

**Meeting Minutes
 Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)
 City of Santa Rosa Town Hall
 Hosted by the City of Santa Rosa
 244 South 4th Street
 Santa Rosa, New Mexico 88435
 February 28, 2008
 10:12 a.m.**

Meeting Attendees

NERPO Voting Members and Alternates:

Name	County	Title	Present/Absent
Les Montoya	San Miguel County	Voting Member	Present
Harold Garcia	San Miguel County	Alternate	Present
Carlos A. Ortiz, Jr.	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member	Present
Elmer Martinez	City of Las Vegas	Alternate	Absent
Miguel Martinez	Mora County	Voting Member	Absent
Peter Martinez	Mora County	Alternate	Absent
Bill Conley	Colfax County	Voting Member	Present
Leo Parker	Colfax County	Alternate	Present
Jennifer Sparaco	City of Raton	Voting Member	Absent
Pete Mileta, Jr.	City of Raton	Alternate	Absent
Linda Pavletich	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member	Present
Mindy Cahill	Village of Cimarron	Alternate	Absent
William (Hoot) Gibson	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member	Present
Chuck Howe	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate	Present
Robert Casados	Harding County	Voting Member	Present
Jerry Porterfield	Harding County	Alternate	Absent
Shawn Jeffery	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member	Present
Ray Vigil	Village of Mosquero	Alternate	Absent
Renee Hayoz	Village of Roy	Voting Member	Present
Clayton Moore	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	Present
Richard Primrose	Quay County	Alternate	Present
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
Jack Chosvig	Town of Clayton	Voting Member	Present
Harry Staven	Town of Clayton	Alternate	Present

Richard Arguello	Union County	Voting Member	Present
Russel Kear	Union County	Alternate	Absent
Michelle Morrow	Village of Des Moines	Voting Member	Absent
Jesse Yeargain	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
None	Village of Folsom	Alternate	None
Mignon Sadoris	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
Joseph Campos	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member	Absent
Maxine Rivera	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate	Present
Manuel Baca	Guadalupe County	Voting Member	Present
Yolanda Chavez	Guadalupe County	Alternate	Present
Leticia Torres	Town of Springer	Voting Member	Absent
Johnny L. Chavez	Town of Springer	Alternate	Absent
Billie Odum	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member	Present
Richard Cordova	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate	Present
Anthony Mitchell	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member	Absent
None	Village of Maxwell	Alternate	None
Benito Armijo	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member	Absent
Betty Medina	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate	Present

NERPO Planners

Lesah R. Sedillo NCNMEDD
Steve Henthorn EPCOG

NMDOT Staff

Heather Sandoval NMDOT D-4 Assistant District Engineer
Christina Romero NMDOT D-4, Public Information Officer
Janet Spivey NMDOT, Transportation Planner
Lee Cabeza de Vaca NMDOT, NMLTAP
Rick Chavez NMDOT, GO/GRIP 2
Benny Martinez NMDOT, GO

Guests

Albert Romero, Town of Springer
Glenn Boone, Village of Angel Fire
Commissioner Gonzales, Guadalupe County

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Chairman Robert Casados.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Official Salute to the Flag of New Mexico was led by Chairman Robert Casados and Commissioner Gonzales, Guadalupe County.

III. Welcome and Introductions:

The welcome was presented by Mr. Tim Dodge, City Manager of Santa Rosa. Mr. Dodge offered apologies for Mayor Campos who is also one of our State Representatives for not being able to welcome everyone this morning. Mr. Dodge gave a brief history on the City of Santa Rosa and their new Municipal/County Facility. Chairman Casados thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and thanked Mr. Dodge for hosting the meeting. Mr. Dodge explained that the lunch was being provided jointly by the City of Santa Rosa and Guadalupe County. Chairman Gonzales welcomed everyone to Guadalupe County and invited them to visit the sites. Mr. Manual Baca and Mrs. Yolanda Chavez provided everyone with a date planner compliments of Guadalupe County.

