

**MINUTES OF THE  
JEMEZ MOUNTAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022  
HERNANDEZ, NEW MEXICO**

1. This regular monthly Board meeting of the Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Dennis Trujillo at 9:09 a.m. on the above-cited date, at the new JMEC Headquarters, 19365 S.R. 84/285, Hernandez, New Mexico.

2. & 3. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Secretary Vigil called roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Present:**

Dennis Trujillo, President  
Manuel Bustos, Vice President  
John Ramon Vigil, Secretary  
Dolores McCoy, Treasurer  
Stanley Crawford, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer  
Lucas J. Cordova  
Elias Coriz  
Bruce Duran  
Dennis Gallegos [9:15 arrival]  
Marissa Maestas-Muller  
Marcie Martinez

**Absent:**

None

**JMEC Staff Present:**

Michael Hastings, CEO and General Manager  
Dennis Astley, Manager of Engineering and Engineering Operations  
Karen Wisdom, Senior Manager of Contract Administration and Compliance  
Tina Trujillo Archuleta, Administrative Professional  
Geraldine Romero, Acting CFO  
Carmen Campbell, Cuba District Manager and Tribal Liaison

**Others Present:**

Johnny Valerio, Contract Accountant  
Frank Coppler, JMEC Counsel

William Coburn, *Rio Grande Sun*  
Adam Ciepiela, Charles Stephen Firm  
Jeremy Aguilar, Charles Stephen Firm  
George Lynch, Sr., Kelso Lynch, P.C., P.A.  
Karen Farrell, Words work – Stenographic Services

#### **4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

President Trujillo requested the addition of 6.H. Approval of RFP.

**ACTION:** Mr. Cordova moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Mr. Vigil seconded and the motion passed without opposition. [Mr. Gallegos was not present for this action and arrived shortly thereafter.]

#### **5. JMEC MEMBER COMMENTS**

President Trujillo welcomed and invited any audience members to speak. There were no speakers.

#### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Review and Approve the March 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION:** Mr. Crawford moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Duran seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Ms. Maestas-Muller was not present for this action.]

##### **B. Review and Approve the April 13, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION:** Mr. Crawford moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bustos seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Ms. Maestas-Muller was not present for this action.]

##### **C. Approval of the March 2022 Membership List**

**ACTION:** Mr. Cordova moved to approve the March 2022 membership list. Mrs. McCoy seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Ms. Maestas-Muller was not present for this action.]

##### **D. JMEC Foundation Annual Financial Report: The Charles Stephen Firm**

Present from the Charles Stephen Firm were Adam Ciepiela and Jeremy Aguilar. Mr. Ciepiela noted that the financial markets are currently experiencing a great deal of volatility attributed to inflation, rising interest rates and the Russian-Ukraine war. He speculated that once the geo-political event ends, the market will rebound. JMEC's account is held in a multiple strategy account with three different managers allowing for different asset allocations and ideologies of money management. Broken down, the

portfolio reflects 38 percent in U.S. stocks, 15 percent in non-U.S. stocks and 33 percent in bonds. The remaining is cash, which has to do with managers selling assets in November and December 2021 and finding investments. Year-to-date the portfolio is down over 10 percent and while Mr. Ciepiela acknowledged that was not good news, it is in line with the risk tolerance of the accounts' management. Overall, the U.S. market is down about 12 percent and the global market is down 20 percent.

Referring to the portfolio's long-term performance, Mr. Ciepiela said over the past three years the account is up 7.91 percent. Charles Stephen is not recommending any changes to the portfolio.

Responding to Board questions, Mr. Ciepiela confirmed there were no Russian stocks, the management fees are 1.42 percent total, and oil and gas makes up less than 4 percent of the index holdings. He noted that quarterly statements are provided to management and Charles Stephen conducts thorough reviews of market allocations and holdings in each account. The total in the Foundations accounts was \$ 1,475,360 as of April 26, 2022.

#### **D. 2021 JMEC Audit Report**

George Lynch, Sr. Kelso-Lynch Certified Public Accountants, said the keystone as an audit firm is to be independent. Kelso-Lynch conducted an independent audit based on internal controls over financial reports and on compliance and other matters based on the audit of financial statement performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The firm reviews the internal control structure to ascertain any risky areas that may be occurring in accounting standards. He outlined how test sampling is conducted. The review of internal control was for limited purposes and was not designed to identify all deficiencies. Ultimately, an unmodified audit opinion is desired. He noted that the results of their testing disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under the Government Auditing Standards.

