

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 74**

**CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION**

**A RESOLUTION SEEKING SUPPORT FOR AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE EASTERN NEW MEXICO WATER  
UTILITY AUTHORITY ACT TO ALLOW FOR ALTERNATE  
BOARD MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE  
PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.**

**THIS MATTER** having come before the Board of County Commissioners for Curry County in a duly called and scheduled regular meeting on November 18, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

**WHEREAS**, Curry County is a member of the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority and, pursuant to Section 73-27-5 NMSA 2013, is entitled to one (1) voting member on the seven (7) member authority board; and,

**WHEREAS**, the need for a constant supply of water for eastern New Mexico, including all of Curry County, is of vital importance to the citizens of Curry County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern New Mexico Water Authority was set up and created to allow the participating entities to determine "to provide an organized structure to work with state, local and federal agencies to complete a water delivery system from the Ute Reservoir to local governments" and "to create an authority that will deliver water to the local governments within the boundaries of the authority but that will not compete with local governments for rights to deliver water to ultimate end-users"; and,

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, due to medical reasons or other emergencies, Curry County's member to the Water Authority Board has been unable to attend/participate in the Water Authority Board meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the current Act, there is no means or method available for a member body of the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority to appoint or have an alternate present to represent that body on decision making regarding matters that are voted and/or acted on at meetings if the appointed member is absent; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ability to have an alternate Board member appointed by those governmental members of the Water Board who have the authority under Section 73-27-5, to appoint voting members, would be of great benefit to Curry County; and,

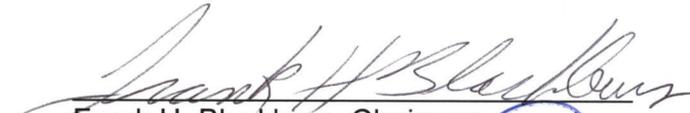
**WHEREAS**, Curry County believes that having an alternate board member for each of the other voting members of the Water Authority would be in their best interest as well.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Curry County on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014 that the legislature of the State of New Mexico, at its 2015 sixty day general session, adopt and implement an amendment to Section 73-27-5 NMSA 2014, which would allow the members of the Authority to appoint members and alternates board members who would have the full statutory authority to serve in the event that the appointed member was unable to attend and/or participate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that those elected state representatives and senators from Curry County, as well as all counties who are represented and/or affected by the eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority support this resolution and take whatever action is necessary in the New Mexico legislature to enact the change in statute as set forth hereinabove.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014 by the Board of County Commissioners.

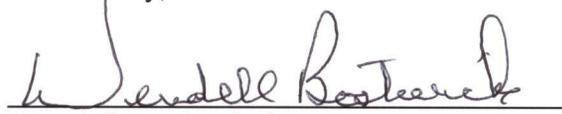
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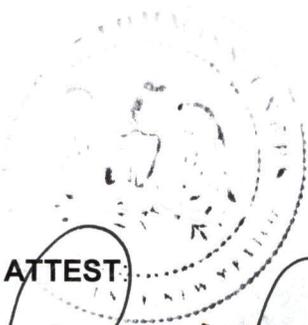
  
Frank H. Blackburn, Chairman

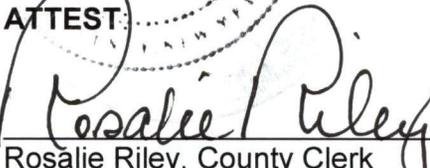
  
Ben McDaniel, Vice-Chairman

  
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Tim Ashley, Member

  
Wendell Bostwick, Member



**ATTEST:**  
  
Rosalie Riley, County Clerk 11-18-14