action Taken.
- Joint Use Agreement.** Joint Use agreement between MSMEC and Ameren Transmission Co/Lucky Corridor. Agreement would Co-locate Ameren's easements. Ameren would rebuild MSMEC distribution line along MSMEC's existing R/W easements. Ameren would rebuild MSMEC distribution line as an underbuilt-on Ameren's Transmission line. The Board of Trustee's is to determine whether to proceed with this contract. Isaiah Romero had contract revised. Disussion on the revised contract. No Action Taken.

14. NEW BUSINESS-

- Indemnity Agreement for Pendaries Village Tree Removal Project.** Indemnity Agreement for Pendaries Village tree removal project. This Indemnity Agreement covers MSMEC to remove burnt trees from the Pendaries Village from property owners that T&D or Pendaries Village con not get a hold of. Discussion that there are around 40 people they can't find and Pendaries has bylaws that property's must be clean. Isaiah Romero had our Attorney Lorna Wiggins review the agreement. It was determined the agreement would protect

MSMEC. The Board of Trustee's is being asked to determine to approve this agreement. James Ortiz made a motion to approve the Indemnity Agreement for Pendaries Village Tree Removal Project. Joe C de Baca seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **Rate Study.** MSMEC to determine whether to conduct a new rate study to adjust for inflation. The board is to determine whether to conduct a new rate study. Discussion about rate study not being in the budget for this year, that we will put in in to next year's budget and put it out for Bid. James Ortiz made a motion to approve a new Rate Study, Joe C de Baca seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **PNHP UG Line.** Agenda item is for the UG line that runs through the Pecos national Historical Park. This is an alternate feed to serve the La Joya/Glorieta areas. Line has been de-energized for about 8 years waiting on permits. This quote is to do the test digging required by PNHP. Board is to determine whether to proceed with this testing. Virginia Mondragon made a motion to approve the PNHP UG Line, Sam Ramirez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15. GENERAL INFORMATION-

- a. **2026 Scholarship Recipient Pictures.**
- b. **Save the Date-The Annual BBQ. Wednesday, September 9, 2026 & Board Meeting Thursday, September 10th 2026.**
- c. **Registration in Open-NRECA Regional Meetings/Regions 8 & 10 Oct. 21-23, 2026 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Primary Hotel-Omni Oklahoma City Hotel.**

16. MSMEC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

- a. **On Time Sports T-Shirts/Robertson and Mora.** Discussion on the T-Shirts. Board decided not to continue with the On Time Sports T-Shirts.

17. BYLAWS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

- a. **MSMEC General Trustee Obligations Policy NO. 101-A.** The board reviewed the policy and no changes or updates were made. James Ortiz made a motion to approve Policy #101-A with no change or updates. Sam Ramirez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Thank you letter from Shiann Montoya, 2026 Scholarship Recipient.**
- b. **Thank you, Picture, and Card for 4-H C.E.S. Horse Camp/Chantelle Lewis.**

19. Events Calendar:

- a. MSMEC Office Closed Thursday July 2, 2026 (Independence Day Observed).
- b. Independence Day Saturday July 4, 2026.
- c. NMRECA Committee & Board Meeting Thursday July 9th & Friday July 10th 2026.
- d. Tri-State (Virtual) Meeting Thursday July 30, 2026.

A motion to move into Executive Session @ 12:02 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

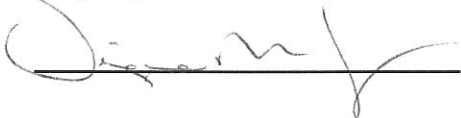
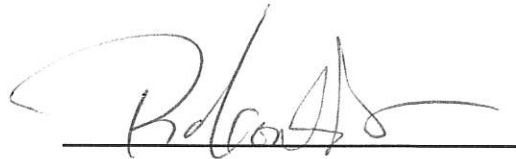
A motion to move out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session @3:00p.m. was made by James Sam Ramirez and seconded by James Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously.

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 3:18 pm.

ATTEST:

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