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

The regular Board of Director's Meeting of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 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) via Zoom, Eric Eriksen (chief executive officer), James Romero (chief financial officer/assistant corporate treasurer), Monroe Johnson (chief technology officer), Stacy Valdez (manager of customer service/billing), Jennifer Alonzo (marketing/communications manager) Shawn McKibbon (chief operations officer), and Michelle Trujillo (human resources officer/assistant corporate secretary).

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

Valdez thanked the staff for the hard work in assembling the information for presentation to the board.

Member Communication
Mail was circulated among the board members.

Welcome of Guests
Senator Cleave Simpson was welcomed to the meeting by Stephen Valdez and Eric Eriksen. Senator Simpson attended to discuss current legislative matters and issues affecting both the State of Colorado and San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (SLVREC).

Discussion included anticipated changes at the Capitol in January, with 21 of the 35 Senate seats subject to election or re-election, as well as the transition to a new Governor and Attorney General. Additional topics included wildfire mitigation efforts, legislation impacting electric cooperatives, the growing demand for energy infrastructure driven by artificial intelligence and data processing centers, Senator Simpson's work with the Western Energy Caucus, and water challenges in Subdistrict 1 related to aquifer depletion, its effect on agricultural production which will affect San Luis Valley REC.

Eric Eriksen provided updates on SLVREC initiatives, including the renegotiated All Requirements Power Contract with Tri-State, which allows up to 20% self-generation, and the submission of a Bring Your Own Resource (BYOR) application for a battery storage project. He also highlighted the cooperative's On-Bill Repayment Program, which assists members in financing energy efficiency improvements for homes and agricultural irrigation systems. Eriksen noted the cooperative's positive working relationship with local U.S. Forest Service personnel during project permitting processes and briefly discussed an alternate transmission corridor into the San Luis Valley.

Break: 10:48 AM
Reconvene: 10:55 AM

Approval of Consent Agenda
The consent agenda was approved as presented. The consent agenda included the agenda for the July 28, 2026 regular meeting the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 30, 2026.

Executive Report
Eric Eriksen submitted his report prior to the meeting. Discussion included the new board report format, the leadership retreat for staff and foremen, and recent member engagement activities. Steve Valdez expressed appreciation for Eriksen's professional representation of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative at recent meetings.

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

Management Reports
Reliability: Monroe Johnson reviewed the submitted report and more details regarding changing settings on breakers to one-shot for fire mitigation were talked about as well as necessary substation rebuild projects and the ability to repurpose some equipment among other substations.

Human Resources: Michelle Trujillo reviewed the report and it stood as submitted. Further details of this report were addressed in executive session.

Marketing: Jennifer Alonzo reviewed the submitted report and talked about statistics from the annual meeting and member appreciation surveys and year-to-year budget comparison for annual meeting expenses.

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

Operations: Shawn McKibbon reviewed his report and more discussion was held regarding wildfire mitigation.

Financials: James Romero reviewed the written report and stood as submitted.

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

BP 3-005	Financial Planning and Budgeting
BP 3-006	Financial Conditions and Activities
BP 3-007	Asset Protection
BP 3-008	Ends Focus of Contract

Review of Purchase of Power Agreements
The current Agreements for Purchase of Power were reviewed and made a part hereof. Discussion was held regarding the RV Park in South Fork and potential energy sales with further expansion within that development.

Attorney's Report – Shay Denning
Denning reviewed her report and requested an executive session for further discussion of details within her report.

CREA – Steve Valdez
Valdez reviewed the written report. He stated there was no CREA meeting held in July. He further talked about a pending claim regarding wildfire liability involving Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative, legislative discussions on wildfire mitigation, and CREA's efforts to fill a vacant in-house attorney position.

Western United – Steve Valdez
Valdez reviewed the submitted report. The next meeting is August 27, 2026 which is also the annual fish fry.

Tri-State – Scott Wolfe
Wolfe reviewed the submitted report. He stated that attended SLVREC and TS meeting simultaneously last month. Has nothing to report on the BYOR application. Eric Eriksen stated that there has been some initial feedback regarding SLVREC's BYOR application and given the opportunity for revision which is in process, moving forward with the formulary rate and necessary revisions for approval late 2026.

Unfinished Business
None

New Business
None

Future Dates
The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2026 to begin at 9:30 AM.

Board Comments:
None

Executive Session
Motion was made, seconded and approved by those present to enter into executive session at 11:55 AM for the purpose of receiving legal advice from general council.

At 12:50 PM, the Board concluded Executive Session and reconvened in Open Session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

[staff present was Eric Eriksen and Monroe Johnson. Johnson departed from the executive meeting at 12:45 PM]

The Board appointed Keenan Anderson by acclamation to serve as its representative for the upcoming 4-H Fair.

Adjournment
Stephen Valdez adjourned the meeting at 12:52 PM.

Stephen Valdez,
President

Creede Hargraves,
Corporate Secretary/Treasurer

Michelle Trujillo,
Assistant Corporate Secretary