



New Mexico Rural Water Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
NM Municipal League Office, Santa Fe, NM
January 25, 2007

Committee Members Present:

John L. Jones, President
Pat Banegas, Vice-President
Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer
Jim Dunlap, National Director
Keith Lee, Past President
Clarence Aragon, Legislative Chair
Debra L. Ingle, Director

Committee Members Absent:

Ivan Roper, Director

Guests Present:

Matt Holmes, Executive Director
Christine Ageton, Assistant Director

I. Call to Order

President John L. Jones called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President John L. Jones led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

Debra Ingle moved to approve the agenda
Jim Dunlap seconded the motion
Jim Dunlap called the question
Motion carried unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2006

Debra Ingle moved to approve with three corrections:
Change “National Director’s” to “Legislative Chairman’s” on page 2, Item VIII;
Change “Ivan Roper Ingle” to “Ivan Roper” on page 3, Item X;
Change “Ivan Roper Ingle” to “Ivan Roper” on page 4, Item XIV
Jim Dunlap seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

V. Executive Director’s Report

Matthew Holmes presented the Executive Director’s Report. The following items were discussed:

- The recent Executive Director’s meeting in Clearwater Beach, Florida



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- The Tribal Source Water Protection Program funding via the Indian Health Service
- Contracting with a Certified Public Accountant
- Technical assistance funding in the Department of Finance and Administration's 2007 budget
- Water Use Auditing
- Status of the NMED Expense Reimbursement Grant Program

VI. Legislative Chairman's Report

Clarence Aragon presented the Legislative Chairman's report. The following items were discussed:

- Representation for Rural Water on the Water Trust Board
- Various legislation involving eminent domain
- Regional Water Authority legislation
- Water and Sanitation District Act
- Funding for Hanover MDWCA
- Possible funding for a dairy Circuit Rider program
- Changes to the Rural Infrastructure Act

Pat Banegas moved to oppose raising the funding threshold from 10,000 population to 20,000 population in the Rural Infrastructure Act
Ray Leverich seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously

A recess was taken for lunch at 11:40 am. The meeting reconvened at 1:20 pm.

VII. National Director's Report

Jim Dunlap presented the National Director's report. The following items were discussed:

- The elimination of earmarks from federal spending bills
- The status of USDA and EPA program funding for NRWA and NMRWA
- Strategies for retaining NRWA's federal program funding
- The NRWA Fly-In and Water Rally



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VIII. Committee Reports

The Political Action Committee gave a report on the following items:

- Checks delivered to recent political candidates
- Fees for registered lobbyists
- The PAC Raffle at the upcoming Annual Conference

The Awards Action Committee gave a report on the John Paden Scholarship Fund. The Fund will be used to allow operators from small systems to attend the Annual Conference who could not otherwise afford to attend.

Ray Leverich moved to adopt the recommendations of the Awards Committee, and amend the recommendations to allow one scholarship per region, for a maximum amount of \$550 per scholarship

Pat Banegas seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

Clarence Aragon moved to mail a letter to all Board of Directors and allow Directors to make individual nominations for the John Paden Scholarship Fund

Pat Banegas seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

The Finances Committee gave a report on the following items:

- The possibility of an additional assessment on the 2007 dues
- A proposed dues increase will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Annual Conference
- The possibility of the Board of Directors giving the Executive Committee authority to increase the Annual Dues
- Making a dues rate increase a standing agenda item for the Board of Directors meeting at the Annual Conference

IX. New Business & Public Comment

There was no public comment.

X. Comments from the President

President John L. Jones had no comments.



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XI. Adjourn

Keith Lee moved to adjourn the meeting
Pat Banegas seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

John L. Jones, President

Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



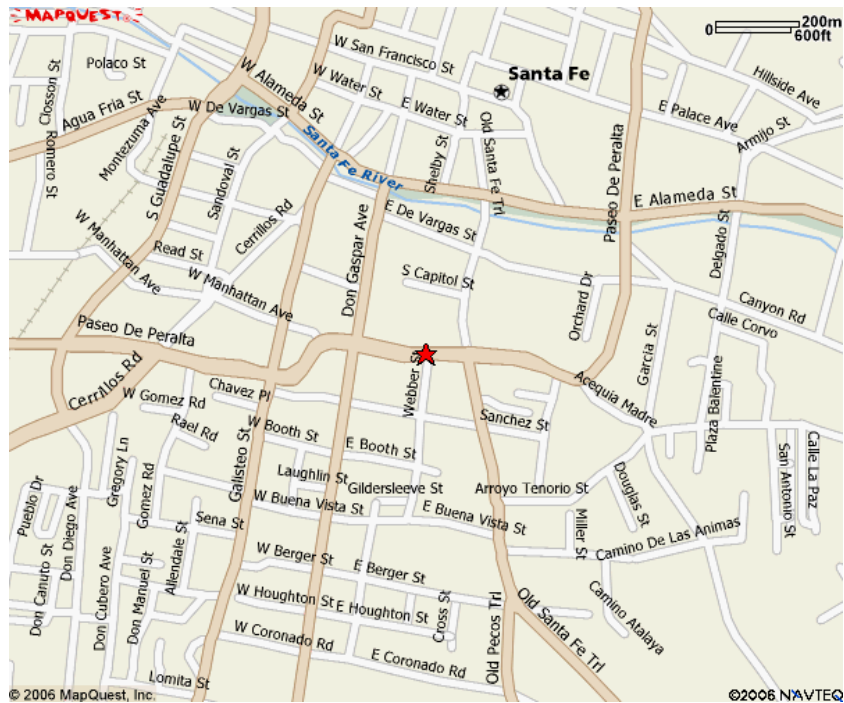
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes – December 1, 2006
- V. Executive Director’s Report
 - ◆ Financial & Program Status
- VI. Legislative Chairman’s Report
- VII. National Director’s Report
 - ◆ NRWA Funding Levels for FY 2007
 - ◆ NRWA Fly-In & Water Rally
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - ◆ Political Action Committee
 - ◆ Awards Committee
 - ◆ Finances Committee
- IX. New Business & Public Comment
- X. Comments from the President
- XI. Adjourn

Note: The meeting will be held in the New Mexico Municipal League conference room. Directions are on the reverse. **No parking is allowed in their parking lot for any reason!** We will carpool from the Camel Rock Suites to the Municipal League. We will meet in front of the Camel Rock Suites at 9:30 am to carpool to the Municipal League.

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