



New Mexico Rural Water Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
April 7, 2010

Directors Present

Clarence Aragon, President
Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Dunlap, National Director
John L. Jones, Legislative Chairman
Keith Lee, Past President
Pat Banegas, Executive Committee
Debra Ingle, Executive Committee
Dave Kenneke, Executive Committee
Steve Bailey
Karen Bray
Larry Covington

Bert Delara
Alex E. Griego Jr.
Gilbert Miera
Wesley Shafer
Edward Silva
Gary Spinks
Gavin Strathdee
Michael Stroud
Mike Vigil
Kenneth Whitecotton

Directors Absent

Silviano Atencio
David Edington
James Robles
Norman Saunders

Guests Present

Lupe Aragon, Circuit Rider
Matthew Holmes, Executive Director
Charles Huestis, Doña Ana MDWCA
Don Wells, La Mesa MDWCA

I. Call to Order

President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Stroud 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.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Ray Leverich moved to approve the agenda as presented
Wesley Shafer seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes –August 19, 2009

Michael Stroud stated that the Communications Committee report given at the last Board of Directors meeting was not included in the minutes and should be added. The report was given in written form.



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David Kenneke to approve the minutes with the addition of the Communications Committee report
Kenneth Whitecotton seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

VI. Executive Director's Report

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- ◆ Newly hired Finance Manager William Connor
- ◆ 2009 audit will be conducted the week of April 26
- ◆ Conference attendance and events
- ◆ Results of lobbying efforts in 2009

Mr. Holmes answered questions from the Board of Directors.

VII. National Director's Report

Jim Dunlap, National Director reported on the following items:

- ◆ To date, 80 Representatives and 30 Senators have signed the Dear Colleague Letters
- ◆ Visit congressional delegates when they are back in their districts

Gavin Strathdee asked for further explanation on Congressman Ben Ray Lujan's efforts regarding the TMDL issue.

VIII. Legislative Report

John L. Jones, Legislative Chair reported on the following items:

- ◆ 2009 was a quiet year for water in the NM legislature
- ◆ NMRWA made headway this year with the Water and Natural Resources Interim Committee
- ◆ Senator Phil Griego will receive the Legislator of the Year Award
- ◆ It is a continual effort to get to know your legislator
- ◆ House Bill 185 - Lower Rio Grande Water Utility Authority
- ◆ Ongoing funding issues in state government budgets resulting from low oil and gas prices

IX. Open Meetings Act Resolution

Ray Leverich moved to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution as presented
Larry Covington seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

X. NRWA Annual Conference / WaterPRO



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Gavin Strathdee moved to send up to 5 directors to the NRWA Annual Conference
Larry Covington seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

A discussion was held over which directors were interested and are potentially available to attend.

XI. Committee Business

President Aragon passed around a sign-up sheet for board members to volunteer for committee positions for the next year. He asked that everyone consider serving on the committee that most interested them.

Ray Leverich reported on behalf of the Awards/Scholarship Committee. He stated that everyone saw the positive results at the Awards Luncheon and thanked President Aragon for his support.

Debra Ingle reported on behalf of the Office / Training Facility Committee. She stated that several new ideas and ways for funding the facility have arisen during the conference and the committee will pursue these for the next year.

XII. 2010 Summer Board Meeting

Ray Leverich recommended the meeting be held in Roswell.

Keith Lee suggested that the meeting be held in conjunction with the Water and Natural Resources Interim Committee meeting in August.

Pat Banegas moved to table this item until further information is received

Gavin Strathdee seconded the motion

Debra Ingle called the question

Motion carried unanimously

XIII. New Business

Keith Lee requested a short recess so that members of Region Three could meet and resolve an issue regarding the region's elections to the Board of Directors.

President Aragon called a short recess, and reconvened the meeting.

Keith Lee explained that Nick Ashcroft is retiring and resigned from the NMRWA Board of Directors. Ray Leverich was elected to fill Mr. Ashcroft's remaining term.



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XIV. Adjourn

Debra Ingle moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 PM
Wesley Shafer seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

Clarence Aragon, President

Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



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Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 1:30 pm
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AGENDA

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- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Introduction of New Board Members
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2009
- VI. Executive Director’s Report – Matthew Holmes
- VII. National Director’s Report – Jim Dunlap
- VIII. Legislative Report – John L. Jones, Legislative Chair
- IX. Open Meetings Act Resolution
- X. NRWA Annual Conference / WaterPRO
- XI. Committee Business
- XII. 2010 Summer Board Meeting
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Adjourn