



## Annual Meeting

More than 1,000 people attended the Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative 72nd Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 29, 2021, at Rancho de la Luz in La Cueva, New Mexico. We had 393 members attend the member meeting where they were updated on the state of the cooperative by General Manager Michael Hastings and introduced to the new board members. There was not a quorum present to be able to conduct business so the meeting adjourned and the raffle began. Following the meeting of the new Board of Trustees, the executive committee members

were announced: Dennis Trujillo, president; Manuel Bustos, vice president; Dolores McCoy, treasurer; John Ramon Vigil, secretary; Stanley Crawford, assistant secretary/treasurer. Marissa Maestas-Muller was once again selected to serve as Trustee At-Large.

A catered lunch, safety demonstrations, bounce houses and games and terrific giveaways, including a grand prize of a \$300 gift certificate applicable to one's energy bill, rounded out a full day that in every way told the JMEC story of serving its member-owners in a manner that enhances the quality of life for the communities we serve.



## Thanks and Appreciation to Outgoing Board of Trustees Members

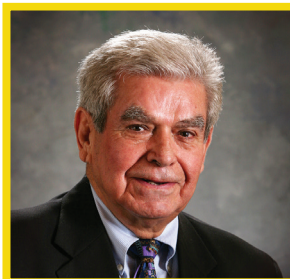
**Johnny Jaramillo** served JMEC as a board of trustees member for 38 years! He and **Nick R. Naranjo**, who served for eight years, both decided not to run for re-election in our most recent cycle. **Harold Charlie Trujillo** and **Leo R. Marquez II** are leaving the board as a result of the election

after eight and four years of service, respectively.

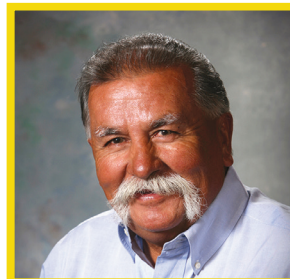
***We so appreciate the time and expertise each of these departing trustees invested in JMEC – thank you for your service!***



Johnny Jaramillo



Nick R. Naranjo



Harold Charlie Trujillo



Leo R. Marquez II



**JMEC Employee Of The Month  
Christene Vigil**

Christene Vigil's job title as engineering receptionist doesn't tell the half of it! Her job description is a page and a half long and represents her commitment to meet every challenge. "I never turn anyone down who comes to me for help unless I don't understand how to solve the problem, and then I find someone who can," she said.

Christene joined JMEC 23 years ago, on her birthday, after three years of submitting her resume. She left a 25-year career in banking and three years with an ophthalmologist to come to the cooperative. "I just heard it was a great place to work and it is," she added. "I love it. I am having fun. It is never boring!"

That is probably because on any given day Christene could be doing odometer readings, stock reports and balancing vendor statements for the cooperative's fleet or managing the multiple vendors and steps in setting up residential solar or handling trouble calls or dozens of other tasks. She still is adding to the three-ring binder "engineering bible" she put together during her first 30 days of training. "Its my own book of what to do and how to do it," she said.

Away from the job, Christene adds to her rock and flower gardens, quilts, bike rides and just enjoys the peace and quiet.

**Thanks for always meeting the challenge, Christene!**

**Thirty Years of Service – Wow!**

Adonais Archuleta retired from Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative in August after 30 years of service to our organization and members. Over his many years with JMEC, he served in varying roles taking care of what, and who, needed to be taken care of – starting as warehouseman, then as a meter reader and finally in members services. Thank you Adonais for your many years of service. We wish you every good thing in your retirement!



**JMEC Face Mask Requirement Follows Gov. Grisham's Statewide Mandate**

On August 17, 2021, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced the re-implementing of a statewide requirement that face masks be worn in all public indoor spaces, with only limited exceptions, and regardless of vaccination status, to stem the state's rising tide of COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations. In following this order, JMEC requires all employees, contractors and visitors to wear face masks in our facilities.

**We appreciate your cooperation!**

**Solar Energy is Coming to Cuba!**

JMEC has entered into a purchase power agreement with Cuba 2.5 ac LLC, a solar company based in Albuquerque, to purchase all of the power produced for the next 25 years by a 2.5 megawatt solar array. Now under construction behind the cooperative's new headquarters facility, JMEC purchased the ground for the project from Rose-

Anne Martinez-Lemke whose wishes that the property be used for solar are being fulfilled! This 2.5 megawatt system will produce more than 6,547 megawatt hours a year – enough energy to power the needs of approximately 1,000 homes. JMEC anticipates this solar array to go live by yearend 2021.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Dennis Trujillo - District No. 1, President
- Manuel Bustos - District No. 5, Vice-President
- John Ramon Vigil - District No. 4, Secretary
- Dolores G. McCoy - District 2, Treasurer
- Stanley Crawford - District 5, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

- Dennis Gallegos - District No. 3
- Lucas Cordova, Jr. - District No. 4
- Elias Coriz - District No. 5
- Marcelina Martinez - District No. 6
- Bruce Duran - District No. 6
- Marissa Maestas-Muller - Trustee-At-Large
- Michael W. Hastings, General Manager