

Meeting Minutes
Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)
Harding County/Village of Mosquero/Village of Roy
Harding County Community Center-557 Wagon Mound Highway
Roy, New Mexico 87743
April 22, 2010
10:15 a.m.

Meeting Attendees

NERPO Voting Members and Alternates:

Name	County	Title	Present/Absent
Les Montoya	San Miguel County	Voting Member	Absent
John Garcia	San Miguel County	Alternate	Absent
Carlos A. Ortiz, Jr.	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member	Present
Elmer Martinez	City of Las Vegas	Alternate	Absent
John Garcia	Mora County	Voting Member	Absent
Peter Martinez	Mora County	Alternate	Absent
Bill Conley	Colfax County	Voting Member	Absent
Don Day	Colfax County	Alternate	Present
Jerry Aragon	City of Raton	Voting Member	Present
Pete Mileta, Jr.	City of Raton	Alternate	Absent
Tracy Boyce	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member	Present
Mindy Cahill	Village of Cimarron	Alternate	Absent
Chuck Howe	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member	Absent
Glenn Boone	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate	Present
Robert Casados	Harding County	Voting Member	Present
Jerry Porterfield	Harding County	Alternate	Absent
Shawn Jeffrey	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member	Present
Ray Vigil	Village of Mosquero	Alternate	Absent
June Mahoney	Village of Roy	Voting Member	Absent
Marshal Drake	Village of Roy	Alternate	Absent
Linda Lavender	Village of House	Voting Member	Absent
None	Village of House	Alternate	None
Larry Moore	Quay County	Voting Member	Absent
Richard Primrose	Quay County	Alternate	Absent
Leo Pacheco	Village of San Jon	Voting Member	Absent
Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate	Absent
Doug Powers	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member	Present
John Sutherland	City of Tucumcari	Alternate	Absent
Ferron Lucero	Town of Clayton	Voting Member	Present
Jimmie Taylor	Town of Clayton	Alternate	Absent

Richard Arguello	Union County	Voting Member	Present
Russel Kear	Union County	Alternate	Absent
Michelle Morrow	Village of Des Moines	Voting Member	Absent
Karen Bray	Village of Des Moines	Alternate	Absent
None	Village of Pecos	Voting Member	None
None	Village of Pecos	Alternate	None
Diane Brown	Village of Folsom	Voting Member	Absent
Mike Schoonover	Village of Folsom	Alternate	Absent
Mignon Saddoris	Village of Grenville	Voting Member	Absent
Lynn Wiseman	Village of Grenville	Alternate	Absent
Rose Kelly	Village of Logan	Voting Member	Absent
Larry Wallin	Village of Logan	Alternate	Absent
Maxine Rivera	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member	Absent
Richard Delgado	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate	Absent
Manuel Baca	Guadalupe County	Voting Member	Present
Yolanda Chavez	Guadalupe County	Alternate	Present
Danny Cruz	Town of Springer	Voting Member	Present
Stephanie Gillispie	Town of Springer	Alternate	Present
Richard Cordova	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member	Absent
Lynda Perry	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate	Absent
Kay Pinkston	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member	Present
None	Village of Maxwell	Alternate	None
Arthur Arguello	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member	Present
Alix King	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate	Present

NERPO Planners

Lesah R. Sedillo
Steve Henthorn

NCNMEDD
EPCOG

NMDOT Staff

Mr. Ray Matthew
Ms. Josephine Martinez

NMDOT Planning Liaison
NMDOT D-4 LGRF

Guests

Mrs. Monica Abeyta Guadalupe County
Mr. Meyler Anderson Village of Maxwell
Mr. Tony Narenjo Town of Clayton
Mrs. Darla Munsell Quay County
Mrs. Cynthia Lee Village of San Jon
Mrs. Betty Medina Village of Wagon Mound

Guests Continued:

Mrs. Maria Topkins	Village of Roy
Mrs. Cheryl Navarette	Colfax County
Mr. Mark Rivera	Village of Angel Fire
Mr. Don Welker	Village of Angel Fire
Mr. Maria Atencio	Harding County
Ms. Angela Quintana	Department of Finance and Administration
Mr. Leandro Cordova	Department of Finance and Administration

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by Chairman Richard Arguello.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

The Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the New Mexico State Flag was led by Chairman, Richard Arguello and Vice-Chairman, Robert Casados.

