

**MORA-SAN MIGUEL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**HELD ON**  
**MARCH 25, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 25, 2010. Mr. H. Felix Vigil, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

**Members Present:** H. Felix Vigil, Chairman  
Daniel Romero, Vice-Chairman  
Mary Lou Roybal, Secretary/Treas.  
Robert Baca, Member  
Elizabeth Leyba, Member  
Carlos S. Lovato, Member

**Others Present:** Abran H. Romero, General Manager  
Debbie H. Alexander, Exec. Admin.

Bruce Wiggins, Attorney

**Absent:** David Maestas Member

- 2. Invocation** – Invocation was led by Daniel Romero.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 4. Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was presented and reviewed. **The following amendments were made to the Agenda: Add - #5 – d) Special Executive Session; #8 – d)**

**Letter addressed to Carlos Lovato from Duran Family; e) Trujillo Outage; and f) Rowe Sub-station (related to Pecos accident). A motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Robert Baca and seconded by Mary Lou Roybal. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Recognition of Guests**

**New Employee Hires –**

- a. LaDonna LaRan – Chief Financial Officer**
- b. Carlos Sammy Lopez, Jr. – Maintenance/Custodian**

General Manager Romero introduced LaDonna LaRan as the new Chief Financial Officer and Carlos Lopez, Jr. as the new Maintenance/Custodian to the full Board. The Board welcomed them and stated they looked forward to working together with them.

- c. Joseph Salazar, Auditor – Audit Report – Board Chairman Vigil introduced Mr. Joseph Salazar, Auditor. Mr. Salazar presented and reviewed the 2009 Audit Report. After review and a few questions, Robert Baca, seconded by Daniel Romero, motioned to accept the 2009 Audit Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Vigil advised Mr. Salazar that because he has been the Auditor for MSMEC for a number of years, the Board would be obtaining a RFP from another auditor and that the Board will make a decision before December 2010 if he would be hired for our 2010 audit.**
- d. Special Executive Session - A motion to move into Special Executive Session with Mr. Salazar was made by Daniel Romero and seconded by Mary Lou Roybal. Motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion to move back into Regular Session was made by Elizabeth Leyba and seconded by Mary Lou Roybal. Motion carried unanimously.**

**After a short discussion concerning the proposed project, a motion was made by Robert Baca, seconded by Mary Lou Roybal, to engage the General Manager and Mr. Salazar to develop a plan and proposal to be considered at the April 2010 Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

- 6. Action of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2010 – The Minutes of February 25, 2010 were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Elizabeth Leyba, seconded by Robert Baca, to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 7. Approval of New Memberships (Mora 15 – Pecos 12) and Membership Refunds – The new Memberships and Membership Refunds were presented and reviewed. Motion to accept the new Memberships and Membership Refunds as presented was made by Carlos S. Lovato and seconded by Daniel Romero. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 8. Manager's Report**
  - a. Delinquent Report – Abran H. Romero, General Manager, reported on the Delinquent Report for February 2010. The Mora/Las Vegas area had 704 delinquent accounts totaling \$168,994.57. After collections were completed, 26 of those accounts remained unpaid for a total of \$3,022.81. In the Pecos area there was 702 delinquent accounts for a total of \$182,487.69. After collections, 45 accounts remained**

unpaid for a total of \$10,583.99. Totals for January 2010 were also reviewed.

- b. **Agenda Amplification** – Form 7 is not available this month but will be included in next months board packet. If available sooner, it will be mailed to Board Members.
- c. **Outage Report** – The General Manager reviewed the Outage Report and Maintenance Log. The February 10<sup>th</sup> outage in Trujillo was discussed.
- d. **Consumer Letter** – Carlos Lovato reported on a consumer letter that he received. The consumer was concerned about the large electrical bill and the fact that the readings were being estimated. The consumer showed a history of what has been paid throughout the years in comparison to this bill. This matter will be looked into by the Billing Department and consumer will be called. Mr. Romero stated that 150 Turtle Meters will be installed. Priority will be given to self-read meters and those meters which are located in areas that may be hard to get to during the winter months.
- e. **Trujillo Outage** – Mr. Romero reported on the outage in Trujillo on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- f. **Rowe Sub-Station – (related to Pecos accident)** – There was a short discussion concerning the Pecos accident.
- g. **Radio Program** – The General Manager reported on the Radio Program through KNMX on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Items discussed included the retirement of Viola Duran, CFO hiring, La Cueva to Mora Double-Circuit Line, Board approval of Tri-State Energy Efficiency Program and Rebate and the Trujillo outage.

Some discussion took place concerning the KFVN Radio Station and why MSMEC should also reach their listening audience and not just KNMX's audience.

