



New Mexico Rural Water Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
March 19, 2008

Directors Present

Clarence Aragon, President
Ivan Roper, Vice President
Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Dunlap, National Director
John L. Jones, Legislative Chairman
Keith Lee, Past President
Debra Ingle, Executive Committee
Nick Ashcroft
Karen Bray
Dave Kenneke
Rick Leal
Gilbert Miera
Anthony Muñoz
Norman Saunders
Edward Silva
Michael Stroud
Wesley Shafer
Gavin Strathdee
Mike Vigil

Directors Absent

Pat Banegas, Executive Committee
Ralph Dunlap
Larry Covington
Bert Delara
Gloria Gonzales
Sherman Martin
Don Wells

Guests Present

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director
Mary Day, Bureau Chief, NMED DWB
Ron Schwarzwaldner, Training Specialist

I. Call to Order

President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 10:33 am. Matthew Holmes, Executive Director introduced Mary Day, NMED Drinking Water Bureau Chief. Ms. Day discussed the following items with the Board:

- Governor Richardson's Executive Order creating the Water Cabinet, subcabinet, and the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Development Division
- Funding criteria and uniform funding application
- NMED's focus on sustainable infrastructure through capacity development

II. Pledge of Allegiance

John L. Jones led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Introduction of New Board Members

All members of the Board of Directors introduced themselves. President Clarence Aragon welcomed the newly elected members to the Board.



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IV. Approval of Agenda

Jim Dunlap moved to approve the agenda, correcting item V to “August 17, 2007”

Ivan Roper seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2007

Gavin Strathdee moved to approve the minutes as submitted

Nick Ashcroft seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

VI. Executive Director’s Report

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- Membership Report (attached)
- Educational radio programs by NMRWA
- New database

VII. Legislative Report

John L. Jones, Legislative Chair reported on the minimum number of certified operators regulations. The Board agreed that a letter would be sent to the Utility Operator Certification Advisory Board requesting a copy of their final recommendation to the WQCC for the record.

VIII. Open Meetings Act Resolution

Jim Dunlap suggested striking “the Executive Director of” under item 2 in the draft Open Meetings Act Resolution

Ivan Roper moved to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution as amended

Wesley Shafer seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

IX. Recommendations for New Board Policies and Procedures

President Clarence Aragon led a discussion with the Board of Directors on ideas to streamline committees and improve communication with Directors and members. The importance of the Strategic Plan was stressed. President Aragon recommended combining the Finance and Bylaws committees into a Policies and Finance committee, and creating a new Communications and Public Relations Committee.



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Ivan Roper moved to accept President Aragon's committee recommendations
Jim Dunlap seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

X. Committee Business

It was the consensus of the Board that the discussion under the previous item was sufficient, and no other Committee Business was discussed.

XI. 2008 Summer Board Meeting – Region II (SW)

A discussion was held regarding the effectiveness of the summer Board of Directors meeting. The Board discussed holding an Executive Committee meeting in each region of the state during the year, in conjunction with a training session.

Gavin Strathdee moved to hold the mini-conference in the southwest region as required by the bylaws, hold committee meetings prior and have committee reports at the mini-conference, and place the strategic plan and its implementation on the agenda

Richard Leal seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

Jim Dunlap moved to hold the 2008 Summer Board Meeting in or near Silver City
Debra Ingle seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

XII. New Business

There was no new business brought before the Board.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Clarence Aragon, President

Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



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Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 10:30 am
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town - Fireplace Room

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Clarence Aragon, President
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Introduction of New Board Members
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2007
- VI. Executive Director’s Report – Matthew Holmes
- VII. Legislative Report – John L. Jones, Legislative Chair
- VIII. Open Meetings Act Resolution
- IX. Recommendations for New Board Policies and Procedures – Clarence Aragon, President
- X. Committee Business
- XI. 2008 Summer Board Meeting – Region II (SW)
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Adjourn

2008 Member Type	Dues	2008 Members	Total
1-99 Connections	\$106	175	\$18,550.00
100-249 Connections	\$148	75	\$11,100.00
250-499 Connections	\$217	44	\$9,548.00
500-1000 Connections	\$360	25	\$9,000.00
1001-1500 Connections	\$498	15	\$7,470.00
1501-2000 Connections	\$636	1	\$636.00
2001-2500 Connections	\$774	14	\$10,836.00
2501+ Connections	\$925	0	\$0.00
Associate Members	\$275	80	\$22,000.00
Individual Members	\$100	31	\$3,100.00
	Total	460	\$92,240.00

System Members 349