Mr. Lynch said JMEC's general controls are good based on the size of the cooperative and there were no instances of fraud or other irregularities identified. He noted they conducted two years of audit, 2020 and 2021, although 2020 was audited by another firm. He noted that Kelso-Lynch did not find any material deficiency in internal controls. There were a few adjustments that management is working to improve upon.

Referring to variances found within the test sample, he said Geraldine Romero and Kelso- Lynch would be reviewing the inventory starting in June and continuing on a quarterly basis. He recognized there was relocation of the warehouses in Hernandez. He reviewed the required certification letter for RUS. Regarding the cash flows there was a positive net margin of \$855,516 which he attributed to the forgiven PPP loan of \$1.4 million. While the operating margin is negative it is less so than in previous years.

Mr. Lynch said his firm works for about 45 other electric co-ops. In a five-year trend JMEC's gross margin percentage: electric revenues and cost of power has been maintained at 39 percent. A number below 40 it indicates there is not enough revenue,



and the rates need to be reviewed because the across-the-margin percentage is not high enough to pay for other operating expenses.

JMEC's line loss percentage is higher than he typically encounters but that could be attributed to the land mass and density, and a higher line loss percentage would be expected. However, it is still on the upper end.

JMEC's net utility plant runs about 55 percent and he'd prefer to see that at 60 percent, which may mean the plant needs further investments. That too could be attributed to JMEC's density. Equity across the nation is approximately 48 percent and JMEC's is 50 percent.

President Trujillo requested that in the future, Kelso-Lynch provide the audit information ahead of the meeting by a week or more to provide the Board adequate time for review in advance of the board meeting.

GM Hastings said his practice is to present the audit to the Finance Committee and in the future he'll schedule a joint meeting with both Finance and Audit Committees. The Board will need to approve the JMEC 2021 audit report and that can be included in a future agenda.

**F. Tri-State Power Supply Contract Modification, Jicarilla Apache Nation**

GM Hastings reminded the Board that JMEC Tribal Liaison Carmen Campbell presented this information a couple of months ago explaining that the Jicarilla needed some help last summer and JMEC provided power for a week or so. Because the request came up so quickly, Tri-State was not advised, and the substation was quickly heated up to take care of Nation's power supply needs. Tri-State prepared an amendment to a couple of the exhibits of JMEC's power supply agreement. The amendment mandates that JMEC provide warning to Tri-State and that Tri-State needs to be made whole at the market price on the power provided, not the price JMEC pays as a Class-A member of Tri-State. Management recommended agreement to the exhibits to the power supply agreement.

**ACTION:** Mr. Crawford moved to approve the power supply contract modifications. Mr. Duran seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**G. RUS Loan Extension Resolution [Resolution on file]**

GM Hastings said this AD48 loan expires September 30, 2022 and the Resolution requests a one-year extension to continue work on the loan-identified projects. Staff recommends the approval of the extension. The terms of the loan do not change because of the extension.

Johnny Valerio, Contract Accountant, said the interest rate is determined when the funds from a portion of the loan are drawn down. The loan was originally \$18 million in 2018 and every draw has a different interest rate.

**ACTION:** Mr. Cordova moved to approve the Resolution. Mr. Bustos seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Mr. Duran was not present for this action.]

#### **H. Approval of RFP – Vegetation Management**

Mr. Cordova, Chair of the Vegetation Management Committee, said the Committee met on April 26<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the responses to the 43-mile Abiquiu circuit RFP. Two bids were received and following review and the inclusion of the local preference policy, the Committee recommends awarding the RFP to Family Tree.

Karen Wisdom, JMEC Senior Manager of Contract Administration and Compliance, said the Vegetation Management Coordinator Lenny Ortiz keeps a close watch on the circuits that are trimmed on a rotation basis. She confirmed that during covid, vegetation management fell slightly behind schedule because of exposure issues for crews. This circuit was within the budget.

**ACTION:** Mr. Cordova moved to award the contract to Family Tree. Mr. Bustos seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Cordova noted that the 2022 vegetation budget was established at \$1.2 million and approximately \$294,000 has been expended.

