



New Mexico Rural Water Association  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town  
April 6, 2010

**I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM. He thanked the participants for registering as delegates and stated that their participation was necessary to make the membership process work.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Debra Ingle moved to approve the agenda  
Gilbert Miera seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**III. Secretary's Report – Ray Leverich**

Ray Leverich, Secretary/Treasurer read the official notice of the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting. Mr. Leverich proceeded to call the roll of the voting delegates.

Jim Dunlap moved to accept Charles Huestis as the voting delegate for Doña Ana MDWCA

Larry Covington seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

Secretary Leverich announced a quorum of thirty-two voting members.

**IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2009**

Keith Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as presented

John L. Jones seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**V. Welcome and Comments from NRWA President Fred Sheldon**

Jim Dunlap introduced NRWA President Fred Sheldon to the attendees.

President Sheldon stated that he was happy to participate and gave a brief breakdown of NRWA funding over the past year. He stated that NRWA secured more money than ever before for programs, loans and grants for small water and wastewater systems. President Sheldon further stated that there is a new process of doing business in Washington DC and earmark funding was increasingly difficult to procure. He urged everyone to participate in the Association's efforts to secure funding for the benefit of the state of New Mexico.



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**VI. Financial Report –William Connor, Finance Manager**

Finance Manager William Connor introduced himself as a new employee of the Association and stated it is been a great experience for him so far. Mr. Connor grew up in Silver City and was involved in the banking industry in Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico before becoming the Director of Finance for a large healthcare nonprofit in Arizona. He is looking for to meeting and working with the Association members. Mr. Connor reported on the following items:

- ◆ 2009 grant income dropped by \$140,000
- ◆ Promotion of existing programs reduced this loss to \$60,000
- ◆ Curtailing expenses reduced these losses further to approximately \$34,000
- ◆ Overall the Association is financially very liquid with limited fixed expenses

**VII. Association report – Matthew Holmes, Executive Director**

Executive Director Matthew Holmes reported on the following items:

- ◆ Program changes in 2009 included the loss of the NMED Field Specialist program January 1, and the beginning of the ARRA Circuit Rider program on May 1
- ◆ The Association hired a new Finance Manager in December 2009
- ◆ The GIS mapping program is continuing to be developed
- ◆ The Dear Colleague Letters achieved complete support from the NM congressional delegation

**VIII. Election of Regional Directors**

John L. Jones moved to recess the delegates to the regional caucuses  
Edward Silva seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

President Aragon reconvened the meeting at 9:32 AM.

**IX. Regional Caucus Reports**

The following delegates were elected to the Board of Directors, and the following Directors were elected to the Executive Committee:

**Region 1** Wesley Shafer, Director  
Gary Spinks, Director  
Debra Ingle, Executive Committee

**Region 2** Steve Bailey, Director  
Gilbert Miera, Director  
Pat Banegas, Executive Committee



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- Region 3** Silviano Atencio, Director  
Alex E. Griego, Director  
Ray Leverich, Executive Committee
- Region 4** David Kenneke, Director  
Mike Vigil, Director  
David Kenneke, Executive Committee

David Kenneke requested that the Association Board of Directors look at giving some kind of recognition to Ivan Roper's family and water system due to the passion he showed for the Association.

It was noted that a database error placed delegate Ray Leverich in the wrong region on the delegate information list. This error resulted in Mr. Leverich attending the wrong regional caucus and in losing his seat on the Board of Directors. This matter will be resolved by Region 3 in the Board of Directors meeting.

**X. Election of Officers – President and Legislative Chair**

Kenneth Whitecotton nominated John L. Jones as Legislative Chair  
Ray Leverich seconded the motion

Jim Dunlap moved that nominations cease and John L. Jones be elected  
Legislative Chair by acclamation  
Keith Lee seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

Gavin Strathdee nominated Clarence Aragon as President  
Larry Covington seconded the nomination

Ray Leverich moved that nominations cease and Clarence Aragon be elected  
President by acclamation  
Jim Dunlap seconded the motion  
Motion carried unanimously

**XI. Unfinished & New Business**

There was no unfinished or new business.



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**XII. Adjourn**

Debra Ingle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM  
Gilbert Miera 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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Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 8:00 am  
*Franciscan Ballroom*

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## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order & Opening Remarks – Clarence Aragon, President
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Secretary's Report – Ray Leverich
  - ◆ Reading of the Notice of the Meeting
  - ◆ Voting Delegates Present
  - ◆ Determination of Quorum
- IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes –April 7, 2009
- V. Welcome and Comments from NRWA President Fred Sheldon
- VI. Association Report – Matthew Holmes, Executive Director
- VII. Financial Report – William Conner, Finance Manager
- VIII. Election of Regional Directors – Adjourn to Regional Caucuses
  - Region I – Franciscan
  - Region II – Fireplace
  - Region III – Franciscan
  - Region IV – Potter's
- IX. Regional Caucus Reports
- X. Election of Officers – President & Legislative Chair
- XI. Unfinished and New Business
- XII. Adjourn