

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**HELD ON**

**August 20, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Robert Baca, at 10:45 a.m.

### **1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**Present:** Robert Baca, President  
James Ortiz, Vice -President  
Virginia Mondragon, Secretary/Treasurer  
Joe C de Baca, Trustee  
Samuel Ramirez, Trustee  
Les Montoya, General Manager  
Irinea Valdez, Administrative Assistant  
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.

### **5. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS –**

**a. Invited Speakers-** Adam Roybal from T&D gave an update on the scheduled outages, tree removal update and customer complaints, and Lonnie Tucker from Tri-state came by to visit and said he can match the cheerleading sponsorship matching funds, he will email us information.

**b. General Public Comments-** None.

**c. Introduction of New Employee-** Mariquita Sanchez-Cashier/Mora, Tami Hernandez-Administrative Assistant/Mora, Liam Montoya-Apprentice/Pecos, and Alexander Paddock-Apprentice/Mora

### **6. SAFETY REPORT/MINUTES – August 19, 2025**

**7. ACTION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES HELD ON July 24, 2025** – The Board Minutes for the meeting held on July 24, 2025 were presented for review. James Ortiz, motioned

to approve the minutes as presented. Sam Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**8. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS (MORA 21 – PECOS 16)** A total of Thirty-seven memberships was presented. After review, a motion was made by James Ortiz, seconded by Sam Ramirez, to approve all new memberships. Motion carried.

**9. MANAGER'S REPORT** – Manager's report was approved with a motion by Sam Ramirez and seconded by Joe C de Baca. Motion carried.

- a. **Delinquent report** – AS of June 2025 there were \$267,367.56 total delinquents and as of July 2025 there were \$106,848.15 total delinquents.
- b. **RUS FORM 7** – The month ending **July 31, 2025** shows a margin of \$(59,088) for the month. We are at \$1,072,265 in Revenue, \$981,723 Total Expenses and \$115,112 in Depreciation. Interest on long term debt \$24,205 and interest expenses \$21,231. Total cost for the month \$1,145,637. Non-Operating margins interest is \$14,284. Operating Margins are \$(73,372) for Year-to-Date. Tier 1.46 YTD and (1.44) for the Month.
- c. **Outage Report** – Incomplete.
- d. **Member Sales Budget Report**
- e. **Fused Cut-Out Report**

**10. FINANCE REPORT** –Approval of Finance Report along with Manager's report was motioned by Sam Ramirez and Seconded by Joe C de Baca. Motion Carried.

**11. TRI-STATE TRUSTEE REPORT** – Robert Baca, Tri-State Trustee, reported on the August, 2025 virtual meeting. Some topics covered included the following:

- Discussion about a possible Tri-State rate increase.
- Board members will be voting on the budget next month.
- If Basin had a rate increase no one can contest it.
- Discussion on the remodeling of the existing Tri-State building.
- Tri-State has a new Board Member Matt Brown.
- New Representative is Brett Garner from High Plains.
- If anyone is interested, they are having a new board orientation September 2, 2025.
- Tristate's fixed rating is a BBB+ and going up.
- Renewables set a record on June 3, 2025 @ 11:00am we were at 98.7 for all renewables.
- Discussion of restoration of the Colorado Line.
- Discussion of the impact of the proposal A41 rate.