Chairman Arguello asked for a moment of Silence.

III. Welcome and Introductions:

NERPO Chairman Richard Arguello welcomed everyone to Harding County. He gave a brief bio to the NERPO Members. He stated that he is one of the Union County Commissioners and serves on many boards. However, he is termed out and will have to turn over his NERPO Chairman Position to someone new. He explained that he is also the Chairman of Eastern Plains Council of Government. He was very proud to be a part of the new Union County Hospital. It was established in 1961, and the facility had many code issues. It went from a \$7.9 to \$10.7 Million dollar project. He would like to thank the NMDOT for the GRIP 2 and the project on 64/87. He emphasized to the NERPO Members the importance of this organization, and the continued participation by each entity.

NERPO Vice-Chairman Robert Casados welcomed everyone to Harding County and thanked everyone for their attendance. He explained that he and Richard Arguello had switched positions with the Chair and Vice-Chair positions in the NERPO. He said that he really enjoyed participating in this organization and supported the very important role that it served. He thanked all the NERPO Members for supporting NM 39 during the Rating and Ranking Process. He thanked District Four for their hard work on NM 39 as well. He stated that he is also termed out as a Harding County Commissioner. He served as a board member to HM5 Task Force. He has served as the Fire Chief and on many other boards, such as the NMAC and the Fire Protection Grant Council.

Mr. Casados introduced and recognized Mrs. Terry Ebell and her assistants for preparing lunch today.

Mr. Steve Henthorn introduced himself as the NERPO Transportation Planner from Eastern Plains Council of Government. He also commended Commissioner Casados for his determination on NM 39 and getting his project on the STIP.

Mrs. Shawn Jeffrey introduced herself as the Certified Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Mosquero. She is working on her CDBG and ARRA Projects.

Mr. Eric Ghahate introduced himself as the new NPRPO Transportation Planner from NCNMEDD.

Mrs. Maria Tompkins introduced herself as the new fiscal agent for the Village of Roy. They lost their Village Clerk and trying to get things in order. They recently had the film industry in town for “Did You Hear About the Morgans?”

Mrs. Tracy-Boyce introduced herself as the new Mayor of Cimarron. She previously held the position of Village Councilor for four years prior. She explained that NM 21 was still a high priority for the village. They are getting all their audits current and applied for Scenic By Way and Enhancement Funding.

Mr. Arthur Arguello introduced himself as the new Mayor of Wagon Mound. He stated that they have a water and sewer projects currently in the village. They are also working on their audit issues.

Ms. Alix King introduced herself as the Wagon Mound Village Clerk/Treasurer. She is working diligently on all the village projects including ARRA Funds. She also recognized Shawn Jeffrey as the Clerk of the Year recipient.

Mrs. Betty Medina stated that she served as a Village Councilor for 6 years and a long time participant with the NERPO.

Mr. Doug Powers thanked Bobby Casados and Richard Arguello for serving the NERPO. He also introduced Ms. Valerie Montano. He explained that they are busy too with the usual water, waste water projects, ICIP, Airport and Landfill projects. Chairman and Vice-Chairman both thanked Doug Powers and Carlos Ortiz for serving the NERPO, before the COG’s provided staff to the organization.

Ms. Darla Munsell, is a new member representing Quay County for Mr. Larry Moore.

Ms. Angela Quintana is the ICIP Coordinator from the Department of Finance and Administration. She thanked Ms. Sedillo for always inviting her to host a workshop for the NERPO.

Mr. Leandro Cordova explained that he will serve as a backup for Ms. Angela Quintana with the ICIP Process.

Mr. Jerry Aragon is the new Code Enforcement for the City of Raton. They are working on the Main Street Master Plan, Racino and very proud of the Aquatic Center for the past ten years.

Mayor Pinkston from the Village of Maxwell explained that they are working on water and sewer projects, comprehensive plan and the ICIP.

Mr. Meyler Anderson stated that he is a new Councilor for the Village of Maxwell.

Mr. Tony Narenjo explained that he is a new Trustee for the Town of Clayton, and retired from MTD.

Mr. Ferron Lucero, Town Manager for the Town of Clayton explained that they have a lot of projects. They have a \$2 Million dollar GRIP 2 project, and proud of their new 2008 \$75 Million dollar Jail Facility.