Individual introductions were conducted by each NERPO member.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Larry Moore from Quay County made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Renee Hayoz from the Village of Roy seconded the motion. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

V. Approval of the Minutes: (January 31, 2008, Springer, New Mexico)

Chairman Casados requested a spelling correction on page 6 for District 4 Engineer, Paul Gray's name.

Mr. Hoot Gibson from the Village of Angel Fire made the motion to approve the minutes with the name correction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Conley from Colfax County. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

VI. Project Identification Form (PIF) Presentations-Rating and Ranking

Ms. Sedillo explained that this process is one of the most important functions that we do within the NERPO. We want to make sure that the process is fair to all members. Ms. Sedillo passed out one voting sheet per category to each voting member per entity. At the end of each voting section please put the name of your voting entity on the form to be counted. The three categories for presentations today are as follows:

Enhancement-8 projects:

San Miguel County-El Llano Rd from Junction Cinder Rd to Junction NM 65, \$600,000.00 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities.

City of Las Vegas-L00015 Grand Ave from Tilden to National, \$540,000.00 Sidewalks, Lighting, and Landscaping, etc.

Village of Eagle Nest-US 64 within Eagle Nest Village limits, \$500,000.00 Multi-use path. (Path is part of the Angel Fire-Eagle Nest Proposed trail system)

Village of Cimarron-NM 21, Junction US 64 to Philmont Scout Ranch \$1,000,000.00 Construction of Pedestrian Facilities (Design funded with TPE Funds in FY 08)

Town of Springer-L00016 through the Town of Springer, \$1,000,000.00 Sidewalks, Lighting, and Landscaping.

City of Santa Rosa-NM 91, Santa Rosa High School-South, \$400,000.00 Pedestrian Facilities, including Pedestrian Bridge over El Rito Creek.

Village of Mosquero-NM 39 through the Village of Mosquero, \$500,000.00 Sidewalks and Lighting.

City of Tucumcari-I-40/US 54 Interchange, \$500,000.00 Lighting.

Bridges-2 projects:

Colfax County-BR#7733 on CR A-020; BR#7743 on CR A011; BR#8691 on CR C-012 \$1,750,000.00 Bridge Reconstruction/Rehabilitation (BR# 7733, 7743 & 8691)

Quay County-BR#1042 on QCR-020; BR#7684 on QCR 63 \$2,500,000.00 Bridge Reconstruction/Rehabilitation (BR#1042 & 7684)

Roadway-5 projects:

San Miguel County-NM 65 Gallegos Rd Intersection, \$1,000,000.00, Intersection improvements-Accel/decel lanes

City of Las Vegas-Mills Ave. from Junction NM 65 to Junction L0015 (Grand Ave.) \$646,000.00 Pavement resurfacing (Cutler-Heater scarification)

Harding County-NM 39, MP 15 to MP 17.9, \$2,000,000.00 Shoulder widening and overlay.

Union County-NM 421 @Texas State Line \$750,000.00 Roadway Realignment (realignment of curve)

Town of Clayton-US 56/Kitts Road Intersection \$750,000.00 Intersection improvements-Accel/decel lanes

Other:

Railroad:

San Miguel County-Turnout to Northern NM Wood Business Park off of NM 250 \$250,000.00 Construction of Railroad Crossing off of NM 250.

Safety:

Village of Angel Fire-El Camino Rael & Calle de Los Caballeros \$97,980.00 Installation of Guardrail.

We will follow the order of the scoring sheets provided. There are currently 17 voting member's present to cast their votes.

IX. District Four Update-Heather Sandoval, Assistant District Engineer-Engineering:

Heather gave the current information for the funding available for today's PIF presentations:

Roadway-\$800,000.00 for 2010, 2011, and 2012.

TPE-Enhancement \$828,000.00 for 2012.

Bridges-No funds identified at this time.

