



New Mexico Rural Water Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
NMRWA Offices, Albuquerque, NM
June 13, 2008

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Keith Lee, Past President

Guests Present:

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director
Susan Maupin, NMRWA Staff

I. Call to Order

President Clarence Aragon called the meeting to order at 10:20 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

John L. Jones led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

Jim Dunlap moved to approve the agenda
Ray Leverich seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes – March 17 & March 19, 2008

John L. Jones moved to approve the minutes as submitted
Ray Leverich seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

V. Executive Director's Report

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- Planned changes for the 2009 Annual Conference
- Status of the 2007 Audit

VI. Approval of USDA Source Water Protection Program Operating Plan

John L. Jones moved to approve the operating plan as submitted
Ivan Roper seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously



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VII. Selection of Voting Delegates for NRWA Annual Conference

Debra Ingle moved to approve Jim Dunlap and Clarence Aragon as voting delegates, and John L. Jones and Keith Lee as alternate delegates
Pat Banegas seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

VIII. National Director's Report

Jim Dunlap, National Director reported that the House placed \$11.5 million in funding for our EPA programs, now it has to hold in the Senate. The likelihood of a continuing resolution this year is high. It is critical that NMRWA educate new congressional candidates on the importance of our program funding.

Pat Banegas moved to accept the National Director's report
John L. Jones seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

IX. Summer Board of Director's Meeting

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director reported on the plans for the Board of Director's meeting in Silver City, August 8-9, 2008.

X. Legislative Matters

A discussion was held over the results of the recent state election. The committee members further discussed ways to effectively communicate with the Board of Directors and the membership on legislative matters.

XI. Regulatory Matters

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director provided an update on the proposed minimum number of certified operators regulation, and the status of the Sanitary Projects Act board training rule.

XII. Committee Business

President Clarence Aragon reported on behalf of the Communications Committee. The Committee has developed several recommendations to present to the Board of Directors in Silver City. These include:

- Need for NMRWA brochures for Directors to hand out - brochures are available at the office, contact Matt to get them
- Supplies for a display booth at community functions – booth would be run by members, not staff



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- Discussion was held over creating a DVD promoting NMRWA – may be a student project for NMSU
- Possibility of having a short workshop at the mini conference on using the website for non-technical people
- Executive Board meetings moved around to all regions- this would promote more involvement from members and board members, and could encourage members to nominate individuals and systems for annual awards.

Ray Leverich reported on behalf of the Annual Awards / Scholarship Committee. He presented a written report to be attached to the minutes.

Ivan Roper reported that the Policies & Finances Committee was waiting on the 2007 audit.

Debra Ingle reported on behalf of the Office / Training Facility Committee. The facility needs list was received from the staff and the next step is to develop a floor plan for funding requests. Jim Dunlap requested that a copy of the floorplan of Arkansas Rural Water Association's training facility be forwarded to the committee.

President Clarence Aragon reported on behalf of the Political Action Committee. He presented a written report to be attached to the minutes.

XIII. New Business

There was no new business.

XIV. Adjourn

John L. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting
Ray Leverich seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Clarence Aragon, President

Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer

John Paden Memorial Scholarship fund

June 13th, 2008

The package including all the paperwork was forwarded to the state late last year for incorporation approval. This was returned to me in August 07 and had the notation there were additional signatures to be required. This was forwarded to the Board members and was returned to me in October of 07. A "completed package" was then forwarded to another state office (local) for review as to the non-profit status. At some point, there was some confusion as to whether we wanted to go ahead with the 501© 3. Then, (Late February, I think) I got the package back and was advised to forward to the IRS. This I did. What the state did not tell me was that I was suppose to include a Check for \$750. I was under the impression, there would be a review and then they would ask for the check.

Anyway, I received the package back from the IRS on June 3rd and I will get the preapproved check from the fund and return it. Nothing happens very quickly at the IRS.

Ray Leverich

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ray", written in black ink.

New Mexico Rural Political Action Committee Report 6/13/2008

- The PAC committee on 5/20/ via Tela-Conference approved a contribution to the campaign of state senator Mary Jane Garcia in the amount of \$100.
- We made a contribution to the National Rural Water PAC in the amount of \$1000. The balance in the PAC checking account, as of 31 May 2008, is \$4,951.69.
- We received a notice of violation from the Secretary of States office for failure to file. Mr. Jones is working with their office to correct the problem. *and the violation was assessed promptly.*
- We've been using the NMRWA office as a mailing address - to make communications more timely, their has been a request by Mr. Jones to change the mailing address to his office to avoid delays and multiple handling of paper work. *Approved.*

Respectfully,
Clarence Aragon





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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes – March 17 & March 19, 2008
- V. Executive Director’s Report – Matthew Holmes
 - ◆ 2009 Annual Conference Report
 - ◆ 2007 Audit
- VI. Approval of USDA Source Water Protection Program Operating Plan
- VII. Selection of Voting Delegates for NRWA Annual Conference
- VIII. National Director’s Report
- IX. Summer Board of Directors Meeting
- X. Legislative & Regulatory Issues
 - ◆ State and Federal Election Results
 - ◆ Creating an Effective Grassroots Lobbying Campaign
- XI. Regulatory Matters
 - ◆ Minimum Number of Certified Operators Regulation
 - ◆ Board Training Rule Compliance & Training Strategy
- XII. Committee Business
 - ◆ Standing Committee Reports
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Adjourn