

**MINUTES OF THE  
JEMEZ MOUNTAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021  
RANCHO DE LA LUZ, NEW MEXICO**

1. The meeting of the JMEC regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Dennis Trujillo at 3:10 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2021 at Rancho De La Luz, New Mexico.

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

Board President reminded the members of the JMEC Board of Trustees that a quorum was present with all Trustees in attendance based upon the roll call conducted during the JMEC Organizational Board Meeting which had just concluded.

**Trustees Present:**

Dennis Trujillo, President  
Manuel Bustos, Vice President  
John Ramon Vigil, Secretary  
Dolores McCoy, Treasurer  
Stanley Crawford, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer  
Bruce Duran  
Lucas J. Cordova  
Marissa Maestas-Muller  
Elias Coriz  
Marcie Martinez  
Dennis Gallegos

**Absent:**

None

**JMEC Staff Present:**

Michael Hastings, General Manager  
Dennis Astley, Director of Engineering/Engineering Operations  
Tina Trujillo Archuleta, Administrative Professional  
Geraldine Romero, Finance Department  
Carmen Campbell, Cuba District Manager and Tribal Liaison

**3. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Martinez that was seconded by Mr. Duran to add a discussion of the Tri-State Director position from JMEC to the Agenda under New Business. After a brief discussion of the agenda modification, a motion was made by Mr. Vigil that was seconded by Mr. Duran and carried unanimously to approve the modified agenda.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. McCoy that was seconded by Mr. Vigil and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the JMEC 2021 July Board of Trustees Meeting.

#### **5. General Manager's Update**

President Trujillo called on General Manager Michael Hastings to provide the General Manager's Report.

##### **a. Financial Report**

Mr. Hastings provided a brief financial report of JMEC financial performance for July 2021. The Co-op was able to book the 2020 PPP loan in the amount of \$1.4 million as a grant in July 2021. Based on this fact, the Co-op had an unaudited margin of \$1.246 million for July 2021. Without the PPP grant however, JMEC would have experienced a loss of about \$172,000 for July 2021.

##### **b. JMEC Meter Audit/Chapman**

Mr. Hastings discussed the recent meter audit commissioned by JMEC which is being conducted by Chapman Metering. The number of large power (three-phase) meters audited to date is about one-half of the total meters to be audited. The process being utilized is one in which the Chapman metering professional is accompanied in the field by a JMEC Meter Tech. There are two JMEC Meter Techs participating in the audit in this way. This provides real-time field training for the Meter Techs so that they can learn more about auditing these types of meters.

Unfortunately, the meter audit process has uncovered many, many problems with JMEC's large power (three-phase) meters. These problems are not of any one type but of about every type that could go wrong with the performance of a large power meter. These problems include the meter not being properly wired in conjunction with the meter's current transformers (CTs) and potential transformers (PTs) as well as meter components being burned up due to lightning strikes. There were other problems identified during the audit as well. Mr. Hastings explained that meter testing equipment had already been ordered so that JMEC's Meter Techs could conduct annual audits of the JMEC meters. Mr. Hastings then turned the presentation over to Dennis Astley, JMEC's Engineer.

Mr. Astley went into further detail about the types of problems that had been discovered during the meter audit. He informed the JMEC Board of Trustees that over \$1 million in back billing would have to be conducted by JMEC to collect money owed from JMEC members with

large power meters per the rules of the PRC. There were also several members that would be receiving refunds from the Co-op from overbillings discovered during the audit.

After questions of Mr. Astley from the Board of Trustees, Mr. Hastings informed the Board that they would probably be receiving calls from members concerning the JMEC metering issues.

**6. Executive Session**

No executive session was needed.

**7. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**8. New Business**

The Board of Trustees then discussed the JMEC Tri-State Director position. After discussion regarding this issue, a motion was made by Mr. Duran to add an election of the JMEC Tri-State Director position to the agenda under New Business. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coriz and the motion carried. President Trujillo then appointed JMEC attorney Frank Coppler as Temporary Chair to conduct an election for the JMEC representative to serve as a Director on the Tri-State Board. Mr. Coppler opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Coriz nominated Bruce Duran. Mr. Gallegos nominated Lucas Cordova. There being no further nominations, Mr. Coppler declared the nominations ceased. An election by secret ballot was then held. Mr. Coppler counted the ballots and declared Mr. Duran the winner of the election. Mr. Coppler then turned the meeting back over to Board President Trujillo.

Mr. Vigil then reminded the Board of the decision regarding membership in the New Mexico Statewide Association of Electric Cooperatives that needed to be made in the near future.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Ms. Maestas-Muller that was seconded by Mr. Vigil and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

  
Secretary, John Ramon Vigil

APPROVED:

  
President, Dennis Trujillo