

**MINUTES OF THE
JEMEZ MOUNTAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

VOTING DELEGATES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

HERNANDEZ, NEW MEXICO

1. This special meeting of the Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Trustees Voting Delegates was called to order by Chairman Leo Marquez at 9:00 A.M. on the above-cited date, at JMEC Headquarters, 19365 S.R. 84/285, Hernandez, NM.

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

PRESENT:

Leo Marquez, Chair
Charlie Trujillo, Vice Chair
Nick Naranjo, Secretary
Johnny Jaramillo, Treasurer
John Tapia, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer - Non Voting Member
Lucas J. Cordova
Stanley Crawford
Bruce Duran
Delores McCoy
Dennis Trujillo

ABSENT:

[One Vacancy]

JMEC STAFF PRESENT:

Ernesto Gonzales, General Manager
Karen Wisdom, Contract Administrator and Compliance Officer
Laura Rendon, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nancy Long, JMEC Board Counsel
Molly Montgomery, *Rio Grande Sun*
John Ramon Vigil
Mary A. Gallegos
Sylvia Salazar
Stephen Salazar
Leonard Valerio
Joseph M. Salazar
Luis Torres

4. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6 OF THE COOPERATIVE BYLAWS - Vacancies

Chair Marquez read Article IV, Section 6.B. of the JMEC bylaws which states that, “when a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees because of death, resignation, unwillingness or refusal to serve or for any other reason it shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, the Vice President, or in the absence of both of them the Secretary or Treasurer, to call a meeting of the voting delegates within 30 days of the time such vacancy occurs and it shall be the duty of the voting delegates to vote on the election of an eligible member from the same district and geographical area or community as the trustee who had held the vacated position.”

The Chair stated that this meeting of the voting delegates has been called to comply with the provisions of the bylaws.

Chair Marquez said the candidates will be interviewed in order of the receipt of their application within a closed session and he requested the public to please leave the room.

Mr. Duran asked why the position was not offered to Mr. Salazar’s spouse and Chair Marquez said the Board was moving forward pursuant to the bylaws.

Mr. Crawford recommended that the interviews be held in open session. The Chair responded that it was his recommendation, along with that of a majority of the Board, that to protect privacy, the interviews and voting be conducted in closed session. Mr. Crawford questioned when the Board voted on that issue. Mr. Duran noted that that decision was not made with the Board.

Chair Marquez said he was following the bylaws and striving to be as transparent as possible. He hoped to move into closed session and interview the candidates without distractions. He expressed his appreciation of Mr. Crawford’s concerns but as Chair he was asking that the room be cleared of all non-trustees.

Addressing the Board, Stephen Salazar speaking on behalf of his mother, Sylvia Salazar and other family members, thanked the Co-op for their escort, flowers, and tribute to his late father. David Salazar knew the Co-op well after 50 years of service and his spirit will continue.

Packets were distributed to the trustees and with two members of the public refusing to leave, the trustees moved into the conference room to conduct interviews.

[The Trustees conducted interviews from 9:15 to 9:55 a.m.]

5. ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY - District 4/Ward B

Reconvening, John Tapia was identified as the non-voting member.

Chair Marquez identified the three candidates as John Ramon Vigil, Leonard Valerio and Joseph M. Salazar. Richard Martinez, by not appearing today, defaulted and was not part of the consideration. The voting members were advised to vote by a show of hands for only one candidate.

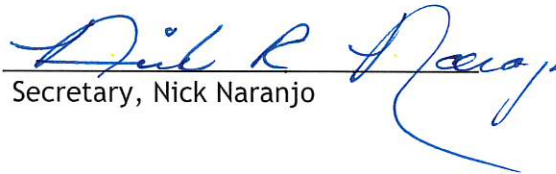
John Ramon Vigil, receiving the majority of the votes, was declared the winner.

Chair Marquez directed staff to contact the candidates and announce the winner and to send letters thanking them for their interest.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair announced a tentative budget meeting scheduled for Friday, January 17th at 9 a.m.

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before the Board, Chair Marquez declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.


Secretary, Nick Naranjo

APPROVED:


Chairman, Leo Marquez