Carlos Lovato stated that the Board had rejected utilizing KFUN at the last board meeting. Chairman Vigil agreed that money for advertising, etc., should also be spent at KFUN, but due to short turn around time, General Manager issued advertising contracts to the Las Vegas Optic and KNMX – which is a MSMEC commercial customer. We will utilize KFUN next year.

**9. Finance Committee Report – Mary Lou Roybal, Finance Committee Chairwoman, read the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Everything was found to be in order. A Motion to approve all recommendations made by the Finance Committee was made by Carlos S. Lovato and seconded by Daniel Romero. Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. Tri-State Trustee Report – Robert Baca, Tri-State Trustee, reported on their March meeting. The following areas were covered:**

- Kit Carson – Resolution – NM Capital Credits
- Plains & Tri-State merger - \$1.4 million debt taken over by Tri-State – cannot pay capital credits until debt is paid
- \$10 million in capital credits paid to other coops, but not New Mexico – voted down by Statewide
- Presentation on Tri-State resources
- Holcomb permit – October 2010
- Nuclear – what to do with waste
- Monthly tests being taken – Mercury
- Energy Efficiency Program – Planning & Funding
- EIB

**11. NMRECA Trustee Report – H. Felix Vigil**, NMRECA Trustee, reported on the March 2010 Statewide Meeting. The following items were discussed:

- EIB Public Hearing – March 1, 2010 – Mr. Vigil, Abran Romero and Daniel Romero attended and reported on this meeting.
- EIB failed at Legislature – conflict of interest and a board with no knowledge of climate change was appointed
- Ray Powell – NM Land Commission addressed the Board
- CFC - \$22 million awarded from CO-Bank due to hacking e-mails
- Capital Credits and Kit Carson Resolution

**12. On-Going Business**

**a. EIB/NEE Resolution** – The EIB/NEE Resolution was presented and recommended for approval. A motion was made by Robert Baca and seconded by Mary Lou Roybal to approve the EIB/NEE Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Tri-State – Monthly Power Bill** – Informational only.

**13. New Business**

**a. Utility Solar Conference – May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Denver, CO** – Scholarship for full registration costs and \$500 for lodging & meals – Motion for approval to have the General Manager attend conference was made by Elizabeth Leyba and seconded by Robert Baca. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Proposal form NRECA for Customer and Employee Satisfaction Survey – No action taken.**

**c. New State Police Headquarters Building – Las Vegas, NM – Informational – MSMEC will be the provider for their electrical power at their new headquarters building using a 350 KVA Transformer. MSMEC may need to up-grade two miles of line.**

**14. Correspondence**

**a. Letter of Support for Broadband – NM Delegation – For information only.**

**b. Receipt of Information on Claim 003253 – Pecos Accident – Acknowledgement of information.**

**15. Information**

**a. Calendar of Events – Statewide will meet on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Office will be closed for Good Friday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Abran Romero will be in Washington, DC starting April 4<sup>th</sup> and return on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Finance Committee Meeting will be held At 10:00 a.m. and Regular Board Meeting at 12:30 P.m. on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**b. Santa Fe New Mexican Article – Pecos Accident – For information only.**

**c. 2010 NRECA Member Decal – For information.**

**d. Letter sent to President Obama from Congressman Teague and four other members of Congress – Informational only.**

**A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Carlos S. Lovato, seconded by Daniel Romero. Motion carried unanimously.**

**16. Executive Session**

- a. Attorney's Report
- b. La Cueva to Mora Campaign Strategy
- c. PR Consultant – Cordova Public Relations
- d. Personnel

Motion to move back into Regular Session was made by Robert Baca and seconded by Mary Lou Roybal. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Action on items discussed in Executive Session

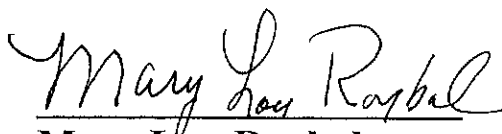
Motion to approve Cordova Public Relations contract for up to \$5000, with public meetings, was made by Robert Baca and seconded by Elizabeth Leyba. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Other Business to come before the Board

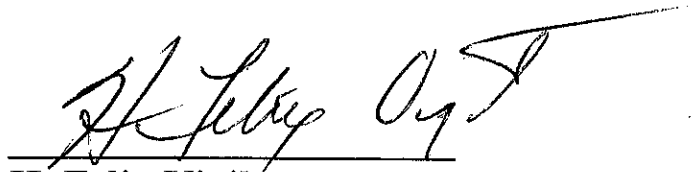
19. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Daniel Romero and seconded by Elizabeth Leyba. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 P.M.

ATTEST:



Mary Lou Roybal  
Secretary/Treasurer



H. Felix Vigil  
Board Chairman