

Meeting Minutes
Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)
NMDOT General Office
1120 Cerrillos Road-Training Room #2
Santa Fe, New Mexico
January 20, 2009
9:15 a.m.

Meeting Attendees

NERPO Voting Members and Alternates:

Name	County	Title	Present/Absent
Les Montoya	San Miguel County	Voting Member	Absent
Harold 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
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
Chuck Howe	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member	Present
Al Lott	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	Present
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
Harry Staven	Town of Clayton	Voting Member	Absent
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
Joseph Campos	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member	Absent
Maxine Rivera	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate	Absent
Manuel Baca	Guadalupe County	Voting Member	Absent
Yolanda Chavez	Guadalupe County	Alternate	Absent
Leticia Torres	Town of Springer	Voting Member	Absent
Johnny L. Chavez	Town of Springer	Alternate	Absent
Billie Odum	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member	Absent
Richard Cordova	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate	Present
Sylvia Olson	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member	Absent
None	Village of Maxwell	Alternate	None
Benito Armijo	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member	Present
Betty Medina	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate	Absent

NERPO Planner

Lesah R. Sedillo
Steve Henthorn

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NMDOT Staff

Paul Gray
Heather Sandoval
Christina Romero
Janet Spivey
Rick Chavez

NMDOT D-4 District Engineer
NMDOT D-4 Assistant District Engineer
NMDOT D-4 PIO
NMDOT Liaison Planning Division
NMDOT GRIP 2 Coordinator

Guests

Laurie Frantz, Scenic Byways Coordinator
Ferron Lucero, Town of Clayton
Sherrita Fluhman, Harding County
Lynda Perry, Village of Eagle Nest

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Robert Casados.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Robert Casados.

III. Moment of Silence

Chairman Casados asked for a moment of Silence.

IV. Welcome and Introductions:

The welcome was presented by Ms. Lesah Sedillo, NERPO Transportation Planner/NCNMEDD. Ms. Sedillo thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend today's meeting, and welcomed them to the City of Santa Fe. Ms. Sedillo invited everyone to attend the Opening Day at the New Mexico Legislature following the NERPO Meeting.

Individual introductions were conducted by each NERPO member.

V. Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Chuck Howe from the Village of Angel Fire made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Richard Cordova from the Village of Eagle Nest seconded the motion. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

VI. Approval of the Minutes: (November 18, 2008, Eagle Nest, New Mexico)

Mr. Al Lott, Village of Angel Fire stated that he was in attendance and the minutes should reflect his presence. Chairman Casados asked for clarification on page 5 from Mr. Steve Henthorn.

Mrs. Linda Pavletich, Village of Cimarron made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chuck Howe, Village of Angel Fire. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

VII. Scenic Byways (Ms. Laurie Frantz, Scenic Byway Coordinator):

Ms. Laurie Frantz informed the NERPO Members that she received (3) three letters of intent from the NERPO Members. They include the City of Santa Rosa, Village of Cimarron and Harding County. The letters of intent were due on January 7, 2009, and the application will be due on January 30, 2009, at 5:00 pm. There were 24 letter of intent received in the State of New Mexico.

Last year the program received \$835,000.00 for the entire State of New Mexico. One of the projects currently in progress is for the Village of Mosquero, Shawn Jeffrey for the La Frontera del Llano Byway.

Northern New Mexico, Hwy 39 stretching from Logan to Abbott, La Frontera del Llano is an incredible drive that winds through the Kiowa National Grasslands and beautiful Mills Canyon. Mosquero is the County seat for Harding County. The project will include Public Facilities with Kiosk.

Mr. Richard Cordova stated that they were disappointed to find out that the entire route into the Village of Eagle Nest was not included as a Scenic Byway. Ms. Frantz stated that in the late 90's that there was a moratorium placed on any new designations of Scenic Byways. It was lifted briefly to include Harding County, Taos and a Northwest Trail. There is a total of 26 Scenic Byways in the State of New Mexico. However, if they allowed everyone road to be designated it would not be of special interest.

Every entity must renew their Dunn's number every year or fill it out prior to submitting their application. They will require some financial information for this process.

Ms. Frantz stated that she and Ms. Sedillo stay in close contact and if anyone had any questions to please forward them to Ms. Sedillo.