#### **7. OTHER REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Tri-State Director's Report**

##### **i. Tri-State 2022 Annual Meeting Report**

Mr. Duran said the 2022 Tri-State annual meeting went very well with interesting speakers. Tim Rabon, who represents Otero County Electric Cooperative, was re-elected to serve as Board Chair at Tri-State. Tri-State will be conducting substation upgrades and replacing transformers. An amendment to the 2022 transmission capital budget was approved. Mr. Duran said he learned that Guzman Energy filed a prehearing brief claiming Tri-State rate methodology is unreasonable. Tri-State is settling with three members pursuant to Tri-State's partial buyout program to make services more flexible.

GM Hastings, who also attended the Tri-State annual meeting, said Tri-State issued a press release having to do with the three Colorado co-ops that signed up for partial buyouts in 2021. An agreement was filed with FERC regarding the three Colorado co-ops partial buyouts.

Ms. Martinez said she too attended the Tri-State annual meeting and was impressed by Tri-State and its efforts regarding reliability.

President Trujillo who also attended the 2022 Tri-State annual meeting, said Tri-State's first priority is reliability and second is affordability.

#### **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**



**ACTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Cordova and second by Mrs. McCoy, the Board moved to convene into executive session.

[The Board met in Executive Session from 10:15 a.m. – 11:46 a.m.]

The Board reconvened in open session per a motion by MRS. McCoy and seconded by Ms. Maestas-Muller after lunch at 12:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cordova was not present for the remainder of the meeting and Ms. Maestas-Muller participated via Webex.

**A. Partial Buyout RFP**

This item is deferred to the special meeting on May 12, 2022.

**B. Retain a Private Investigation**

**ACTION:** Mr. Crawford moved to authorize staff to review the list of investigators and offer a contract to the best candidate based on experience and price. Mr. Duran seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**C. School Committee**

To accommodate Chair of the School Committee Maestas-Muller, this item was moved up on the Agenda.

**ACTION:** Ms. Maestas-Muller moved to authorize the allocation of funds from the Foundation to the school fund to provide scholarships to individuals within the JMEC service area who have qualified. Mr. Coriz seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [See page 7 for additional details]

**10. C. Old JMEC Headquarters Building Plans**

GM Hastings said this item was discussed at yesterday's Finance Committee meeting. He reminded the Board that a structural engineer as well as Bradbury Stamm reviewed the building for rehabilitation. The structural engineer identified damage to the foundation from water which may also present a mold issue. The remaining life of the existing cinderblock foundation may have 20+ years. Bradbury Stamm's estimate to ready the building for occupancy was \$3.8 million.

The Phase 3 plan with the development of the new headquarters was the demolition of the old headquarters. GM Hastings said that is the recommendation at this time.

**D. Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Policy Decisions**

GM Hastings said a decision regarding revenues from the charging stations is necessary. As precedent, the PRC requires that members pay for line extensions but the Co-op owns the line and receives revenues. The draft structure on the lease with Bode's has Bode's

receiving the revenue after the debt is paid off by JMEC. Tri-State is paying half the cost and Rio Arriba may be paying the other half meaning the facility is paid for and Bode's would be making the profit almost immediately. As an electric cooperative selling electricity, JMEC should consider keeping the fast charger revenue and leasing the property. Bode's has the benefit of the electric charging customer coming into the shop and purchasing things. This is a policy decision for the Board to make.

GM Hastings said the benefit to the lessor is the convenience store business, and gasoline sales.

Mr. Duran supported JMEC receiving the electric revenues, thus benefitting the co-op and all its membership.

There was consensus that the Co-op should benefit from the EV charging facilities and a policy should be developed to reflect that.

GM Hastings appreciated that as JMEC puts more electric vehicles in its fleet identifying charger locations will be important.

Counselor Coppler said he understood the Board wants the revenue to come to JMEC which was the decision needed to develop a Policy. The retailer, i.e., Bode's, does not have the responsibilities that an electric cooperative has. Regarding insurance coverage, he said the Policy will need to be reviewed and a rider to cover the EV charging stations may be required.

**E. Approval of Scholarship Awards Amounts – Individually and in Total**

**ACTION:** Ms. Maestas-Muller moved that the Board approve 30 scholarships in the amount of \$4,000 each that will be awarded to students within JMEC's service area. Mr. Coriz seconded and the Motion passed without opposition.