Mr. Carlos Ortiz, Public Works Director for the City of Las Vegas. He stated that the City of Las Vegas is extremely busy. They currently have NMDOT Co-op fund, ARRA, CDBG and many other projects. He highly encouraged members to continue to plan for new projects even with the lack of funding sources. The planning will put you in a better position when funding does become available.

Ms. Josephine Martinez informed everyone that she is the LGRF Coordinator for the NMDOT District Four Office in Las Vegas.

Mr. Manuel Baca, Guadalupe County is proud of \$11 Million for their Hospital, ARRA, Public Service Building and rural addressing. He also introduced Mrs. Monica Abeyta.

Mayor Danny Cruz for the Town of Springer stated that he was happy to return. He was the mayor for 12 years previously. He is working hard to get everything back in order. He was concerned about the loss in legislative appropriations for the Town of Springer, since those projects sat idle. He looks forward to putting together the new ICIP and participating again with the NERPO. He would like to work hard at submitting a project for Main Street in Springer. He thanked (Jo Jo) Josephine Martinez for all her assistance with the LGRF projects. He also thanked Ms. Sedillo for keeping him updated with all the information.

Ms. Stephanie Gillespie introduced herself as the new councilor for the Town of Springer, and looks forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Ray Matthews informed the NERPO Members that he is the new NMDOT Liaison for the NERPO. He will be working with the Northern half of the state. He had previously been working with the southern portions of the state. He stated that times are difficult with the diminishing funding sources. He hopes that we will see a new Transportation Bill at the Federal level in the near future.

Mr. Glenn Boone stated that they had one of the best ski seasons in Angel Fire. They are working on their ARRA, MAP and working with NMFA on a water project. He thanked Ms. Sedillo for all assistance.

Mr. Mark Rivera, Village of Angel Fire Community Development Director stated they are working with Stimulus funding and looking at improvements to 850 lots.

Mr. Don Welker stated that he is one of the new Councilor's for the Village of Angel Fire. He is a Civil Engineer with a planning background.

Mr. Don Day, County Manager for Colfax County has been working on the Judicial Center, various bridge projects and now the Detention Center.

Ms. Cynthia Lee with the Village of San Jon stated that they are currently in the first phase of a water project.

Mr. Fred Breuggeman stated that he is the Economic Development Planner from North Central New Mexico Economic Development District. He explained that he would be presenting today during lunch regarding the Stronger Economies Together Application.

Ms. Lesah Sedillo introduced herself as one of the NERPO Transportation Planners from North Central New Mexico Economic Development District. She would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Shawn Jeffrey, as the Clerk of the Year Award recipient. Ms. Sedillo praised her for her efforts and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Individual introductions were conducted by each NERPO Members.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Chairman Richard Arguello called for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Mr. Carlos Ortiz, City of Las Vegas made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Shawn Jeffrey, Village of Mosquero seconded the motion. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

V. Approval of the Minutes: (March 26, 2010-Logan, New Mexico):

Chairman Richard Arguello called for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 26, 2010, NERPO Meeting in Logan.

Mr. Ferron Lucero, Town of Clayton made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doug Powers, City of Tucumcari. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

VI. Approval of the 2010 Scenic By Ways Rating and Ranking Scores:

Chairman Arguello stated that the rating and ranking results were provided to the NERPO Members by e-mail and here at the meeting. He stated that he appreciated everyone's participation in the rating and ranking meetings. It is important to the members that are applying and that we show our support for projects in our area.

Chairman Arguello called for a motion to approve the rating and ranking scores for the 2010 Scenic By Ways.

Mr. Doug Powers, City of Tucumcari made the motion to approve the 2010 Scenic By Way Rating and Ranking Scores as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlos Ortiz, City of Las Vegas. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

Mayor Danny Cruz asked if he could get a brief on the projects from the applicants.

Harding County:

In the NE corner, La Frontera del Llano Scenic Byway is located in Harding County on State Hwy. 39 at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 56 and ending at U

This project will benefit travelers by providing kiosk maps at the south and north entrance to the Byway. At each kiosk, compelling photographs detail points of interest by highlighting historical, recreational and diverse topographical settings along the Byway. User-friendly interpretive information allows visitors to explore intrinsic qualities, and plan trips to connecting neighboring Byways to maximize their travel time and Byway experience.