**12. NMREC TRUSTEE REPORT** – James Ortiz, NMREC Trustee reported meeting for August 8, 2025.

- David Spradlin reported that NRECA is working on getting comments for the EPA powerplant repeal. He reminded the board about the regional meeting in October.
- Esther Simon reported that CoBank made a substantial donation to the Community Fund of Lincoln County for flood damage relief. Also, that the rates did not change in the last few weeks. The Sharing Success funds are still available, discussion if we put in money this year.
- Patrick Sarver stated RUS is updating their environmental and account regulations. The new rule will replace the existing 1790 regulations.
- Vince Martinez stated that Carmen's daughter was involved in a serious vehicle accident. She is in recovery and good spirits.
- Vince reported that the river float for Rebecca Dow has been cancelled, but the donation request is still active. There will also be a fundraiser for Representative Sanchez.
- Vince reported that the contract for Isleta Resort and Casino is complete for the 2026 annual meeting.
- Talia mentioned that the YLC delegate Lliana Perez from Socorro Electric would like to coordinate blood drives around the state and several coops have agreed to participate.
- Tom Condit gave a brief demonstration of the NISC platform for viewing the board book.
- Vince gave an update on the AC units. A deposit issued for the gates at the NMRESIF building, and the claim for the gutters is currently in process with Federated.
- Congratulated Tom Condit on the birth of his seventh child.
- Mario Romero reported Jessica Metz from CNM Ingenuity presented on the pre-apprenticeship program. It is a 15-week program for the lineman and 4 weeks for the CDL training.
- Discussion of subgroup of Jemez, NORA, OCEC, MSMEC to meet with USFS on permitting the best practices.
- Dan Najjar discussed Kit Carson's filing with the PRC regarding informal complaints. Managers agreed to support some language and stay neutral on other language.
- Travis Sullivan informed the managers of a surplus of Altec equipment replacement parts for sale near Clayton.
- Tim Morrow introduced Paul Estrada from Federated Insurance and gave a brief update on the assets.
- Antonio Sanchez asked for prayers for FEC Board Member Mike West on his recent cancer diagnosis.
- Antonio thanked the NMRECA staff for stepping up while Carmen's been gone.
- The safety committee met and the Safety Coordinators conference with take place in Albuquerque August 13-14 .
- The My Why contest were collected 1<sup>st</sup> place Columbus, 2<sup>nd</sup> place OCEC, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Springer, Most Artistic 1<sup>st</sup> place CDEC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place MSMEC, 3<sup>rd</sup> place SWEC, Grand Champion Columbus. Les Montoya, would like to get a dinner certificate for the MSMEC participants.

- Finance committee went over credit card everything was in place and they approved it.
- Bylaws and Resolution Committee reviewed policies 1-4 and had one minor change to clean up language.
- Communications committee discussed advertisement sales, here was a lengthy discussion on these details. Paul Bishop gave some background on liabilities and regulations.

### **13. ON-GOING BUSINESS-**

- a. Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc., and MSM Solar, LLC. Invoices.
- b. Hazard Tree Removal Update by Adam Roybal
- c. Senate Bill 31-Open for Application

### **14. NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. OUTFI pricing proposal for your review.

Agenda Item background information: MSMEC has had difficulty with Central New Mexico's Dispatch services, primarily on weekends. We continue to receive complaints from members about their inability to report power outages. Recently, the wide spread power outages are happening 1-3 times per week. MSMEC staff members are also having difficulty handling the high volume of outage calls. Attached please find OUTFI's pricing proposal and contract for your review. The installation fee, which will include training in \$5,000.00 and the monthly pricing for this service is \$1,400 per month. Board gave general direction to Manager Les Montoya. Mr. Les Montoya will find out cost and reduce cost to Central.

Motion was made by Joe C de Baca to adjourn from regular meeting and to enter The Educational Foundation meeting, and motion was seconded by Sam Ramirez, Motion carried.

- 15. MSMEC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION-** Analisisya Lopez, board voted to allow scholarship renewal when she provides enrollment documents and class schedule as per policy. Motion by James Ortiz and seconded by Sam Ramirez to approve.

Motion was by James Ortiz to adjourn Educational Foundation and seconded by Sam Ramirez. Motion carried.

Motion was made to go back into regular board meeting by James Ortiz and seconded by Sam Ramirez.

### **16. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- a. None

### **17. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. None

**18. Events: Calendar:**

- a. Next board meeting is September 25, 2025.

**19. EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Motions was made to go into executive session at 12:21 p.m. by Virginia Mondragon and seconded by James. Motion to adjourn executive session at 1:30 p.m. was made by James Ortiz and seconded by Joe C de Baca. No action was taken.

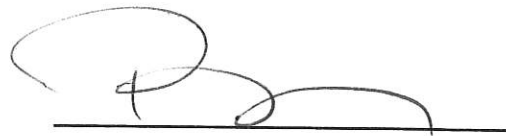
- a. Personnel Matters
- b. Update on Union Matters
- c. Litigation Matters

**20. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**21. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

**22. ADJOURNMENT –** A motion to adjourn today's meeting was made by Samuel Ramirez and seconded by James Ortiz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

**ATTEST:**

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