

JMEC Newsletter February 2021

## A Message From The Board

Looking at a New Year

From a global pandemic, devastating wildfires, and social unrest, we, as New Mexicans, have seen and experienced our share of challenges in 2020. Virtual reality was new to some of us and whether we wanted to accept it or not, it became our way to stay in touch.

Rural New Mexicans, know what it is to be resilient and adaptable because we were taught by our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents how to adapt with change. These trying times have been challenging but we keep pushing forward.

Here at Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative the staff has had to adapt as well. Employees have remained working throughout the pandemic to ensure the delivery of electricity to all of our service areas. It has not been an easy task, but this Cooperative has managed to keep the lights on.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we appreciate the patience of our members as we work through these uncertain times. Let's all do our part to stay safe. Thanks.

# JMEC Board of Trustee History

Marissa Maestas-Muller was appointed as the new Trustee-At-Large on Dec. 4, 2020 marking the first time in the history of the Cooperative that a woman has been appointed to the Trustee-At-Large board position. This historic moment also marks the second time in the Co-op's history that that two women have concurrently held the duties as JMEC Board of Trustees. Trustee Maestas-Muller and Trustee Dolores G. McCoy have made JMEC history.

Trustees McCoy and Maestas-Muller have a well established track record of leadership in our communities and the Board acknowledges their experience and leadership as a great opportunity and strengthened position for the Co-op as we move the organization forward. We are very proud of this momentous time in the Co-op's history and want to thank the JMEC consumers for their voice in strengthening our Board of Trustees and the organization as a whole.

Sincerely, Dennis Trujillo, President JMEC Board of Trustees



Marissa Maestas-Muller, JMEC Board of Trustee-At-Large.

**REPORT An Outage 24 HOURS A DAY!** Automated OMS (Outage Management System) will track everyone that is out to make sure everyone has power restored. You can report and track the outage three ways:

- 1. Call the outage hotline at 1-877-753-0095
- 2. Online Customer Portal <a href="https://billing.jemezcoop.org/oscp/">https://billing.jemezcoop.org/oscp/</a>
- 3. JMEC Mobile App.

**Have a question? - Contact Us** Toll Free: 1-888-755-2105

Española Office, Jemez Springs Office, and Cuba Office





Dennis Trujillo, President, JMEC Board of Trustees

## 2021 JMEC Scholarships

Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. is accepting applications for the 2021 JMEC Foundation Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to deserving, qualified high school seniors who plan to pursue studies in the fall semester of their graduation year at a university, college, or vocational school. For more information, contact Laura Rendon at (505) 367-1151.

# JMEC Solar Loan Update

After a thorough fiscal analysis and due to sharp declines in JMEC revenues caused by the pandemic in 2020, the Board of Trustees has voted to postpone the residential Solar Loan Program.

The Co-op is committed to a solar program and will maintain its diligence and pursuit of a financing option for future considerations. As soon as we have a solution, Member-owners will be notified of the findings and the process for moving forward a Solar Loan Program.

#### **Job Announcement**

Qualified professionals can contact the Human Resources Dept. at (505) 753-2015.

- Accountant
- Engineer



### **Board of Directors 2021**

Dennis Trujillo - District No. 1, President

Bruce Duran - District No. 6, Vice-President

John Ramon Vigil - District No. 4, Secretary

Dolores G. McCoy - District 2, Treasurer

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Harold C. Trujillo - District No. 5

Leo R. Marquez II - District No. 6

Marissa Maestas-Muller - Trustee-At-Large

Ernesto A. Gonzales, General Manager

# **COVID-19 Update**

The health, safety and wellbeing of our employees and consumers is top priority. We want to assure our consumers that JMEC continues to take all the necessary steps and precautionary measures in response to the COVID-19 'Coronavirus' pandemic in order to meet the needs of our consumers and assure that services are not interrupted.

We continue to operate in compliance under the Governor's Executive Order. JMEC offices remain closed for in-person business but staff is available to assist consumers over the phone and we encourage you to make payments through the mail or online. Please contact your home office for assistance using our toll free number 1-888-755-2105. Online payments can be made at:

www.jemezcoop.org/content/my-account

