

April 2024

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Cooperative

**Saturday
April 20, 2024**

Clovis Civic Center
801 Schepps Blvd., Clovis, NM

Two-Way Interactive Conferencing Locations

- Clayton High School Cafeteria, 323 S. 5th St. Clayton, NM
- Logan High School Cafeteria, 301 N. 2nd St. Logan, NM
- Santa Rosa High School Auditorium, 717 3rd St. Santa Rosa, NM

Registration and Refreshments

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. MDT - all locations

Note: Members must complete registration by 10:00 a.m. MDT to participate in the business meeting or to vote in elections.

Business Meeting and Elections

10:00 a.m. to Noon MDT

The conferencing system will be terminated at the conclusion of the business agenda.

Door Prizes

Approximately 11:00 a.m.
All Locations

Luncheon

Immediately following the meeting, Clovis Civic Center
Lunch provided at Clovis location only

Meeting and Agenda Items

1. Reports of officers and committees.
2. Election of Board of Directors.
3. Any and all other business that may come before the membership or any adjournment thereof.

Frequently asked questions regarding voting at the Annual Membership Meeting can be found at:
www.plateautel.com/company/publications

Board of Directors Election

The following qualified members are nominated by petition or by committee pursuant to the Bylaws and will be presented for election at the Annual Membership Meeting:

Board Position 1 - Districts 1 and 2

Exchanges

Ranchvale
South Clovis
Pleasant Hill
Farwell

Candidate

Jarod Wilhite
PO Box 5142
Clovis, NM
88102-5142
1.575.389.1804

Board Position 7 - Districts 6, 7 and 8

Exchanges

Roy
Clayton
Nara Visa
Weber City

Candidate

Frank Garnett
1901 Quay Rd 96
Nara Visa, NM
88430
1.575.633.2029

Board Position 2 - Districts 1 and 2

Exchanges

Ranchvale
South Clovis
Pleasant Hill
Farwell

Candidate

Karen Screws
1261 CR AB
Melrose, NM
88124-9619
1.575.985.2519

Board Position 11 - Districts 9, 10 and 11

Exchanges

White Lakes
El Valle
Anton Chico
Trementina
Mosquero
Conchas Dam
Santa Rosa

Candidate

James Cordova
PO Box 457
Santa Rosa, NM
88435
575.472.3986

Board Position 13 - Districts 3 and 13

Exchanges

Bellview
San Jon
Logan
Grady

Candidate

Larry Wallin
PO Box 355
Logan, NM
88426-0355
1.575.487.2616

Dated March 29, 2024



Powhatan Carter, III
Board of Directors,
Secretary-Treasurer

Board of Directors

James Cordova PO Box 457 Santa Rosa, NM 88435-0457 575.472.3986	Shirley Carter 624 Maple Clayton, NM 88415-2904 575.374.9761	Larry Wallin President PO Box 355 Logan, NM 88426-0355 575.487.2616	Frank Garnett Vice President 1901 Quay Rd 96 Nara Visa, NM 88430-9718 575.633.2029	Pow Carter III Secretary/Treasurer PO Box 516 Fort Sumner, NM 88119-0516 575.355.2998	Mabel Flores 436 Baca Ave. Santa Rosa, NM 88435-2442 575.472.5326	Karen Screws 1261 CR AB Melrose, NM 88124-9619 575.985.2519
Milo Aragon PO Box 251 Ribera, NM 87560-0251 575.421.2227	Leland Harral HC 61 Box 41 Encino, NM 88321-9701 575.584.2674	Jerry Sours 3729 CR U Grady, NM 88120-9637 575.357.2092	Jarod Wilhite PO Box 5142 Clovis, NM 88102-5142 575.389.1804	Michael Montoya PO Box 205 Roy, NM 87743-0205 575.485.2270	Jim Lyssy PO Box 446 Fort Sumner, NM 88119-0446 575.325.2811	Launa Waller Chief Executive Officer 575.389.5100

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES TO ARTICLE IV

[CURRENT]

SECTION 5. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Co-operative who:

- (a) is not a member and is not presently residing in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative;
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or supplies, or constructing or maintaining communication facilities other than a business operating on a cooperative non-profit basis for the purpose of furthering rural communication services;
- (c) in the case of a director to be elected as the representative of a numbered director district, is not a resident of the area for which elected;
- (d) is an employee of the Cooperative; and (continued on next page)

(e) is related to an employee of the Cooperative as a close relative. For the purpose of this section, close relatives include grandparents, parents, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and spouses of any of the foregoing.

[PROPOSED]

SECTION 5 Qualifications. Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected, and remain a Director of the Cooperative provided that they:

- (a) are natural persons who are themselves members and who reside in the geographic area from which they are elected;
- (b) are not an employee of the Cooperative or in any material way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or maintaining communication facilities other than a business operating on a cooperative non-profit basis for the purpose of furthering rural communication services;
- (c) are not a grandparent, parent, spouse, brother, sister, cohabitant, child, or grandchild by blood or by marriage of an employee of the Cooperative or any business owned by the Cooperative;
- (d) are not a grandparent, parent, spouse, brother, sister, cohabitant, child, or grandchild by blood or by marriage of an incumbent director that is not up for re-election at that time; and
- (e) have not been finally adjudged to be guilty of any felony, or any gross misdemeanor pertaining to a crime involving moral turpitude prior to or during service on the Board of Directors.

[CURRENT]

SECTION 8. Compensation. Board members shall not receive any salary for their services as such, except that directors may be paid a fixed sum to be established by resolution of the Board for each day or portion thereof spent on Cooperative business, such as attendance at meetings, conferences, training programs, or performing committee assignments when authorized by the Board. If authorized by the Board, Board members may also be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in carrying out such Cooperative business or granted a reasonable per diem allowance by the Board in lieu of detailed accounting for some of these expenses. No board member shall receive compensation for serving the Cooperative in any other capacity, nor shall any close relative of a Board member receive compensation for serving the Cooperative, unless the payment and amount of compensation shall be specifically authorized by a vote of the members, or the service by the Board member or close relative shall have been certified by the Board as an emergency measure. **For the purpose of this section, close relatives include grandparents, parents, husband, wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and spouses of any of the foregoing.**

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March Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met on March 28. Here are some highlights from the meeting:

- The Board approved the applications of 46 new members to the Cooperative.
- A construction report was presented to the Board:
 - 54 work orders were completed with 24,745 feet of cable placed.
 - Projects were completed in Trementina, Corona, and El Valle.
 - Numerous projects are currently in the construction phase.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 25 at the Cooperative business offices north of Clovis.

Membership Meeting Voting Affidavit Available

Members registering at the Annual Membership Meeting in April on behalf of a partnership, organization, church, trust, corporation, governmental agency or limited liability company must present documentation at registration denoting such. A blank form is available at: www.plateautel.com/company/publications. The form must be signed and can be delivered by the appointed individual at the time of registration at the Annual Meeting. No person may vote more than one time or receive more than one ballot. For more information, call 1.575.389.5100 or 1.877.752.8328.