Village of Cimarron:

US Highway 64 passes directly through the Village of Cimarron. Highway 21 intersects with Highway 64 at mile marker 309.1 and the project will be located on Highway 21 at mile marker 0.4. The project site is located in the heart of historic old town.

The benefit to the byway traveler is a visual experience of sections of the actual Santa Fe Trail and historical sites in the Village of Cimarron. Travelers will learn the meaning of "Cimarron" (wild and untamed) and the early history with the Ute and Apache tribes. Also, inform everyone about the history of the roads to opportunity and adventure.

VII. ICIP Training-Local Government Division (Ms. Angela Quintana, Department of Finance and Administration) and (Mr. Leandro Cordova, Department of Finance and Administration)

Ms. Angela Quintana thanked the NERPO for participating with the training for the ICIP. She introduced Mr. Leandro Cordova as her back up for the ICIP in her absence.

Ms. Quintana provided the following presentation:

Creating the Local Government and Tribal Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan

Agenda:

- **Introduction to ICIP**
- **Why do infrastructure planning?**
- **Implementation: How to make a project happen**
- **Technical issues and the ICIP web forms**

Introduction:

- **ICIP: Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan**
- **Local government ICIP program created with House Memorial in early 1990s**
- **State agency ICIP program required by state statute (§6-4-1 NMSA 1978)**
- **Works to create a broad planning effort in conjunction with other state planning processes:**
 - **Higher Education Department**
 - **Aging and Long-Term Services**
 - **Department of Transportation**
- **Encourages governments (state and local) to plan for future needs**
- **Allows coordination of funding and projects between local governments and state agencies**
 - **Facilitates joint efforts**
- **Communicates information about statewide capital infrastructure needs to the Executive and Legislative branches**
- **DFA's role:**
 - **Coordinate plans through workshops, formatting, compilation of submissions**
 - **Publish plans (in hard copy and online)**
 - **Collect information on top priorities to inform state capital outlay process**
- **Any political subdivision of the state can submit an ICIP to DFA**
 - **Municipalities**
 - **Counties**
 - **Tribal entities**
 - **Acequias**
 - **Land grants**

- **Special districts (that are political subdivisions)**

Update on 2011-2015 ICIP

- **293 local governments reporting in FY2010**
- **Decrease from 325 in 2009**
- **32 counties (less one)**
- **88 municipalities (less eleven)**
- **70 Native American entities (less six)**
- **51 Navajo chapters (less three)**
- **103 acequias, land grants, soil and water districts, water associations, and other special districts**

ICIP and NM Capital Outlay

- **In October 2009, the special legislative session brought forth the fiscal crisis that the state of New Mexico will face regarding projected budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010. (HB17)**
- **In the 2010 legislative session, SB182 identified unviable projects.**

What is the ICIP?

- **An individual entity plan**
- **Covers a Five year period**
- **Developed each year**
- **To include: policy direction, funding time frames, estimated costs, justifications, and details of each specific infrastructure capital improvement project proposed, by year, over the five year period.**

What is a Capital Project?

- **High dollar value (\$25,000 or more)**
- **Long life cycle (at least 10 years)**
- **Not part of annual operating budget / not an annual expense**
- **New systems/building, or major renovations/repairs**
- **For purposes of this plan, under the control (ownership or long-term lease) of the entity doing the planning.**

Why Should I Do Infrastructure Planning?

- **Focus on short and long term planning for infrastructure improvements projects and helps establish priorities.**
 - ✓ **Encourages a more efficient governmental operation**
 - ✓ **Gives direction to a community's future**
 - ✓ **Reduces pressure to fund projects that aren't ready to proceed.**
 - ✓ **Establishes and provides a method for tracking inventory**
 - ✓ **Avoids crisis-driven rate and tax increases.**
 - ✓ **Provides a plan that is flexible.**

The ICIP should be a flexible statement of intent. Priorities can always change. Projects can be revised to reflect changes in policies, availability of funds, cost increases and/or judgments about cost effectiveness.

