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**CEO'S MESSAGE** 



## Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc

# **2015 ANNUAL MEETING**



## Thank you to all the members that attended the meeting.

On June 13, 2015, approximately 698 members attended the 2015 Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) Annual Meeting; exceeding the required quorum of 677 needed to conduct business. The annual meeting was a place for friends, family and members to come together and visit with one another; and most importantly voice their opinions regarding KCEC and its activities.

KCEC members also had the opportunity to learn about the products and services available at the co-op, have questions answered regarding co-op concerns, and also learn about Kit Carson Energy products and services; along with Kit Carson Telecom and fiber optic (broadband) services available to our members.

KCEC Board of Trustees acted upon and changed several bylaws as recommended by KCEC members in attendance. The membership debated on proposed bylaw amendments as follows:

- Amendments 1 through 4 passed with a slight amendment to not delete "husband or wife" but add the word "spouse or spouses" following "a husband and wife".
- Amendment 5 passed to change % to constitute a quorum from 3% to 2%.
- Amendment 6 to change the meeting from June to April failed.
- Amendment 7 to delete a quorum requirement for election of Trustees was passed; therefore, Trustee is elected by a majority of the eligible members who vote.
- Amendment 8 to delete Committees on Nominations was passed. All nominations for a position on the Board of Trustees shall be made by written petition.
- Amendment 9 is tied to Amendment 8 and was passed with amendment to add that Cooperative shall post the notice online and on social media sites and to delete "Notwithstanding, anything in this Section, the failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Section shall not affect the validity of any elections of Trustees".
- Amendment 10 was passed. Amendment was to potentially have an additional method whereby a member may vote for the election of Trustees other than date of election (early voting).
- Amendment 11 was passed. The purpose of amendment is to specify that proof of Cooperative membership is required in order to vote on behalf of an entity.
- Amendment 12 was passed. The purpose of amendment was to have a fixed record date. The Board of Trustees would be required to set a record date to determine the total membership and members entitled to sign a petition, receive a notice of meeting and vote at an election.

At the meeting, awards and recognitions were presented to selected participants by the Kit Carson Electric Education Foundation, the Government-In-Action Youth Tour program and the Coloring Contest. Each member that registered and returned their registration card was eligible for a \$20 credit to their electric account. Drawings were held for several prizes including the grand prize which was a 1992 Chevy S10 4x4 Truck. Congratulations to all winners; and special congratulations to former Trustee; Toby A. Martinez of Taos, who was the winner of the grand prize!









We cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the "lighting" of the \$64 Million American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Fiber-To-The-Home Stimulus Project.

Our celebration will be held on July 17, 2015 at the Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. main office located at 118 Cruz Alta Rd. Taos, New Mexico. The festivities will begin at 9:00 am, followed by the Official Ceremony, "Connecting Northern New Mexico to the Technology World" starting at 10:00 am.

This project was started in 2011, since then it has brought numerous jobs and economic growth to our communities. The services made available to our communities have provided endless opportunities.

We are very excited to watch our communities prosper and grow as they are now connected to the Technology World; at an affordable cost.

We look forward to you joining us in celebrating the "LIGHTING" of this amazing project.

#### **MEET YOUR KIT CARSON EMPLOYEES**





## **TAMMY RAEL-ROMERO**

KCEC members meet Tammy Rael-Romero. Tammy is the Billing Department Manager. This department is responsible for creating, servicing, and maintaining all KCEC member accounts in accordance with NMPRC rules and Cooperative policies. The Billing Department strives to meet and exceed the

expectations of the membership in providing the best customer service possible. When a member has a concern or question regarding their bill, Tammy's employees are always ready and willing to assist.

Tammy has been with KCEC for 20 years! Thank Tammy for her hard work and dedication. We are proud to have her on our team. Please congratulate Tammy on her loyalty to KCEC

## We appreciate you Tammy!

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Bobby Ortega	President	Questa	District 2
Chris Duran	Vice President	Penasco	District 4
Manuel Medina	Secretary	Taos	District 1
Bruce Jassman	Treasurer	Angel Fire	District 5
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Peter Adang	Trustee	Ranchos De Taos	District 1
Luisa Mylet	Trustee	Pot Creek	District 1
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#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Trustees meet the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am in the cooperative boardroom.

#### CONTACTS

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