There are numerous projects identified for Safety and will be submitted accordingly. (San Miguel, Village of Angel Fire, City of Tucumcari, and the Town of Clayton)

Heather wanted to remind everyone that the LGRF Training will take place at the March Meeting.

Chairman Casados asked Heather about the difference in the reduction of speed by Logan, it went from 65 mph to 55 mph. Heather informed him that the project is not complete and once the seal is placed on the road the speed will be re-evaluated.

Chairman Casados gave the NMDOT Staff in attendance an opportunity to give a report:

Mr. Rick Chavez stated that he was the GRIP 2 Specialist and asked if anyone had any questions regarding GRIP 2.

Mr. Benny Martinez stated that he did not have a formal report for the members at this time.

Ms. Janet Spivey stated that she thought everything had been covered.

Mr. Lee Cabeza de Vaca, NMLTAP stated that he is interested in bringing in a work zone training into the Northeast area. He stated that he was limited with dates, but would like to schedule a work zone training on April 25, 2008. There is usually a limited amount of 30 seats available for these trainings. He has some other work zones set up for Artesia and Albuquerque. He informed the members that there will be a training course on Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails in Elephant Butte and Bernalillo. He would also like to provide training on Pavement Preservation as well.

Ms. Sedillo thanked the NMDOT and District 4 Staff for all their assistance with the process. She would especially like to thank Ms. Heather Sandoval for all her technical assistance with the PIF's and for providing additional data.

X. Update from NERPO Planners-Lesah R. Sedillo and Chris Pacheco:

Ms. Sedillo wanted to remind everyone that we need to specify meeting locations for the March and May NERPO Meetings.

However, we have a conflict with the FY 2009 Statewide Transit Application, RPO Prioritization, Preliminary Budget Meeting that will take place on March 27, 2008, at 1 pm, NMDOT General Office, Training Rooms in Santa Fe.

Ms. Sedillo also provided the members with a copy of the NMDOT Citizen Conference Recommendations for the entire State of New Mexico. There was a total of ten conference held throughout the state. The NERPO hosted two conferences one in the City of Las Vegas and Mr. Harold Garcia was our Expert Witness. The second and final conference was held at the City of Raton with Mr. Pete Mileta Jr. as our Expert Witness. Special Thank you to our Expert Witnesses and the NMDOT for their participation. This report is a brief summary from the Citizen Advisors and a final report will be completed this summer.

XI. New Business:

A. General Comments and Announcements from NERPO Members.

Chairman Casados recognized Mr. Hoot Gibson from the Village of Angel Fire. Mr. Casados stated that this was his final NERPO Meeting in his official capacity, but hoped that we would have him as an occasional visitor. Chairman Casados thanked him for his dedicated service and to the NERPO.

Mr. Gibson thanked everyone and shared a few comments and stated that he was fortunate to have been here to watch the NERPO grow into the organization it is today. "We always have to add additional tables at each meeting, since the membership has grown".

Mr. Les Montoya with San Miguel County would like to commend the NMDOT with the process for project through the NERPO. He feels that the process works and the members seem to work well with the process.

Mr. Montoya stated that we go through the PIF process annually, but we never get to see the completed product of our projects. He suggested a standing item on the agenda for a couple of entities to share a brief presentation of their completed projects on a regular basis.

Mayor Pavletich from the Village of Cimarron thanked Ms. Sedillo for her assistance to all the communities with their Power Point Presentations.

B. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings:

LGRF-Training will be discussed in great detail, since District 4 has had some problems with documentation and deadlines with members. Please make sure that you attend the March Meeting if you are now applying for the LGRF or have plans in the future.

C. Meeting Location Amendments

Chairman Casados stated that Harding County would like to host the March Meeting, but he would need to verify the availability of their facility.

The Town of Clayton would like to host the May NERPO Meeting.

XII. Adjournment:

Mrs. Shawn Jeffery, Village of Mosquero made the motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoot Gibson, Village of Angel Fire . The motion carried and all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.