- Benefits of submitting the local plan to the state?
 - Prioritized projects
 - Pertinent planning data available on website

ICIP and Other Funding

- CDBG
- Indian Affairs-TIF
- NMFA
- Colonias
- USDA
- ARRA
- WTB
- UFA

1. Determine Process

- Leader / committee / public input
- Timeline for planning process
- Guiding laws and policies

2. Use Existing Plans / Public Participation Processes

- Public hearings
- Surveys
- Committees
- Interviews

3. Inventory Existing Facilities

- If an inventory already exists (e.g., in an Excel spreadsheet), include a memo stating the inventory will be available upon request as part of the ICIP submission.

4. Draft/Review Mission, Goals, Objectives, Strategies

- **Mission:** short statement of direction
- **Goals:** broad statements in support of mission
- **Objectives:** how to achieve goals
- **Strategies:** very specific activities to achieve objectives
- To be included in the “Entity Info” section of the web forms

5. Analyze Factors Affecting Future

- Population trends
- Land use
- Economic trends
- Changes in federal/state/local laws
- Interest rates
- Etc.

6. ID Projects and Obtain Costs

- Collaborate with all departments
- Estimate costs
 - Previous local projects
 - Neighboring communities
 - Cost Estimating Guide
 - Consultants
- Include operating and maintenance expenses

7. Prioritize

- The local governing officials set priorities based on factors affecting the entity and entity needs and capacity. These priorities are priorities for the entire entity, not just a local department or division.

8. Analyze Capacity

- Look at internal funding capacity – how much capital investment can your entity maintain?
- Should consult with finance officer (either on staff or consultant)

9. ID Funding Needs/Sources

- Where can funding be obtained?
- Can the project be phased to use funding as it becomes available?
- What are possible timelines for this project, and which one is the most realistic?

10. Draft Plan

- Enter preliminary information into web forms
- Identify missing information
- Prepare a draft plan for interested parties

11. Seek Feedback on Draft

- Executives
- Departments
- Public

12. Revise Plan and Finalize

- Reevaluate priorities if necessary
- Finalize timetables

13. Adopt Plan

- Resolution template available in appendix of guidelines
- Probably will need to be approved at a public meeting of the governing body
- It is not necessary to submit an original resolution to LGD; a copy is permissible

14. Submit Plan to LGD

- **By September 30, 2010:**
 - All information must be entered into online web forms
 - Mail hard copy of plan summary to LGD
 - Mail/fax signed resolution to LGD
 - If inventory not on web, mail a memo indicating local inventory list will be made available upon request from LGD

How Can I Creatively Implement My Projects?

Web Reporting System

- <http://www.state.nm.us/capitalprojects>
- Codes/passwords required
 - Login information from last year will work
 - If you forget your password or need new login information, call LGD

Inventory Information

- Review each inventory item to determine whether, given your entity's needs over the next years:
 - Its use/condition is efficient and effective.
 - The item should have any capital improvements during 2012-16.

Project Information

- A project is any partially funded or unfunded capital improvement for which the entity plans to have funding in place beginning during state fiscal years 2012-2016 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016). **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS**

Project Information

- **Project title-short, but descriptive title, e.g., “Plan, Design, Construct, WW Facility” not Wastewater.**
- **Plan Project Priority Rank-Use only the years of the 5 year plan, 2012 – 2016; Example: If the project is your top priority overall for the year 2012, the rank would be 2012-01**
- **Category-Choose the BEST, most descriptive category**
- **Capital Outlay Top 5 Project Priority Rank**
- **Description/Justification & Benefits**
- **Location**
- **Implementation Action Plan (task/responsible person/timeframe)**
- **Est. costs not yet funded (breakdown)-the monies that are needed to complete the project.**
- **Current funding status-amounts already funded for the project.**
- **Potential Future funding sources.**
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Web Reporting System

- **If information is not saved regularly (i.e., every 30 minutes or so), the website will “time out”**
 - **If entering information over an extended period, fill in placeholder information and save regularly**
- **If you have other problems, contact LGD**

Naming Conventions

- **Watch for spelling errors and typos**
- **Capitalize the first letter of each word of the title**
- **Avoid punctuation**

Timeline

- **April: Guidelines released, workshops conducted**
- **May-August: Technical assistance available**
- **September 30: ICIP deadline for submittal to LGD**
- **October-November: Plans reviewed for form and published online**
- **December: Hard-copy ICIP publication distributed**

Submission Requirements

- All web forms completed
- Printed copy of ICIP summary mailed to LGD
- Executed resolution sent to LGD by mail, email, or fax

Memo of Inventory to LGD

Address for Submissions

Angela Quintana
DFA/LGD/Capital Outlay Bureau
410 Don Gaspar
Santa Fe, NM 87501
Fax: 505-476-0077
Angelam.quintana@state.nm.us

Need Assistance?