VIII. District Four Update/District Training-LGRF and NMDOT Staff-(Mr. Paul Gray, District Four Engineer and Ms. Heather Sandoval, Assistant District Engineer-Engineering):

Mr. Paul Gray, District Four Engineer stated that the Transportation Stimulus Package is due today for all Local Government Entities. The Stimulus Package is estimated at \$30 Billion Nationwide and possibly \$300 Million for the State of New Mexico. There were specific guidelines and criteria sent to all the members regarding the requests for projects. Currently they are talking about a no match situation, but could change with the legislation. These projects would be subject to a reimbursement process, which may be difficult with large projects for the smaller entities.

He anticipates that some of the funding will be utilized to finish GRIP Corridors US 64/87 for an example. We are looking for projects that are shovel ready with all the Environmental Clearances completed. The contract and construction would begin within 90-120 days.

According to the FHWA, they projects need to be ready to award within the 90-120 days of when the President signs the bill. The focus is actually job creation and not specifically Transportation. The NMDOT will have to track each project and report to the appropriate Federal Agencies. These projects must be ready to be programmed into the STIP.

Ms. Heather Sandoval stated that we could utilize some of the price agreements for some of the projects and bridges.

Attached is the packet from the LGRF Training and the current STIP provided by Ms. Heather Sandoval.

Mr. Rick Chavez gave a new update on the recent approved GRIP 2 projects:

District 4 Projects funded with severance tax during FY 2009 (December 2008) Bond Sale

Clayton	\$3,000,000
Eagle Nest	\$2,000,000
Las Vegas	\$1,750,000

District 4 Projects Competing for 2009 funds		
Harding County	Reconstruction improvements for Trigg Road	\$3,562,615

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

Ms. Sedillo provided the following report:

NERPO Planner Report
By Lesah R. Sedillo
January 20, 2009



General Information:

- *PIF's are due today to District 4!*
- *Transportation Stimulus Project deadline today at 5:00 pm*
- *February NERPO Meeting is Mandatory for PIF Presentation.*
- *Special Thank You to the Harding County, City of Santa Rosa and the Village of Angel Fire for hosting the PIF/Capital Outlay Workshops:*
- *Neighborhood Stabilization Program will provide approximately \$19 Million dollars for the State of New Mexico. The funding has many restrictions and will be available by need and criteria. It is a stimulus for abandoned and foreclosure dwellings. The Department of Finance and Administration must submit a proposal to HUD by December 1, 2008. HUD will then have 45 days to review the proposal before the release of the funds. We anticipate*

funds being available in February or March. Ms. Sedillo requested a fact sheet be sent out with a call for projects. We need a list of the specific criteria for the projects, since we have an 18-month turnaround time for a contract. Then the entity would have 5-years to spend the funding. I hope to have someone as a guest speaker to provide all the information to our members after the first of the year!

- *Scenic Byways Applications are due on January 30, 2009 at 5:00 pm for entities that submitted a letter of intent by January 7, 2009! Harding County, City of Santa Rosa and the Village of Cimarron.*

TRAINING:

- *January 22-24, 2009, Smart Growth Conference-Albuquerque Convention Center*
- *January 28, 2009, Transportation Day-All the planners will have a booth at the Legislative Session. We will provide each legislator with cars (RPO/MPO) to remind them about the importance of Transportation Projects and Legislation. I am also assisting with the New Mexico Transportation Town Hall Implementation Team. The Transportation Implementation Team will provide letters and the report to the Congressional Delegates and the State Representatives and Senator's.*
- *NMDOT Commission Meeting-February 26, 2009, City of Santa Rosa.*

Mr. Steve Henthorn wanted to thank Ms. Laurie Frantz for all her hard work and assistance in the Northeast with the Scenic Byways. They have been working on the Corridor Management Plan and received an extension to complete the work. The work was completed within 45 days, and usually takes 6 to 18 months!

XIII. New Business:

A. General Comments and Announcements from NERPO Members:

Vice-Chairman Richard Arguello asked that his concerns be relayed to the powers above regarding the Stimulus Package. He is very concerned that the smaller entities that do not have the available funding in place to be ready for these projects. This package includes a very stringent criteria and deadline, and that very few entities will benefit.

B. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings:

Ms. Sedillo reminded everyone to request their presentation topics for future meetings.

C. Meeting Location Amendments

This is the following schedule for the NERPO Meetings:

- **February 2009-Mandatory Meeting for PIF Presentations-Harding County**
- **March 2009-Angel Fire**
- **April 2009-Clayton**
- **May 28, 2009, Village of Wagon Mound HS Board Room**

XIV. Adjournment:

Mr. Carlos Ortiz, City of Las Vegas made the motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chuck Howe, Village of Angel Fire. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41a.m.