

KIT CARSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 26, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) was called to order by the President, Mr. Bobby Ortega, on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 9:05 a.m. in the Marcelino Martinez Room of the headquarters building of the Cooperative, Taos, New Mexico. The following Trustees were present:

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*Bob Bresnahan
Russ Coyle
Cristobal Duran
Bruce Jassmann
Manuel Medina
Bobby Ortega
Arthur Rodarte
Michael Romero
David Torres
Luisa Valerio-Mylet*

Present

Also, present were Luis A. Reyes, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Richard Martinez, Chief Operating Officer, Carmella Suazo, Assistant Manager, John Shafto, Chief Financial Officer, Michael Santistevan, Public Relations Officer and Joyce Archuleta, Executive Secretary who recorded the day's proceedings.

It was declared a quorum was present.

Quorum

Mr. Coyle led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Valerio-Mylet led the Board in a word of Prayer. She asked for a moment of silence for the Duran & Reyes families on the loss of Luis's brother-in-law.

Prayer

The agenda was presented. It was moved by Mr. Rodarte, seconded by Mr. Jassmann, and unanimously approved, that the agenda be approved as presented.

Agenda

The minutes for the Board of Trustees regular Board Meeting held March 29, 2022, were presented. It was moved by Mr. Jassmann, seconded by Mr. Romero, and unanimously approved, that the minutes be approved as presented.

*Minutes March
29, 2022,
Regular
Meeting*

Mr. Reyes presented the CEO report. He distributed an application to Tri-State for proposed 115 kV Transmission line interconnect from GridLiance. Mr. Reyes reported that land acquisition started, proposed since National

CEO Report

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process needs to be completed. Mr. Medina asked if individual property owners needed to be approached to allow KCEC to trim branches or cut trees due to danger trees near the electric line but outside of the right-of-way. Mr. Reyes reported KCEC was working with the Carson National Forest who have identified high hazard levels. He stated there was a lot more support from the Forest Service if a reasonable plan was submitted by utility. Mr. Romero asked if Tri-State conducted tree trimming. Mr. Reyes stated Tri-State had contract tree trimming programs, with the service center in Rio Rancho, NM. Mrs. Valerio-Mylet stated the Pot Creek Homeowners Association had a meeting scheduled for May, she would provide a date so KCEC could be placed on the agenda. The Balance sheet was reviewed. Mr. Reyes reported that there were 39 new services year to date compared to 21 last year. There were 20 pending work orders due to requiring new transformers also some had not been released. Mr. R. Martinez stated the construction process was being reviewed to determine which of the new services needed to be released. Mr. Reyes stated the supply chain issue had impacted all cooperatives. Mr. D. Torres reported the Safety Committee met April 12, 2022. There were no lost time accidents, no near misses or vehicle accidents. Mr. Medina asked if the investigation on the burnt truck was completed, Mr. Reyes stated the investigation was still ongoing. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Rodarte, seconded by Mr. Medina, and unanimously approved, that the CEO report for March 2022 be approved as presented. A copy of the CEO report is included in the Transfer of Documents and is hereby made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

The President reported requests have been received from Estates in the amount of \$6,103.40. It was moved by Mr. Rodarte, seconded by Mr. Jassmann, and unanimously approved, that payments be made to these Estates.

*Capital Credits
to Estates*

Mr. Reyes reported per KCEC bylaws the Board was required to fix the Record Date for the Annual Meeting. The Record Date is the date for determining the total membership of the Cooperative and the Members entitled to; (1) sign a petition or similar document; (2) receive a notice of a Member meeting or similar document; or (3) vote at a Member meeting. If a member is suspended after the Record Date, then the Member may not sign a Petition, receive a notice or vote. The Board shall fix the Record Date, but the Record Date must not be less than thirty (30) days before the Member votes at a Member meeting. He proposed the Fixed Record Date for 2022 Annual Meeting be May 12, 2022. It was moved by Mrs. Valerio-Mylet, seconded by Mr. D. Torres, and

*Set 2022
Annual Meeting
Record Date*

unanimously approved, that the Fixed Record Date for the 2022 Annual Meeting be approved as presented.