- In addition to LGD, your local Council of Governments (COG) can assist you with the ICIP
 - Contact information available in ICIP guidelines
- If you want to allow COG staff to access your community's online data via your entity code and password, please complete the form in the guidelines and send it to LGD

Attached to the minutes are the Web Reporting Form Slides for further assistance.

Ms. Sedillo stated that the ICIP is a very important planning and prioritization tool. Currently everyone is in the budget season process, and every entity should utilize this tool to review their projects. You can look at your top five projects to see if you actually have the operation and maintenance to sustain these projects in the future. You can also decide if these projects are still a priority for your entity. It is important to make sure that you discuss your priorities in public meetings and give the public an opportunity to give their input. If we ever have the opportunity to request Capital Outlay funding, you will have all your planning completed and can utilize this document to make your requests.

VIII. Lunch-Building Stronger Regional Economics (Mr. Fred Brueggeman, Economic Development Planner/NCNMEDD)

BUILDING STRONGER REGIONAL ECONOMIES

Fred Brueggeman
Economic Development Planner
North Central New Mexico Economic Development District
Presented to the members of the NERPO

Stronger Economies Together (SET):

Strategies for Building New Economic Opportunities

- ▣ **USDA Rural Development in partnership with Regional Rural Development Centers**
- ▣ **Eight States, including New Mexico**
- ▣ **Providing training and technical assistance to rural counties that are interested in working together on a regional basis.**
- ▣ **Two or more counties meeting “rural” requirements.**

BENEFITS

- ▣ **20 hours of training on ways to strengthen and enhance your regional economic development activities.**
- ▣ **Data for your region to examine economic drivers and determine comparative advantages.**
- ▣ **Tools to uncover assets and resources in the region that contribute to the economy.**
- ▣ **Technical assistance and support from NM Rural Development staff and Regional Rural Development Centers.**
- ▣ **Webinars with all 15 selected regions to share information and gather ideas.**
- ▣ **Value of the benefits at least \$15,000.**

WHY COLFAX, MORA, AND SAN MIGUEL COUNTIES?

- ▣ **NCNMEDD is a seven County Council of Governments**
- ▣ **The western four counties have benefited from a two year economic development planning project funded by Los Alamos County – the Regional Economic Development Strategic Initiative (REDI)**
- ▣ **REDI has been approved and is now in the implementation phase.**
- ▣ **NCNMEDD is a sub-contractor to the RDC**

REDI SUMMARY

- ▣ **REDI involved over 100 public and private sector participants in a series of decision-making meetings.**
- ▣ **They chose four critical areas of:**
 - **Infrastructure**
 - **Human Capital (Workforce Development)**
 - **Public Policy**
 - **Economic Development Services**
- ▣ **Based on data presented, the participants chose from 12 possible industry clusters that target the industry clusters of:**
 - **Value-Added Agriculture**

- Entertainment (Film and Digital Media)
- Technology
- Renewable Energy / Green Industry

REDI PROGRESS

- ▣ **Completing business plans for the Green Industry, Technology, and Value-Added Agriculture Industry Clusters.**
- ▣ **Prepared applications for \$7.4 million for Green Jobs training.**
- ▣ **Prepared a Regional Broadband plan and five individual applications for \$74 million in grants and loans.**
- ▣ **NCNMEDD just applied for \$80 million for broadband projects.**
- ▣ **Sponsored two amendments to the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) with one approved by the 2009 Legislature.**
- ▣ **NCNMEDD prepared a State of the Region report for presentation to the REDI participants in an October, 2009 meeting.**
- ▣ **Prototype website for regional economic development.**

S.E.T. PROGRAM GOALS

- ▣ **The NCNMEDD Board would like to see REDI expanded to all seven counties, but so far no entity has been identified to pay the cost.**
- ▣ **SET Program offers one way to organize the project.**
- ▣ **USDA RBOG “Great Regions” Program could fund the plan preparation.**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN S.E.T.

