



Jemez Mountains Electric
Cooperative, Inc.

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La Luz

JMEC Newsletter August 2021

Annual Meeting Update

Pursuant to the bylaws of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., our **Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2021, at Rancho de la Luz, located in the beautiful Jemez Mountains, La Cueva, New Mexico.**

The staff are working diligently to plan and prepare the annual meeting site in order to safely accommodate those members who will be attending.

The 2020 Annual Audit Report summary along with additional 2020 business information will be presented to our members at this meeting. Lunch will be provided to members attending with their families/guests and prizes will be drawn for those lucky individuals.

For this annual meeting, the Board of Directors have prepared two bylaw changes for review and consideration of our members, in the case that a quorum is present. The proposed bylaw changes are as follows:

2021 Annual Meeting Notice – Bylaw Amendment Language

1. The first sentence of Article III, Section 6., Quorum at All Meetings, is hereby amended as follows:

2.5 percent of the membership of a district shall constitute a quorum at district meetings and 2.5 percent of the total membership of the Cooperative shall constitute a quorum at annual or special meetings of the membership.

NOTE: This amendment is to lower the quorum requirement currently set at 5 percent of members in the bylaws to 2.5 percent of members. This is extremely important as the JMEC bylaws are in dire need of numerous changes.

These changes cannot be made unless JMEC is able to have member meetings in the future that meet the quorum requirement to consider bylaw amendments going forward. JMEC has not been able to mobilize 5 percent of the members to achieve the current 5 percent quorum requirement in almost 30 years.

2. Article IV, Section Two. Election and Tenure of Office of Trustees and Voting Delegates is hereby amended as follows:

The candidate receiving the most votes shall be the elected trustee; and, if there is a tie vote, the candidates who tied shall draw lots for the office. If, under Bylaws Article IV, Section 4., only one person is qualified as a candidate for district trustee, that candidate shall be considered as voting for him or herself and be certified as elected to the position of trustee.

NOTE: This amendment is to make it clear that a formal election process is not necessary when a Trustee candidate is running unopposed for the Trustee position in his or her District. This will save thousands of dollars for the Cooperative if implemented.

Our Cooperative will be adhering to all state of New Mexico guidelines and practices associated with COVID. Thank you for your patience.

Board of Trustees, Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative
Dennis Trujillo, President



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JMEC Employee Of The Month Patricia Vigil

As JMEC's general office assistant in the Espanola office, Patricia Vigil has broad responsibilities. "I help everyone who needs help!" she said. That includes assisting with billing questions, service applications, accounting, filing, cashing, collections, capital credits, covering the front desk and lots and lots of phone work.

"I answer questions our members have," Patricia said. "If I don't know the answer, I go find someone who does. We have great members – they're the best part of my job!" Since joining JMEC, Patricia learned a lot goes on behind

the scenes. "I didn't understand before the importance of all that is done here to provide safe, reliable electric service and more," she said. "JMEC employees do so many different things, it's incredible!"

Patricia joined JMEC in 2017 and loves that she lives just five minutes from work. Patricia and her husband Lawrence will celebrate 39 years of marriage in August. They enjoy spending time with their 5 grandkids, ages 2-12. Sometimes Patricia will squeeze in watching basketball and baseball or playing cards.

Thanks for helping everyone who needs help at JMEC, Patricia!

Tony Martinez is JMEC's New Marketing and Communications Coordinator!

Although Tony Martinez first joined Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative nearly 20 years ago, this summer marked the start of his new career with us – as our marketing and communications coordinator! Now our members have a go-to single source of contact for member information and issues. Tony also will promote all the benefits being an electric cooperative member brings such as JMEC's Energy Efficiency Rebate Program and, coming

soon, home energy audits. In addition, Tony will work to enhance our member and employee communications as well as community involvement, all to help JMEC meet its obligation to educate and inform our members as well as invest in our communities.

Tony started out at the Cooperative as a staker/estimator, later serving as an engineer aide and stake tech coordinator training others on how to be a JMEC staker. "I am super excited

to have this new role," Martinez said. "Customer service is the biggest asset I bring to the Cooperative and my community. I've helped many residential and commercial members over the years as they've needed new lines and services, helping in the design of many new primary, secondary and service line extensions in the JMEC system.

This is a whole new service I can bring to our member-owners."

Sign Up For JMEC's Alerts and Always Be In-The-Know!

Be among the first to know when there is an outage, when it is restored or estimated to be restored! Receive a handy heads up for when your utility bill is due or that your account profile has changed or when a payment has been made!

You can get all that and more if you sign up for alerts from JMEC. All it takes to sign up is either to call any JMEC office (Espanola 505.753.2105, Cuba 575.289.3241 or Jemez Springs 575.829.3550) or send an email to billing@jemezcoop.org with a request to sign up for the alerts you are interested in and how you would like to receive the alert – by text, email or push notification. Then you just provide your email address, or phone number and carrier

(i.e., Verizon, T-Mobile, etc.), depending on how you decided to receive the alerts.

Getting these alerts is a great way to stay informed, especially about outages, and to keep your account in good standing. When, for example, you sign up to receive a payment Due Date Reminder, you can specify how many days before it is due you would like the alert. If you elect to receive an Outage Declared Alert, it notifies you when an outage is declared at your location, so you will know the cooperative is aware and working to restore it.

It's easy. It's free. It keeps you aware of some of the information most important to you about your electric cooperative. Call or email JMEC and sign up today!

Scam Alert!

Please be aware that a scam is currently underway in Espanola with people misrepresenting themselves as employees or partners of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative going door-to-door saying they are promoting solar energy and asking to see the resident's JMEC utility bill.

THIS IS A SCAM! Please do not share your bill or any other personal information with these scammers.

As always, feel free to call the co-op at 505-753-2105 if you have any questions. Thank you.



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