## MORA-SAN MIGUEL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. EMERGENCY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES APRIL 29, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Robert Baca, Vice-Chairman, at approximately 3:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

**Robert Baca** 

Virginia Mondragon

**James Ortiz** 

Diego Quintana Robert Quintana

Others

Greg Low, CEO

Present:

Debbie Alexander, Administrator

Consumers Present: David Maestas, Gabe Estrada, Joseph Weathers, Eugene A. Romero and Daniel Fondy.

- 2. APPROVAL OF 2015 BUDGET CEO Low advised the full Board that the Budget was covered during the February 2015 meeting held in Las Vegas, but it was not approved before the meeting adjourned. RUS and CoBank are asking for our Budget approval. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Robert Quintana and seconded by Virginia Mondragon to approve the Budget as presented during the February 13, 2015 meeting. Motion carried. Diego Quintana abstained as he was not present at that meeting.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES 2 & 3 FOR DISTRICT 2 ELECTION ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3 OF MSMEC BY-LAWS

All consumers present addressed the Board concerning their views on the issues of eligibility of candidates for the District 2 election and the issue of nepotism.

There were long discussions and debate between Board Members, CEO and consumers as to Board Policy 101, our By-Laws and the requirements and

eligibility of potential candidates and nepotism. After continued discussion on who was eligible to run, who was not eligible to run and term limits, a motion to move into Executive Session was made by Virginia Mondragon and seconded by Robert M. Quintana. A vote was taken – Virginia Mondragon and Robert Mr. Quintana voted in favor of the motion. Diego Quintana and James Ortiz opposed the motion. Robert Baca voted in favor of moving into Executive Session, breaking the tie. Motion carried.

## 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

A motion was made by Diego Quintana, seconded by James Ortiz, to move out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Action taken in Executive Session -

- Geraldine Baca will be allowed to run for the District 2 Election but won't be seated if she were to win.
- Gabe Estrada does not meet the qualifications to run for the District
   2 Election. Mr. Estrada does not live in the district.

Discussion continued regarding the above action. Diego Quintana asked that it be part of the record that the board did not have the authority to make this decision, only a court of law has the authority to make this decision and that both Ms. Baca and Mr. Estrada should be able to run. Meeting Chairman Robert Baca again read Board Policy 101 stating that "it is the ultimate legal responsibility of the Board to ensure that these requirements are met and complied with". James Ortiz stated that because of potential litigation, they should just let both of them run. A motion was made by Virginia Mondragon stating that the Board needs to follow Policy 101 – Board Member Qualifications and Eligibility- and the By-Laws. Potential candidates have to meet the qualifications and we cannot let Mr. Estrada run. Robert Quintana seconded that motion. A vote was taken. Virginia Mondragon and Robert Quintana were in favor of motion. Diego Quintana and James Ortiz opposed. Robert Baca voted in favor of abiding by the policy and bylaws breaking the tie. Motion carried.

**5.** AJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Diego Quintana, seconded by Robert Quintana. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Virginia Mondragon

Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Baca

**Board Vice-Chairman**