- ▣ **Name of the organization and a contact person.**
- ▣ **Letters of support to NCNMEDD are strongly encouraged.**
- ▣ **Team members agree to fully participate in the 20 hours of SET training.**

THANK YOU FOR TIME ☺

QUESTIONS ?

NCNMEDD/COG Santa Fe

- ▣ **Planning Department**
- ▣ **P.O. Box 5115**
- ▣ **Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502**
- ▣ **Fred Brueggeman**
- ▣ **505-660-3388**
- ▣ **fredb@ncnmedd.com**



Vice-Chairman Robert Casados stated that he serves on the Fire Protection Grant Council and would like to share some grant information with the members. This grant will be announced later in the year for the next fiscal year.

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APPLICATION FOR 2010 FIRE PROTECTION GRANT

Eligibility:

Insurance Service Office (ISO) rated 7, 8, 9, and 10 fire departments will be eligible for fiscal year 2010 Fire Protection Grant Awards. Note: Rating adjustments made during the application period may affect award consideration.

The maximum amount awarded to a single applicant will not exceed \$100,000, with a minimum match commitment of 20%.

The Fire Protection Grant Council has established minimum requirements for the 2010 application process. All applicants shall be in compliance with the reporting requirements of the New Mexico State Fire Marshal's Office utilizing the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). All applicants shall be reporting through the end of the calendar year December 31, 2009.

If your department is experiencing any difficulty or has questions as to the status of your reporting please feel free to contact Mrs. Carrie Martinez at 505.476.0174 or 1.800.244.6702.

An additional requirement established by the Fire Protection Grant Council for all applicants is to show evidence of annual apparatus pump tests. It is required by NFPA and ISO that pump tests be conducted on an annual basis; it has also been established as an approved expenditure of the Fire Protection Fund. The Council feels it is imperative that pump test occur for proper function and firefighter safety.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/SIGNATURES

Name of Department/District: County:

Name of Fire Chief (please print) Signature of Fire Chief Date

Name/Title of County/Municipal Fiscal Agent (please print)

Signature of Fiscal Agent Date

All applications must be mailed or hand delivered to:

NM Fire Marshal's Office

Attention: Fire Protection Grant Application

PO Box 1269

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

All original applications must be received by 5 pm on January 15, 2010. **No exceptions.**

Email and fax applications **will not** be accepted.

Department name: County: ISO Rating:

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This application may be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/sfm.htm>

The council has awarded many departments in our area with very much needed funding.

Mr. Don Day, Colfax County Manager stated that they currently own a mobile test pump apparatus and is willing to assist other departments with this very important testing. The NERPO Members appreciated his offer for assistance.

X. NMDOT Staff Updates-District Four Update-Mr. Paul Gray, District Four Engineer and Heather Sandoval NMDOT District 4:

Ms. Josephine Martinez gave the following report:

The NMDOT District Four

Ms. Martinez reminded everyone about the June 30, 2010, deadline for MAPS. She stated that she needed to talk to the Village of Roy regarding their project. Due to the shortfall in funding new agreements were sent out and requested back. Once you have an executed agreement, you can request reimbursement.

Mr. Ray Matthew informed the members again that he is the new NMDOT Liaison for the NERPO. His office is located in Santa Fe in the Planning Office. He hopes that Congress passes a new Transportation Bill, with more funding. The planning process through the RPO is very important. It gives all the local governments the opportunity to plan and apply for their Transportation Projects. We never know when we may receive more stimulus funding or other sources. He looks forward to working with the NERPO Members and planners.

XI. Update from the NERPO Planners-Lesah R. Sedillo and Steve Henthorn:

Mr. Steve Henthorn stated that he is proud to announce the successful Safety Application for Union County. He has worked on this project for many years and is happy to see it funded.

Mr. Henthorn stated that he would like to make it a priority to help the City of Raton and Colfax County with US 64/87. He would like to help them get funding.

Mr. Henthorn is very involved with the Ports-to-Plains and wanted to encourage the members to participate with the program.

Mayor Danny Cruz asked if he could elaborate on the Ports-to-Plains Program. Chairman Arguello stated that he would like to provide the members with some information.

