



*New Mexico Rural Water Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
March 21, 2006, 3:00 pm*

I. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

President John L. Jones called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Past President Keith Lee gave the Invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ray Leverich led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jones shared his memories in tribute to Joe Baker and held a moment of silence.

III. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer read the notice of the 2006 Annual Membership Meeting.

IV. ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES

Ray Leverich called the roll of voting delegates.

Members Present

Anthony Water & Sanitation
Arenas Valley Water Development Assoc.
Bluewater Acres DWUA
Brazito MDWCA
Brazos MDWCA Inc
Chamberino MDWC & SA
Coyote Creek MDWUA
Village of Des Moines
Entranosa Water & Wastewater Assoc.
Village of Grady
Green Ridge MDWCA, Inc.
Village of House
Jemez Springs Domestic Water Assoc
La Luz MDWCA
La Mesa MDWCA
Las Acequias of the Community of Placitas
Lincoln MDWCA
Lower Valley WUCA
Madrid Water Cooperative
Village of Magdalena
Mora MDW & SWA, Inc
Navajo Dam DWC & MSWC Inc
Lake Roberts MDWCA

Voting Delegate

Patrick S. Banegas
Gilbert Miera
Ophelia Gonzales
Norman Saunders
Ray Leverich
Irene Najera
Liz Thayer
Karen Bray
John L. Jones
Wesley Shafer
Alan Mickelson
Sherman Martin
Emmett Cart
Edward Silva
Carlos Telles
Bert W. DeLara
Ralph Dunlap
Keith Lee
Gavin F. Strathdee
Steve Bailey
Clarence Aragon
John Eckley
George E. Martin



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Philmont Scout Ranch	David Kenneke
Picacho MDWCA	Larry L Covington
City of Ruidoso Downs	Debra Ingle
San Antonio De Cleveland MDWC & SWA	Ivan Roper
San Antonio MDWCA	Fred J. Hollis
Tierra Amarilla MDWCA	Leo Rodela
Timberon Water & Sanitation District	Gary Goss
Upper La Plata WUA	Jim T. Dunlap
West Hammond MDWA	Nick Ashcroft
Yah-ta-hey W&SD	Loline Hathaway

V. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer determined and announced the presence of a quorum of voting members (33).

VI. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2005

Jim Dunlap moved to approve the minutes as submitted
Gavin Strathdee seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

VII. BYLAWS REVISION

Ivan Roper moved to approve the Bylaws amendment as submitted
Ray Leverich seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

VIII. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

A. Association Report

President John L. Jones reported on legislative and regulatory initiatives undertaken by the Association over the course of the previous year. President Jones emphasized the importance of member involvement in their local political meetings, as well providing input on State and Federal regulations. He thanked the delegates for their support of the Association and highlighted the need for continued growth of the membership.

B. National Director's Report

Jim Dunlap introduced NRWA President Bobby Scott, who spoke to the membership about the importance fiscal responsibility and oversight in running the Association. President Scott thanked the attendees for their important work in running New Mexico's water and wastewater systems.



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C. Executive Director's Report

Matthew Holmes presented a report on the following items:

- ◆ The creation of the Assistant Director position
- ◆ NMRWA's input into Drinking Water and Operator Certification regulations
- ◆ Collaborations with Indian Health Service, Department of Finance and Administration, and the Office of the State Engineer
- ◆ Progress on the NMRWA Training Facility
- ◆ Annual Conference attendance, exhibitors, and sponsorship
- ◆ New staff members

D. Financial Report

Financial Officer Sue Sleeper presented the Financial Report for the Association, noting that the 2005 audit was unqualified, the membership increased and net assets grew substantially from the previous year.

IX. ELECTION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS

President John L. Jones recessed to meeting to the regional caucuses.

At 4:36 pm President John L. Jones reconvened the Membership Meeting.