There was consensus that the recipients of the scholarships appear before the JMEC Board at a meeting for recognition as well as recognition at the schools.

**11. CEO AND GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE**

**A. Miscellaneous Matters**

GM Hastings said the Cerro Pelado fire that occurred last night was 15 percent contained and JMEC mobilized one of its contractors to assist in rebuilding a damaged line. A good stretch of the line has been burned and a lot of trees are dead. The high winds have prevented work today. The Forest Service has approved JMEC's immediate access to the area to rebuild the line. The circuit feeds a Forest Service lookout tower, a radio tower and some cabins. Lenny Ortiz and Jim Wiseman are taking the lead along with the engineering expertise of Dennis Astley.

**i. Review of Infrastructure Needs - Cuba District/Lybrook Substation**



GM Hastings said the voltage at the Lybrook substation is twice as high as it is on Española side of the mountains to address the long distances of the circuits. The Lybrook substation has four circuits with a total of 1,105 miles of conductor coming out of the substation. He identified the different circuits – Bisti 451 miles, Largo 472 miles, Dome 165 miles, and Lybrook 13.6 miles – and noted a lot of the service is oil and gas. Throughout the years there have been many complaints about voltage at the end of the long circuits out of Lybrook. Some of the lines goes through the Navajo Nation and their leadership has requested that JMEC build a new substation to improve reliability.

GM Hastings said that the City of Farmington has built out into JMEC's service area. Under New Mexico law they can build out five miles from the city limits; however, Farmington has developed out 25 miles to service their customers. Management will address this issue starting with a demand letter, and further research on past agreements between JMEC and the City of Farmington.

GM Hastings discussed the finances of the Lybrook line noting that one 1,000 kw service provides a monthly margin of \$14,600. Oil and natural gas developers are exploring expansions that would provide an increase of 15,000 kw. Oil developer DJR Energy wants to use electricity rather than natural gas in an effort to reduce its carbon footprint.

Following a meeting last week with Mr. Astley, Ms. Campbell and the Line Superintendent Lucero, GM Hastings said the area needs three new substations. Currently JMEC cannot afford three substations and other solutions are being explored. JMEC has two mobile substations that may be used to facilitate the operations of the oil and natural gas loads and Tri-State has a mobile substation that may be used as a backup for other JMEC needs

Staff will be measuring the line loss on the circuits to ascertain whether the savings is enough to help pay for the substations. GM Hastings said JMEC will assist in the Navajo Nation's negotiations with the oil and natural gas companies to get funding to help with the substation costs. Grant money will also be sought. The electrical engineering firm that JMEC has contracted with will assist.

There was Board consensus that priorities should be developed.

Mr. Astley said JMEC is under a 2017 corrective action by RUS regarding the SAIDI (system average interruption duration index) numbers. The 2017 JMEC Board signed an acknowledgement and agreed to take action. The action has only been taken in the last six months with the restoration of the pole inspection program; in fact, those are the only actions since 2017. RUS has JMEC on notice. He noted that the The Bisti and Dome circuits are predominantly Navajo residential with very little commercial on those two circuits. Largo is predominantly commercial. If DJR Energy is required to spend millions to get electricity they will probably go with natural gas.

**B. Business Services and Finance**  
**i. March 2022 Financial Report**

Geraldine Romero, JMEC Acting CFO, reviewed the Form 7 noting that:



- YTD, operating revenue and patronage capital was \$13.8 million, \$1.1 million up from last year which was attributed to the casinos and businesses opening
- YTD, total operation and maintenance expense was \$11.6 million, compared to last year's \$10.4 million
- YTD, total cost of electric service was \$13.26 million
- YTD, patronage capital and operating margins were \$614,628
- YTD, patronage capital or margins was \$692,648
- YTD, total services in place 31,486
- YTD, 144 idle services
- YTD, total miles energized 4,158.68

Ms. Romero provided the March data as follows:

