

**New Mexico Rural Water Association**  
**Board of Directors Minutes**  
Village Hall, Chama, NM  
August 17, 2007

Directors Present

Clarence Aragon, President  
Ivan Roper, Vice President  
Jim Dunlap, National Director  
John L. Jones, Legislative Chairman  
Debra Ingle, Executive Committee  
Pat Banegas, Executive Committee  
Nick Ashcroft  
Karen Bray  
Ralph Dunlap  
Gloria Gonzales  
Ophelia Gonzales  
Dave Kenneke  
Rick Leal  
Norman Saunders  
Edward Silva  
Gavin Strathdee  
Mike Vigil

Staff Present

Matt Holmes  
Michael Alvidrez  
Robert Apodaca  
Lupe Aragon  
Carlos Bustos  
Don Castillo  
Dominick Donnarumma  
Erin Glover  
Mario Gonzales  
Susan Maupin  
Sue Sleeper  
Daniel Valdez

Directors Absent

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer  
Keith Lee, Past President  
Larry Covington  
John Eckley  
Sherman Martin  
Gilbert Miera  
Wesley Shafer  
Michael Stroud  
Don Wells

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

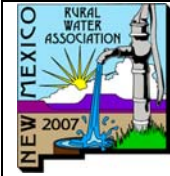
President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. OPENING REMARKS**

President Clarence Aragon welcomed all attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He thanked the attendees for taking the time to attend the board meeting and offered to stop at anytime if anyone had any questions or needed clarification.



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**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

John L. Jones moved to approve the agenda  
Pat Banegas seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MARCH 21, 2007**

Ivan Roper moved to approve the minutes as submitted  
John L. Jones seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**VI. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS**

Staff members gave brief informational presentations outlining the field-based training and technical assistance programs available to systems, as well as any special projects they have participated in. Following each presentation, staff members answered any questions from the Board of Directors.

Gavin Strathdee moved to approve 2007/2008 USDA FSA Source Water Protection Program Operating Plan  
Jim Dunlap seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director discussed the following items in his report:

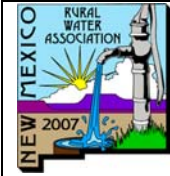
- ◆ The 2006 Audit
- ◆ Financial results of the 2007 Annual Conference
- ◆ Current program financial status
- ◆ Future projects including the database update, BOR emergency drought funding, membership packets, Associate member directory on the website, a security ID project, and a system mapping project
- ◆ Current status of proposed changes to operator certification requirements and board training requirements for Sanitary Projects Act entities

John L. Jones moved to address items 10 and 11 on the agenda before item 9  
Ivan Roper seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**VIII. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jim Dunlap, National Director discussed the following items in his report:

- ◆ Status of earmarked funding for NRWA EPA programs
- ◆ Status of EPA funds expending by states/NRWA not reimbursed by EPA



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- ◆ The NRWA USDA Revolving Loan Fund
- ◆ State Board Training events

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jim Dunlap and John L. Jones reported on the status of the PAC. A discussion was held regarding donations to the NRWA WaterPAC.

Ivan Roper reported on behalf of the Finances Committee. The Committee will schedule a meeting following the NRWA Annual Conference to develop the 2008 draft budget.

Matthew Holmes reported on behalf of the Scholarship Committee, at the request of Committee Chair Ray Leverich who was not able to attend the board meeting. Mr. Leverich has performed a great deal of work towards establishing a 501(c)3, and needs some additional paperwork signed by committee members before receiving state and federal designation.

Debra Ingle reported on behalf of the Office/Training Facility committee. A discussion was held regarding financing strategies for the Facility.

**X. NRWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The following board members expressed interested in attending the conference:

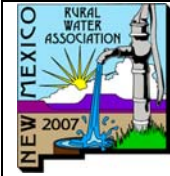
Karen Bray  
Ophelia Gonzales  
Gavin Strathdee

Ivan Roper moved to approve sending Karen Bray, Ophelia Gonzales and Gavin Strathdee the 2007 NRWA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Debra Ingle seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**XI. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

John L. Jones, Legislative Chairman provided a report and led a discussion on legislative priorities for 2008. The following items were discussed:

- ◆ Transfers of domestic well water rights to Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Associations and Cooperatives
- ◆ Proposed new NMED rules governing Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Associations under the Sanitary Projects Act, especially board training
- ◆ Concerns over the Office of Water Infrastructure and the Water Trust Board



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- ◆ Proposed changes to the forty-year water planning statute
- ◆ Regulatory justice issues
- ◆ Subdivisions and permitting issues

Board members prioritized and discussed these issues. Positions were developed by consensus and will be written into position papers by the Executive Director. These position papers will be circulated by email to board members for further discussion and for use in educating decision makers, agency personnel and the public. The Executive Committee will adopt official positions on specific legislation as it is proposed at a future date.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Pat Banegas moved to adjourn the meeting  
Ophelia Gonzales seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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Clarence Aragon, President

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Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer

# *New Mexico Rural Water Association*

Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday & Saturday, August 17-18, 2007, 8:30 AM

*Chama Council Chambers, Chama NM  
299 4<sup>th</sup> Street ♦ 505-756-2184*

## **AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Clarence Aragon, President
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. OPENING REMARKS – Clarence Aragon, President
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007
- VI. STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS
  - ♦ Approval of Operating Plans
- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Matthew Holmes
  - ♦ Proposed Regulatory Changes
  - ♦ Financial Report
- VIII. NATIONAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Jim Dunlap
- IX. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES – John L. Jones, Legislative Chair
  - ♦ Proposed Changes to the Forty Year Plan
- X. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - ♦ POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE – NRWA WATERPAC RAFFLE
  - ♦ FINANCES COMMITTEE
  - ♦ SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
  - ♦ OFFICE / TRAINING FACILITY COMMITTEE
- XI. NRWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Philadelphia, PA
- XII. NEW BUSINESS
- XIII. ADJOURN

Lodging is available at the Branding Iron Motel and Restaurant, located at 1511 West Main Street in beautiful Chama, New Mexico, on U.S. Highway 64/84. The Motel is just 0.7 of a mile south of the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad depot.

Driving distance from other destinations: 48 miles east of Pagosa Springs, CO, 98 miles west of Taos, NM and 109 miles north of Santa Fe.

