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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF MESILLA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2011  
8:00 A.M.**

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**TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor  
Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem  
Sam Bernal, Trustee (absent)  
Jesus Caro, Trustee (absent)  
Linda L. Flores, Trustee

**STAFF:** Nick Eckert, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief  
Jeff Gray, Marshal  
Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director  
Gloria Maya, Recorder

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**PUBLIC:**

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**OPENING CEREMONIES**

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A. Pledge of Allegiance

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Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

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**Roll Call.**

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**Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Flores.

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**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

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**Motion:** To approve the agenda, **Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Flores.

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**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3.

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**Yes:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Flores.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

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1. For approval/disapproval: A resolution for an emergency proclamation and declaration of emergency.

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Mayor Barraza stated during February 1 thru February 5 there were power outages requested by El Paso Electric. Based on the freeze Mesilla and its residents suffered some damages to property. Public Works, Fire and Marshal Departments were on stand by to respond to emergencies. Based on that information we are eligible to apply for FEMA money.

1 Fire Chief Hoban stated the Disaster Declaration supports the Governor's resolution to declare a  
2 disaster for an emergency and to seek funding from FEMA and other sources for reimbursement  
3 of cost association with weather emergencies. It does need to be approved at the federal level.  
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5 Mayor Barraza asked if residents will be allowed to apply for funding.  
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7 Fire Chief Hoban responded yes they would be allowed to apply for funding to recover cost for  
8 repairs caused by the weather that is not covered by their insurance.  
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10 Mr. Eckert stated the minimum eligible cost is \$3,000; the town estimates \$6,800 of various cost  
11 associated with Fire, Police and Public Works departments so we do meet the eligible cost.  
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13 Mayor Barraza stated there was a water leak in the town hall; parks had water lines burst.  
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15 Mr. Eckert stated several water meters froze and needed to be replaced, the pump at the lift  
16 station busted and the pump at the wells.  
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18 Mayor Barraza responded the Fire Department was very busy responding to calls also.  
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20 Fire Chief Hoban stated that between everyone we turned off a lot of water and potentially  
21 prevented damage to unoccupied homes. We also had some other weather related emergencies  
22 that cannot be recovered under the Emergency Declaration. Anything we can do to facilitate  
23 residents and the town recovering costs not covered by their insurance is appreciative and we can  
24 avoid taking a big hit in our budget.  
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26 **Motion:** To approve a resolution for an emergency proclamation and declaration of emergency,  
27 **Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Flores.  
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29 Trustee Flores stated he would like to give him a leeway - inaudible.  
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31 Mayor Barraza responded we received a copy from the Emergency Management Department sent  
32 us a copy of the resolution which we copied and filled in the parts we needed to complete.  
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34 Mr. Eckert indicated he will check the State Statute to insure that they match up.  
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36 Mayor Barraza stated the information was received from Emergency Management office and we  
37 are following their lead.  
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39 Trustee Flores responded everyone did a great job during this emergency.  
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41 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed: (summary: Yes = 3).  
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43 **Yes:** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Flores.  
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45 Mayor Barraza Yes

46 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

47 Trustee Flores Yes  
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49 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
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No Public Comments

1 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:**

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3 Mayor Barraza stated we will be going into more detail regarding El Paso Electric and the town's  
4 response during the emergency.

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6 **ADJOURNMENT**

7 **Motion:** To adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee  
8 Flores.

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10 **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3).

11 **Yes:** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Bernal, Trustee Caro, Trustee Flores.

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13 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.**

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16 **APPROVED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY, 2011.**

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Nora L. Barraza

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26 **ATTEST:**

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Nick Eckert

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Town Clerk/Treasurer

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