Discussion was held on the May 2022 Board Meeting Date. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the date of May 31, 2022, the day after Memorial Day as the May Board Meeting Date. Board Work Session, if needed, would be held on Friday, May 27, 2022. Dates were set for monthly Committee Meetings and also Employee Relations Committee meeting was set for June 6, 2022, at 12:00 noon, to begin CEO evaluation. Mr. Reyes reported the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Taos Mesa Solar array would be held June 3, 2022, Mrs. Valerio-Mylet suggested Governor Lujan Grisham be invited to attend since the State is working on storage relative to renewable energy. Mr. Reyes stated the KCEC Annual Meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2022.

May Board Meeting Date

Mr. Reyes reported that a Voting Delegate & Alternate for the CFC Annual Meeting would be appointed at the May Board Meeting if a Trustee was interested in attending.

Appoint CFC Voting Delegate & Alternate

The President reported donation totals and correspondence were in the packet to be reviewed at leisure.

Donations & Correspondence

Mr. Jassmann reported the Payables Committee met on April 11, 2022. Mr. Jassmann recommended approval. It was moved by Mrs. Valerio-Mylet, seconded by Mr. Rodarte, and unanimously approved, that Payables be approved as presented.

Payables Committee

Mr. Reyes reported the Broadband Committee met April 21, 2022. Kit Carson Internet had positive margins. He reported there were \$10,700 subscribers, the goal was to have 12,000 subscribers by the end of the year. He reported there were several grants and awards still available for broadband and that several cooperatives were considering providing broadband services.

Broadband Committee

Mr. Rodarte reported the Solar Committee met April 7, 2022. He reported the Taos Mesa Solar Project was 70% complete. Mr. Reyes reported blocks 1, 2, 3 & 4 were complete and 5 and 6 were 70% complete. He reported Affordable Solar would need to complete 700 terminations so that Tesla could test batteries. 12.5MW storage should be ready for final test of integration between solar and battery. Discussion was held on plan to sell excess power. Mr. Reyes reported there was more activity at Angel Fire Solar area and that work on drainage was required.

Solar Committee

Mr. D. Torres reported the Bylaw & Policy Committee met April 20, 2022. He reported there were two proposed

Bylaw & Policy Committee

By law Changes – (1) Article II Meeting of Members Section 1 Annual Meeting – Modify The Town of Penasco to Penasco. The President suggested changing District Three to change the town of Ojo Caliente to Ojo Caliente, also District Two change town of Questa to Village of Questa. (2) Article IV Meeting of Trustees – Section 3. Election of Trustees from Different Areas. (b) Add language regarding uncontested elections. It was moved by Mr. Bresnahan, seconded by Mr. Coyle, and unanimously approved, that proposed By Law changes be approved with changes. Proposed bylaw changes would be presented to the Membership at the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Reyes reported that a Legislative Finance Committee was scheduled for Thursday and Friday, meetings would be held in Taos.

*Legislative
Information*

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Bresnahan, seconded by Mr. Duran, and unanimously approved, that the Board of Trustees of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. be adjourned until May 31, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. the date and time of the next Board meeting. Unless changed and, thereupon, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

*Meeting
Adjourned*

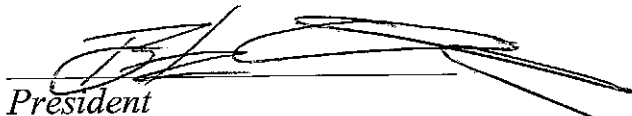
The following Trustees were present at the end of the meeting:

Bob Bresnahan, Russ Coyle, Cristobal Duran, Bruce Jassmann, Manuel Medina, Bobby Ortega, Arthur Rodarte, Michael Romero, David Torres and Luisa Valerio-Mylet



Secretary

Approved this 31st day of May 2022



President