X. REGIONAL CAUCUS REPORTS

The following delegates were elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms, and the following Directors were elected to the Executive Committee for a one-year term:

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| Region 1 | Ralph Dunlap, Director
Gary Goss, Director
Debra Ingle, Executive Committee |
| Region 2 | Pat Banegas, Director
Steve Bailey, Director
Pat Banegas, Executive Committee |
| Region 3 | Jim Dunlap, Director
Keith Lee, Director
Ray Leverich, Executive Committee |
| Region 4 | Karen Bray, Director
Sherman Martin, Director
Ivan Roper, Executive Committee |



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XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT AND LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

Ray Leverich nominated John L. Jones as President
Sherman Martin seconded the nomination

Ivan Roper moved that nominations cease and elect John L. Jones by acclamation
Sherman Martin seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

Sherman Martin nominated Jim Dunlap as National Director
Keith Lee seconded the motion

Ralph Dunlap moved that nominations cease and elect Jim Dunlap by acclamation
Nick Ashcroft seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

Ivan Roper nominated Clarence Aragon as Legislative Chair
David Kenneke seconded the motion

Ray Leverich nominated Gary Goss as Legislative Chair
Ralph Dunlap seconded the motion
Gary Goss declined the nomination

Ray Leverich moved that nominations cease and elect Clarence Aragon by acclamation
Nick Ashcroft seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

XII. UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS

Patrick Banegas discussed specific challenges faced by Water and Sanitation Districts, and suggested working with District representatives to develop solutions.

Past President Keith Lee observed that this was the smoothest Annual Conference he has experienced, and thanked Matt Holmes, John Jones and Christine Ageton for their work. Mr. Lee expressed concern about the Water Conservation Fee Fund, and systems having to pay for sampling now and in the future.

XIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

John L. Jones, President

Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



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Notice of Proposed Bylaws Revision

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28th Annual Technical Conference & Membership Meeting

March 20 – 23, 2006
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town



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NOTICE OF MEETING:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006

HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE AT OLD TOWN, 800 RIO GRANDE BLVD, 505-843-6300

FRANCISCAN BALLROOM, 3:00 PM – NO CHARGE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

**VOTING DELEGATE FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE NMRWA OFFICE BY 5:00 PM
ON MARCH 10, 2006 WITH ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION COMPLETED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: VISIT WWW.NMRWA.ORG OR CALL 1-800-819-9893

NMRWA Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION – John L. Jones, President
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING – Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer
- IV. ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES – Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer
- V. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer
- VI. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 22, 2005
- VII. BYLAWS REVISION – Move Curry County from Region IV into Region I
- VIII. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS
 - A. Association Report – John L. Jones, President
 - B. National Director’s Report – Jim Dunlap
 - C. Executive Director’s Report – Matthew Holmes
 - D. Financial Report – Sue Sleeper, Financial Officer
- IX. ELECTION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS – Adjourn to Regional Caucuses
 - Region I – Franciscan
 - Region II – Potter’s Room
 - Region III – Weaver’s Room
 - Region IV – Turquoise Room
- X. REGIONAL CAUCUS REPORTS
- XI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – President, National Director and Legislative Chair
- XII. UNFINISHED & NEW BUSINESS
- XIII. ADJOURN



The proposed Bylaws revision is to move Curry County from Region Four (Northeast) to Region One (Southeast). Due to a perceived error in the Bylaws, Curry County has been considered to be in Region One for several years. Copies of the current Bylaws, proposed Bylaws Revisions, Board of Directors Terms, and the 2005 Membership Meeting Minutes may be obtained by calling our office at 1-800-819-9893, or online at: www.nmrwa.org/minutes.php. All materials will be available for your review at the Membership Meeting. All voting members must deliver an original delegate form with two signatures to the NMRWA office by 5:00 pm on March 10, 2006 in order to be eligible to vote. Forms and information are available by calling our office or online at: www.nmrwa.org/2006conference.php. Please attend our meeting and support the Association!