



New Mexico Rural Water Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
NMRWA Office, Albuquerque, NM
December 6, 2011

Committee Members Present

David Kenneke, President
Gavin Strathdee, Vice-President
Jim Dunlap, National Director
John L. Jones, Legislative Chairman
Clarence Aragon, Past President
W. Keith Lee, Director

Committee Members Absent

Patrick Banegas, Director
Debra Ingle, Secretary/Treasurer

I. Call to Order

President David Kenneke called the meeting to order at 10:53 AM and thanked the committee members for travelling to Albuquerque in spite of the bad weather. He welcomed everyone to the new NMRWA office and training facility. President Kenneke further congratulated all for the hard work that resulted in the Association winning the 2011 National Rural Water Association Excellence in National Legislation Award.

Clarence Aragon led the committee members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Agenda

John L. Jones moved to switch items 5 and 6 and to approve the amended agenda
Jim Dunlap seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes –August 18, 2011

Gavin Strathdee moved to approve the minutes as presented
John L. Jones seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

IV. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Matthew Holmes reported on the following items:

- ◆ Status on the new office training facility
- ◆ Report on the Las Cruces Fall Conference and Philmont exam prep workshop
- ◆ Update on partnership development with Associate members
- ◆ System regionalization legislation

Deputy Director Bill Conner reported on the Association financial statements and answered questions from the Executive Committee.



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A discussion was held regarding student memberships to the Association, recruiting retired engineers as instructors, and the scholarship program.

V. Executive Session – Limited to Personnel Matters

Jim Dunlap moved to enter Executive Session limited to personnel matters
Clarence Aragon seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

Jim Dunlap moved to exit Executive Session and reopen the meeting to the public
Clarence Aragon seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

Jim Dunlap attested that only personnel matters were discussed during the Executive Session.

VI. Presentation & Action on 2012 Budget

Executive Director Matthew Holmes presented the proposed NMRWA budget for 2012. A discussion was held regarding federal funding, the economic situation and the indirect rate.

John L. Jones called the question
Keith Lee moved to approve the 2012 budget as presented
Clarence Aragon seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

VII. Action on Personnel Recommendations

There were no recommendations or actions on this item.

VIII. Action on Staff Holiday Time Off Bonus

President David Kenneke proposed to offer staff additional holiday time off as a show of appreciation. A discussion was held.

John L. Jones moved to close the office the week of Christmas and to give staff the appropriate holiday time off
Keith Lee seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

IX. National Director's Report

National Director Jim Dunlap reported on the following items:

- ◆ Projected funding goals for FY 12
- ◆ Recent vote on Senator Coburn's legislation



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- ◆ EPA funding status and language
- ◆ Job training for veterans
- ◆ Other funding avenues being pursued

X. NRWA Water Rally

A discussion was held regarding attendance and budget for the NRWA Water Rally, February 6-9, 2012 in Washington DC.

Jim Dunlap moved to allow up to \$4500 for Board travel to the NRWA Water Rally

Keith Lee seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

XI. Committee Business

No committee business was reported.

XII. New Business

Gavin Strathdee initiated a discussion on the new State Engineer.

Keith Lee initiated a discussion on AgFest.

President David Kenneke reminded everyone to continue to sell raffle tickets for the rifle.

XIII. Adjourn

John L. Jones moved to adjourn

Gavin Strathdee seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

David Kenneke, President

Debra Ingle Secretary/Treasurer



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- X. NRWA Water Rally
- XI. Committee Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Adjourn