

MINUTES OF MEETING
San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 28, 2026

The regular Board of Director's Meeting of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at the headquarters office located in Monte Vista, Colorado. Directors present were Stephen Valdez (president), Wade Lockhart (vice-president), Creede Hargraves (secretary/treasurer), Scott Wolfe, Keenan Anderson and Carol Lee Dugan. Also present were Shay Denning (corporate attorney), Eric Eriksen (chief executive officer), James Romero (chief financial officer/assistant corporate treasurer), Stacy Valdez (manager of customer service/billing), Terry Daley (engineering manager), Carol Silva (controller), Jennifer Alonzo (marketing/communications manager), Monroe Johnson (chief technology officer was present for the audit report) and Michelle Trujillo (human resources officer/assistant corporate secretary).

Call to Order

Stephen Valdez called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and Creede Hargraves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stephen Valdez thanked Eric and all staff for preparing for this meeting.

Member Communication

Mail was circulated among the board members.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to approve the consent agenda containing the amended agenda for the April 28, 2026 regular meeting, reflecting the executive session be moved earlier in the meeting, and the minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 31, 2026.

Executive Report

Eric Eriksen submitted his report prior to the meeting. There were no additions and it stood as submitted.

Safety Report

Michelle Trujillo reviewed the safety report and it stood as submitted.

Management Reports

Reliability: Terry Daley reviewed the submitted report and spoke more in detail about the larger outages during the month of April.

Cyber Security: Ross Coombs reviewed two articles he enclosed in this report regarding scams and threat activities. He further reported that according to our security software, the organization's risk score is low but advised that we still need to verify and remain vigilant in our security efforts.

Human Resources: Michelle Trujillo reviewed the report and it stood as submitted.

Marketing: Jennifer Alonzo reviewed the submitted report and further discussion was held regarding the annual meeting.

Customer Service: Stacy Valdez reviewed the written report and it stood as submitted.

Financials: James Romero reviewed the submitted report and stated that some of April's demand moved into the month of March due to the allowance for irrigators to begin watering earlier.

Welcome of Guest(s)

Trey Rowe of BSGM LLP Auditing firm was in attendance to present the final audit report to the board of directors. General discussion ensued.

Executive Session

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried by those present to enter into executive session at 10:28 AM for the purpose of further discussion of the audit report, discussion regarding the legal matter with the Town of Center, the Cielo business structure and potential Bring Your Own Resource (BYOR) project.

[Staff were excused at 10:30 to allow the directors to meet independently with the auditor. Eric Eriksen rejoined the executive session at 10:45. Trey Rowe exited the executive session at 10:58. The Board took a break and reconvened the executive session at 11:09. Pat Cooper of BSGM LLP joined at 11:15 and left the executive session at 12:04.]

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to reconvene public session at 12:51 PM with no action taken.

The consensus of the board of directors was to authorize Eric Eriksen to submit a BYOR application in the manner discussed in executive session.

Attorney's Report – Shay Denning

Denning reviewed the attorney's report and provided corrected information on the Railroad Agreement.

Lunch: 12:54 PM

Reconvene: 1:25 PM

[Shay Denning was unavoidably absent for the afternoon meeting.]

Board Action

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to approve the following policies as submitted:

- BP 1-013 Consumer Communications, Appeals, and Complaint Procedure
- BP 1-014 Voting & Elections

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to approve a general capital credit retirement equal to 25% of 2025 margins in the amount of \$367,833.00.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried by those present to pay the general capital credit retirement out using the First In First Out (FIFO) method.

Review of Purchase of Power Agreements

The current Agreements for Purchase of Power were reviewed and made a part hereof.

CREA – Steve Valdez

Valdez thanked Eric Eriksen for taking two of our lineworkers to the Capitol for Lineworker Appreciation Day. The board agreed that inviting the new CREA executive director to attend a future meeting to give an update on the legislative session would be beneficial. Lastly, Valdez provided the board with an update on Bills that CREA is tracking, amending and opposing.

Western United – Steve Valdez

Valdez referenced the submitted report and stated that they approved the 2027 budget, authorized two new members out of Kansas and Wyoming and gained two alliance partners, completed the CEO evaluation, and reviewed financial information. Lastly, he reminded the board that Western United established a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) to allow for business to be done with “for profit” organizations.

Tri-State – Scott Wolfe

Wolfe reviewed the submitted report. He briefly went over some of the speakers at the recent annual meeting and the opportunity to meet with RUS Administrator Elmshaeuser regarding the status of previously awarded grant funds and the probability of receiving those funds. He briefly mentioned Tri-State managing marketing congestion hedging to provide electricity to member-cooperatives and lastly stated that Tri-State G&T purchased a large amount of conductor from Western United for upgrades to transmission lines.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Future Dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2026 to begin at 9:30 AM.

Board Comments:

Creede Hargraves thanked the staff for all the hard work over the past year. The rest of the board expressed their appreciation as well.

Adjournment

Stephen Valdez adjourned the meeting at 2:11 PM.



Stephen Valdez,
President



Creede Hargraves,
Corporate Secretary/Treasurer


Michelle Trujillo,
Assistant Corporate Secretary