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance, based in Lubbock, Texas, is a non-profit, non-partisan, community-driven advocacy group led by mayors, councilpersons, economic development officials, business and other opinion leaders from a nine-state, 2300-plus mile economic development corridor between Texas, and Alberta, Canada. Over the past decade, Ports-to-Plains Alliance members have raised over U.S. \$1 billion in federal funding for road improvements in the nine-state Ports-to-Plains region. Today, we collaborate with our federal and state leaders, partners in

Canada and Mexico, and industry partners, to deliver the infrastructure, food and fuel to secure the quality of life of America's great cities. At the same time, we embrace America's new energy economy, and are capitalizing upon wind power, bio fuels and other innovation sectors to renew one of America's greatest legacies, the rural heartland. Chairman Arguello summed it up as a great coalition for Interstate Commerce and Economic Development.

Ms. Sedillo provided the following report:

*NERPO Planner Report
By Leah R. Sedillo
April 22, 2010*

Ms. Sedillo wanted to clarify that the NMDOT District Four Office has been very committed in trying to secure funding for US 64/87. They did submit an application for a TIGER Grant previously, but were not successful. There was only one project funded in New Mexico for the TIGER Grant. (NM 491)

The House Memorial 9 Technical Committee will meet on Monday, April 26, 2010, at the Isleta Casino and Resort. They will continue their efforts to look for alternative funding sources for the future of Transportation.

The Transit and Rail Division are holding their Preliminary budget award meeting today in Santa Fe for the Transit Providers.

The New Mexico State Transportation Commission will be meeting in District Four on June 17, 2010, in Pendaries and August 19, 2010, in Angel Fire. If anyone wishes to address the commission, please e-mail the planners and Ms. Heather Sandoval with the topic and speaker. Your request must be made at least a month prior to the meeting. It is a good opportunity to thank the NMDOT.

Ms. Sedillo thanked Ms. Quintana and Mr. Cordova for the ICIP Training, and did provide members with copies of other ICIP Trainings to be held around the state.

Ms. Sedillo announced that Union County was not the only entity that was awarded Safety Funds. San Miguel County was also funded for guardrails and other improvements to A-11-A Road in Montezuma near the United World College.

Ms. Sedillo also recognized Mr. Doug Powers from the City of Tucumcari. The City of Tucumcari's MainStreet Program was chosen to serve as a model in creating a NM MainStreet entrepreneur development initiative.

Ms. Sedillo recognized the CDBG funded entities within the NERPO:

- City of Tucumcari \$500,000
- City of Las Vegas \$500,000
- Village of Eagle Nest \$113,000
- Village of Mosquero \$430,000
- City of Santa Rosa \$459,782

Ms. Sedillo reminded everyone about the LTAP Heavy Equipment/Dirt Roads that will take place on June 14, 2010 to June 18, 2010. The training will take place in the Village of Cimarron, and co-hosted by Colfax County. Village of Cimarron will host the location and facilities. Colfax County will provide their motor graders. We can only accommodate 6 participants for the hands on training and can have a few more for the classroom training for safety.

Ms. Sedillo provided copies of the ARRA agreement status report.

Ms. Sedillo reviewed the LTAP Trainings for the members

Ms. Sedillo provided by e-mail and copies of the list of the NMDOT administered General Fund and Severance Tax projects reverted on SB 182 document.

Ms. Sedillo thanked our Chairman and Vice-Chairman for all their hard work and devotion to the NERPO. We must recognize that our Chairman and Vice-Chairman are both termed out and we must elect a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman prior to September 1, 2010.

XII. New Business:

A. General Comments and Announcements from NERPO Members:

Mayor Tracy-Boyce stated that they will have an event for their new Heliport Facility on May 13, 2010, in Cimarron.

Vice-Chairman Casados announced that the Logan American Legion will have a memorial for the Veterans over the Memorial Holiday. They will provide food.

B. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings:

C. Meeting Location Amendments

This is the following schedule for the NERPO Meetings:

May 25, 2010, Village of Angel Fire-Transit Funding

June and July-Guadalupe County or the City of Tucumcari???

XII. Adjournment:

Mr. Carlos Ortiz, City of Las Vegas made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ferron Lucero, Town of Clayton. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

