

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON
MARCH 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Robert Baca, at 11:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: **Robert Baca, President**
 James Ortiz, Vice President
 Virginia Mondragon, Secretary/Treasurer -via telephone
 Joe C de Baca, Trustee
 Samuel Ramirez, Trustee

Les Montoya, General Manager
Irinea Valdez, Admin. 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. After review, a motion was made by Gina Mondragon, second by Sam Ramirez, to accept the agenda. as presented. Motion carried.
- 5. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS -None**
 - a. Introduction and welcoming of Irinea Valdez, Admin. Assistant
- 6. SAFETY REPORT/MINUTES** – Staff Safety meeting was held on March 26, 2024, and will report during April Board meeting.
- 7. ACTION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES HELD ON February 22, 2024** – The Board Minutes of the meeting held on February 22,2024 were presented for review and approved, after review James Ortiz, motioned to approve those minutes as presented. Gina Mondragon seconded that motion. Motion carried.
- 8. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS (MORA 18 – PECOS 8)**- A total of twenty -six new memberships were presented. After review, a motion was made by Sam Ramirez, seconded by Joe C de Baca, to approve all new memberships. Motion carried.
- 9. MANAGER’S REPORT**
 - a. **Delinquent report** – AS of January 2024 there were \$274,964 total delinquents and as of February 2024 there were \$156,737 total delinquents.

12. NMRECA TRUSTEE REPORT – James Ortiz, NMRECA Trustee, reported on their March 8, 2024, meeting. Attended meeting virtually due to traveling. There will not be a meeting in April. Items covered included the following:

- RUS interest rates are 5.47% short-term and 4.25% long-term.
- Accepting and processing loans.
- CoBank encourages participation in the share success program beginning April 1, 2024
- Strategic planning sessions for 2024, contact Charise if interested.
- CEO report 568 Variance Progress Report due to PRC by April 30, 2024
- Addressed Medical Certificates
- Addressed Cyber concerns by PRC
- Directory generating revenue, signed five -year contract with EAM Consulting
- Grants- Business Alliance Program committed \$46,000 to vendors.
- Concept Group Grants encourages Coops to apply, 230 million available matching grants. Application due on April 17, 2024
- Long Rope nomination will go out March 11, 2024
- Meter School in Moriarty has 41 attendees, with 14 Coops attending.
- Climbing school overhead and underground training scheduled 15th and 16th 2024 in Rio Rancho, New Mexico
- Went over upcoming events.
- Reported on Legislative bills killed (Senate bill 43 -easements, Senate Bill 45 infrastructure, HB 3 -Family Medical leave)
- Income for the Month – Net Income \$2431
- Discussed Audit – group meeting to be held for final presentation to the full board to vote.
- Discussed Letter to Kit Carson be mailed to all board member’s home.
- Manager’s meeting discussed recharging
- Annual meeting had 200 more trustees attending.

13. ON-GOING BUSINESS-

- a. General Manager reported notice from Duane Highley of Tri-State, that rate increase filing report was rejected by FERC. Tri-State will be refiling the rates, which will result in delay of rate Increase to Coops, causing a delay in timeframe.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. General Manger presented Mora San Miguel Cooperative’s response to NMPRC case NO. 22-00020-UT for the Boards Information. Response was due March 30, 2024.

- b. General Manager presented a recommendation to award bid for purchase of tires to Platinum Performance LLC- - Gina Mondragon gave motion to approve and James Ortiz seconded. Motion approved.

14. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a. Received a thank you letter from Pecos water Watershed.

15. INFORMATION

16. Calendar of Events

- a. April 25, 2024, next Board Meeting
- b. Waiting for Scholarship applications due by April 18th, 2024

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Gina Mondragon motioned to go into session and seconded by Sam Ramirez. Motion carried.

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

18. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION –

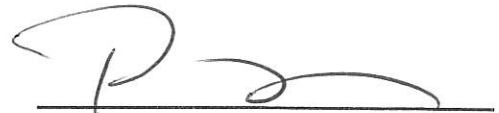
19. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD –

20. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn today’s meeting was made by. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately p.m.

ATTEST:



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