- March 2022, both TIER and OTIER were negative
- YTD TIER and OTIER are positive
- March 2022, beginning balance, \$6.5 million
- March 2022, total collected deposits, \$8.7 million
- March 2022, total disbursements, \$11.4 million
- March 2022, ending book balance was \$3.9 million
- March 2022, cash accounts of \$5 million
- March 2022, investment balance, \$8 million
- March 2022, total liquid accounts, \$12.4 million
- March 2022, total non-liquid accounts, \$986,752
- YTD, 31,486 consumers
- YTD, average residential kwh usage, 704
- YTD, average small commercial kwh usage, 3,693
- YTD, average large commercial kwh usage, 179,000
- YTD, purchased kwh, 34.9 million
- YTD, sold kwh, 33.6 million
- YTD, line loss was 3 percent
- Average cost for residential is 13 cents
- March 2022, there were 111 employees

## **ii. Finance Committee Meeting**

Mrs. McCoy, Finance Committee Chair, said that the Committee met yesterday, April 28, 2022 and all Committee members were present as well as staff: GM Hastings, Ms. Romero, Ms. Wisdom, Ms. Baca, and Ms. Trujillo Archuleta. The Committee discussed several items related to JMEC financial performance including:

- Insuring the security of the JMEC copper-related items stored in warehouses
- Reviewing SUVs due to the shortage of pickup trucks for JMEC's fleet
- Creating a transition plan for utilizing JMEC employees for the broadband business
- The financial statements in the Kelso-Lynch audit report were reviewed

## **a. Consideration of Old Building**

Mrs. McCoy said the Committee discussed the cost to rehabilitate the old headquarters building which was deemed unfeasible. Phase 3 of the development of the new headquarters included the demolition of the old building and part of that cost has already been largely paid.

Mrs. McCoy moved to continue with Phase 3 and demolition the old building. Mr. Coriz seconded.

A discussion ensued that brought to light that as a top tier contracting firm, Stamm & Bradbury may have quoted high. It was suggested that a local contractor and another engineering firm should inspect the building before demolition is approved. The fiduciary interest of the membership was an imperative element to consider.

GM Hastings said temporary buildings could be used for the Broadband Staff or the old warehouse or meter shop. From a Staff perspective, there is no problem holding off on the demolition.

Mr. Vigil commented that there is a lot of empty space in the new headquarters and perhaps some of the conference rooms and public spaces can be repurposed for additional staff.

Mrs. McCoy moved to table this issue for Staff to obtain more information. Ms. Martinez seconded. The Motion passed without opposition.

**b. Modification to the 2022 JMEC Fleet Plan**

Mrs. McCoy said JMEC is unable to acquire needed fleet vehicles due to chip shortages and fleet vehicle delivery times are estimated November 2022. In fact, the quoted prices used to build the fleet plan budget are no longer guaranteed. A modification in the price is needed and staff requires direct authority to immediately purchase, needed vehicles for JMEC.

**ACTION:** Mrs. McCoy moved that the Board approve a modification to the 2022 fleet plan budget and authorize staff to immediately purchase new full-size pickups at area car dealers not to exceed \$50,000 each. Mr. Vigil seconded.

Hybrid trucks were mentioned as well as SUVs. Eli Gallegos will be measuring to ensure the smaller hybrids and SUVs can accommodate a couple of meters and other equipment needed by JMEC personnel.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**c. Fires in JMEC Service Area – Cerro Pelado**

Mrs. McCoy said there is a need to rebuild power lines and to physically remove dead trees within and near the JMEC rights-of-way as soon as possible. Joby Conley is a contractor with equipment near the Cerro Pelado fire location that JMEC can contract



with. Due to the emergency situation, Staff recommends contracting with Joby Conley. A list of Mr. Conley's equipment was distributed.

**ACTION:** Mrs. McCoy moved to approve entering a contract with Joby Conley to pursue dead tree removal caused by the Cerro Pelado Fire. Ms. Martinez seconded. The motion passed without opposition. [Mr. Crawford was not present for this action.]

**d. March 2022 General Fund Expenditures**

Mrs. McCoy said the Committee reviewed the general fund expenditure list.

**ACTION:** Mrs. McCoy moved to approve the March 2022 general fund expenditures list. Mr. Vigil seconded, and the Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**e. March 2022 Credit Cards**

**ACTION:** Mrs. McCoy moved to approve the March 2022 staff credit card charges. Mr. Duran seconded, and the Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**f. March 2022 Attorney Expenses**

**ACTION:** Mrs. McCoy moved to approve the attorney expenses. Mr. Vigil seconded.

Ms. Martinez asked why there were invoices from August 2021 and GM Hastings said it was his error in not processing for accounting, for July and August 2021. The error was caught by Mr. Coppler's auditors.

The Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**g. March 2022 Consultant Expenses**

**ACTION:** Mrs. McCoy moved to approve the March 2022 consultant expenses. Mr. Coriz seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Mr. Bustos was out for this action.]

**h. March 2022 Trustee Vouchers**

**ACTION:** Mrs. McCoy moved to approve the March 2022 trustee reimbursement vouchers. Ms. Martinez seconded. The Motion passed without opposition. [Mr. Bustos was out for this action.]

That concluded the Finance Committee report.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Schools Committee** [See pages 6 and 7]

**B. Communications Committee**

Communications Committee Chair Crawford said that the Committee met briefly and discussed the *Enchantment Magazine* articles and developing criteria for selecting the JMEC Employee of the Month.

**C Policy Committee**

Policy Committee Chair Martinez said the committee met on April 11, 2022 and discussed developing a grievance Policy for non-union employees, Policies for the Foundation and rate cases.

**D. Energy Committee**

Energy Committee Chair Crawford said that the Committee met on April 18, 2022 and discussed the partial buyout, the reciprocating engine power option, EV power stations, and how to interface with Rio Arriba County who received a \$1 million grant for planning and implementation of EV charging stations with NORA (Northern Rio Arriba Electric Co-op). The Committee discussed the need for signage for electric vehicle charging stations.

GM Hastings said that Chuck Wright, an Energy Committee participant, mentioned that currently most solar arrays are aligned to pick up the most sun in the summertime to address the summer peak in electricity use. Mr. Wright suggested that some of the arrays be redirected to capture winter rays to address heating load peaks during the winter.

**E. Annual Committee Planning**

Committee Chair Vigil said that the Committee met on April 14, 2022 and continues to finalize plans for the 2022 District Meetings. The District 1 Meeting will be held in conjunction with the JMEC 2022 annual Meeting on August 28, 2022. District 2 will meet in conjunction with the Sandoval County Fair and that date is to be determined.

Mr. Gallegos said Rodeo Abiquiu is not happening this year and District 3 will need to find another venue. The buildings at the county fair are unavailable but there may be a large fully-enclosed tent that can be utilized for an hour on Friday night of the fair. Ms. Trujillo Archuleta said she would reach out to other people, isolate the options and get back to the Committee. The Santa Rosa de Lima Fiesta may be an option. Mr. Vigil said 80 members are necessary for a quorum of District 3.

The District 4 meeting will be held in conjunction with the Española Fiesta in July. District 5 could perhaps meet at the Okhay Owingeh Casino, date not yet determined. District 6, the Pojoaque Middle School, date to be determined.

Prizes will include retired JMEC vehicles and 75-inch flat screen TVs at each District Meeting – The grand prize will be a new side-by-side vehicle. The Committee is designing a card to announce the District Meetings and the trustees will be asked to distribute them to encourage attendance at the meetings.

It may be necessary to create an event for Cuba District 2 which needs 127 members.



The bylaws for presentation include: lowering the quorum requirements from 5 percent to 2.5 percent of the membership; eliminating the need for an election for an uncontested trustee elections; and clarification of the District 5 trustees representation.

President Trujillo asked that Mr. Vigil work with the district representatives to finalize a dates and locations.

GM Hastings said staff was working on the “member versus patron” issue and will have it resolved by the May JMEC Board Meeting for action.

**F. Broadband Committee**

Broadband Committee Chair Coriz said the committee met on April 25, 2022, to review a draft agreement with Kit Carson, a feasibility study update, and the results of a member survey. The need for a Broadband Manager and separate expense account topics were also discussed.


GM Hastings said the JMEC Broadband Feasibility Study is ongoing and should be concluded within the next few months. Management is working on a concept with Kit Carson Electric Co-op to develop an agreement regarding JMEC’s broadband business. Next week, Kit Carson will be building a fiber line to the JMEC headquarters to dramatically improve the Hernandez headquarters internet speeds.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

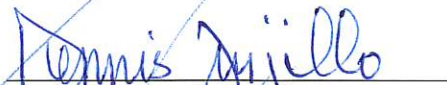
No new business was presented.

**12. ADJOURN**

Having completed the Agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, President Trujillo adjourned this meeting at 2:58 p.m.

  
Secretary, John Ramon Vigil

APPROVED:

  
President, Dennis Trujillo

