



New Mexico Rural Water Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Best Western Mission Inn, Las Cruces  
August 30-31, 2010

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**Directors Present**

Clarence Aragon, President	Steven Bailey
Jim Dunlap, National Director	Karen Bray
John L. Jones, Legislative Chairman	Alex E. Griego Jr.
Keith Lee, Past President	Norman Saunders
Patrick Banegas, Executive Committee	Gavin Strathdee
Debra Ingle, Executive Committee	Michael Stroud
Dave Kenneke, Executive Committee	Mike Vigil

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**Directors Absent**

Silviano Atencio	Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer
David Edington	Gilbert Miera
James Robles	Gary Spinks
Wesley Shafer	Edward Silva
Larry Covington	Kenneth Whitecotton

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**Guests Present**

Matthew Holmes, <i>Executive Director</i>	Susanne Lisher, <i>Public Relations</i>
Janis Allen, <i>GIS Data Specialist</i>	Peter Nathanson, <i>Training Specialist</i>
Carlos Bustos, <i>Source Water Protection Specialist</i>	Sue Sleeper, <i>Board Training Specialist</i>
Bill Connor, <i>Finance /Deputy Director</i>	Ron Schwarzwaldner, <i>Training Specialist</i>
Dominick Donnarumma, <i>ARRA Circuit Rider</i>	Andrew Sweetman, <i>Field Supervisor</i>
Mario Gonzales, <i>ARRA Circuit Rider</i>	Daniel Valdez, <i>Circuit Rider</i>

**I. Call to Order**

President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III. Opening Remarks**

President Clarence Aragon welcomed everyone to the home of his alma mater, New Mexico State University. President Aragon asked for a moment of silence to honor former NMRWA staff member Don Castillo, who recently passed away. Mr. Castillo was a good friend to many in attendance and President Aragon offered his prayers and thoughts to his family. Staff member Dominick Donnarumma stated that donations are being accepted on behalf of Don Castillo's family; anyone who wish to donate should contact Dominick.



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**IV. Introduction of Board Members and Attendees**

All Board and staff members introduced themselves.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

Keith Lee moved to approve the agenda as presented

John L. Jones seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

**VI. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2010**

Debra Ingle moved to approve the minutes as presented

Mike Vigil seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

**VII. Executive Director's Report**

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- ◆ New organizational chart
- ◆ Financial Report
- ◆ Membership Report
- ◆ Fee-based programs

Mr. Holmes answered questions from the Board of Directors. A discussion was held on ways to better market and promote the Association, including creating a promotional DVD. Patrick Banegas suggested utilizing the NMSU media arts program students. Staff will develop a membership packet including legislative success stories.

**VIII. Staff Reports**

Staff members presented all reports on the status of their programs and answered questions from the Board of Directors.

**IX. National Director's Report**

Jim Dunlap, National Director reported on the following items:

- ◆ Congressional appropriations funding
- ◆ Reauthorization of state revolving funds
- ◆ Chemical security legislation
- ◆ EPA's climate change ready water utility policy
- ◆ Total coliform rule rewrite
- ◆ Nutrient reduction regulations being implemented in states



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- ◆ Bureau of Reclamation's Rural Water Act
- ◆ Developments with 1926(b)
- ◆ Clean Water Act legislation

A discussion was held regarding chlorine safety.

#### **X. Legislative Report**

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

- ◆ NMRWA will present two bills tomorrow to the Water and Natural Resources Interim Committee
- ◆ The State of New Mexico continuing to have IT problems with the SHARE database
- ◆ Status of the Lower Rio Grande Public Works Authority

Mr. Jones urged board members to talk to their congressional candidates and state legislators about rural water.

#### **XI. Regulatory Matters**

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director presented drinking water regulatory revisions proposed by NMED Drinking Water Bureau.

Keith Lee moved to support a provision to require SDWA testing for well applications submitted to the Bureau

Jim Dunlap seconded the motion

Gavin Strathdee abstained from voting

Motion carried

A brief discussion was held regarding proposed wastewater regulatory revisions presented to the WQCC

Jim Dunlap moved to recess until 8:00 AM the following morning

Mike Vigil seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

President Clarence Aragon reconvened the meeting at 8:07 AM on Tuesday, August 31, 2010.



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**XII. Committee Reports**

The Political Action Committee discussed donations to the National Rural WaterPAC. David Kenneke will donate items to the raffle. Betsy Lee has volunteered to donate handmade quilt.

A discussion was held regarding membership in the Communications Committee.

There were no other committee reports.

**XIII. New Business**

Jim Dunlap requested that staff members visit systems in the Ute water pipeline project.

Michael Stroud reported that the pharmaceutical incineration effort has appeared to be stalled, and requested that staff held in check on the status of the regulatory changes.

**XIV. Adjourn**

Debra Ingle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 AM  
Keith Lee seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

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Clarence Aragon, President

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Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



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Monday, August 30, 2010, 8:30 am  
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## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Clarence Aragon, President
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Opening Remarks – Clarence Aragon, President
- IV. Introduction of Board Members and Attendees
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes –April 7, 2010
- VII. Executive Director’s Report – Matthew Holmes
  - ◆ Financial Report
  - ◆ Membership Report
  - ◆ Fee-Based Programs
- VIII. Staff Reports
- IX. National Director’s Report – Jim Dunlap
- X. Legislative Report – John L. Jones
- XI. Regulatory Matters
  - ◆ Drinking Water Regulatory Revisions
  - ◆ WQCC – Wastewater Regulations
- XII. Committee Reports
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Adjourn