



New Mexico Rural Water Association
Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes
Old Santa Fe Inn, Santa Fe, NM
January 30, 2009

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

None

Guests Present:

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 8:17 AM.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes –November 21, 2008

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

IV. Presentation and Approval of 2008 Indirect Cost Proposal

Ray Leverich moved to postpone this item until the next meeting
Debra Ingle seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

V. Executive Director's Report

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- Recent correspondence with NMED Cabinet Secretary Ron Curry
- Ongoing efforts to obtain financial information on the Water Conservation Fee In the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Set-asides
- Efforts by NMED Drinking Water Bureau to provide technical assistance to water systems
- Correspondence with USEPA Region Six
- Arsenic rule compliance status
- GIS system mapping project



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VI. 2009 NMRWA Budget and Program Revisions

The committee discussed potential effects on the NMRWA budget due to suspension of the NMED technical capacity development contract. No changes were made to the budget because of incomplete information on the status of this contract.

VII. National Director's Report

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

- Details of the stimulus funding package
- Status of USDA and EPA programs
- Stimulus funding details for the Bureau of Reclamation
- NRWA legislative efforts regarding stimulus funds
- NRWA Water Rally

The committee discussed attendees for the NRWA water rally. The consensus decision was to send Jim Dunlap, Matthew Holmes and Debra Ingle.

VIII. Legislative Matters – John L. Jones

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

- Status of the state budget shortfall – “The Year of Restraint”
- The details of SB 231, HB 297, SB 336, HB 13, HB 19, HB 337, HJM 11, HB 185, and SB 208

Ivan Roper moved to support Senate Bill 231 and Senate Bill 336
Debra Ingle seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

Patrick Banegas moved to oppose House Bill 185 and recommend further study be conducted on the impact of this legislation by the state of New Mexico
Debra Ingle seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

The committee discussed future lobbying strategy for 2010.



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IX. Committee Business

Ivan Roper moved to table standing committee reports
Patrick Banegas seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

President Aragon stated that in his two terms as President he is made a strong effort to address issues regarding involvement and effectiveness of the Board of Directors. Some of these efforts have been met with limited success.

Accordingly, President Aragon requested the Policies and Bylaws Committee review the effectiveness of communication in the context of the role of the larger Board of Directors. The committee should make a recommendation for potential changes to the Association bylaws, specifically focusing on whether or not the board has the right structure to function most effectively for NMRWA and its members.

The committee had a further discussion on how the Board of Directors can be most effectively used. The consensus was the Board of Directors should function regionally to communicate with members and legislators.

X. New Business

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director reported that he has been requested by NRWA to participate in their EPA funded training program in Hawaii again for 2009. NRWA will pay all expenses.

Pat Banegas moved to approve participation for Matthew Holmes in the NRWA Hawaii training program
Ivan Roper seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 PM.

Clarence Aragon, President

Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2008
- IV. Presentation and Approval of 2008 Indirect Cost Proposal
- V. Executive Director's Report – Matthew Holmes
 - ◆ NMED Program Funding
 - ◆ Groundwater Rule
- VI. 2009 NMRWA Budget and Program Revisions
- VII. National Director's Report – Jim Dunlap
 - ◆ NRWA Fly-in & Water Rally
- VIII. Legislative Matters – John L. Jones
 - ◆ Update on 2009 Legislative Session
 - ◆ Long-term Legislative and Lobbying Strategy
- IX. Committee Business
 - ◆ Standing Committee Reports
 - ◆ New Committee Assignments
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjourn