



New Mexico Rural Water Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
NMRWA Office, Albuquerque, NM
June 22, 2007

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

Committee Members Absent:

Debra L. Ingle, Director

Guests Present:

Matthew Holmes

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

John L. Jones led the group 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 – May 11, 2007

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

V. Presentation and Approval of 2006 Audit

Donna Peace, CPA presented the 2006 audited financial statements by Ricci & Company, LLC. The Association received an unqualified audit opinion with no findings, and is positioned favorably in comparison to industry standard figures.

Ivan Roper moved to approve the audit for the period ending December 31, 2006
Ray Leverich seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

VI. Executive Director's Report

Matthew Holmes, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- WARN / AWWA meeting in Denver, CO



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- Summer Board of Directors meeting

VII. Employee Performance Reviews

Keith Lee moved to approve a \$3,000 bonus for Tim Wellman
Pat Banegas seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously

VIII. Regulatory Issues

The Executive Committee discussed the following regulatory issues:

- Operator Certification Requirements
- Sanitary Projects Act

The Committee agreed that it was very important to continue to work to elevate the salary of certified operators across the state. However, any regulations must take into account small systems who are already struggling to obtain and maintain certified operators.

The current status of board training requirements for Mutual Domestic Water Consumer Associations was discussed. It was agreed that the Executive Director would work on position papers for these two issues.

IX. Legislative Issues

The Executive Committee discussed the following legislative issues:

- Water & Natural Resources Interim Committee meetings
- National Rural Water Association funding from EPA and USDA

X. Committee Business

Ivan Roper reported on behalf of the Finance Committee and stated that the audit and the financial statements were in order.

Jim Dunlap suggested that the Political Action Committee provide quarterly reports to the Executive Committee on activities and fund raising.

The Committee discussed strategies for funding a new office and training facility for the Association.

Ray Leverich reported on the Scholarship Committee's progress toward establishing a 501(c)3 for the John Paden Scholarship. Paperwork is currently filed at the State and is awaiting approval.



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Jim Dunlap moved to authorize up to \$750 to proceed with the application for the 501(c)3, out of the John Paden Fund, contingent upon an attempt to lower the budget prediction in the filing paperwork

Pat Banegas seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

XI. New Business

Ivan Roper questioned the donation of the ATV being reflected in the audit. The item was discussed and clarified.

Clarence Aragon discussed the changing regulations facing wastewater treatment plant discharges and the financial impacts for rural communities.

Jim Dunlap requested that the Executive Director investigate a forty-year plan format that could be used for small systems.

XII. Adjourn

Ivan Roper moved to adjourn the meeting

Jim Dunlap seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Clarence Aragon, President

Ray Leverich, Secretary / Treasurer



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AGENDA

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- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2007
- V. Presentation and Approval of 2006 Audit – Ricci & Company, LLC
- VI. Executive Director’s Report – Matthew Holmes
 - ◆ Summer Board Meeting – Farmington
- VII. Employee Performance Reviews
- VIII. Regulatory Issues
 - ◆ Operator Certification Requirements
 - ◆ Sanitary Projects Act
- IX. Legislative Issues
 - ◆ Water & Natural Resources Interim Committee Meeting
 - ◆ National Funding
- X. Committee Business
 - ◆ John Paden Scholarship Fund
 - ◆ Other Standing Committee Reports
- XI. New Business
- XII. Adjourn