

Meeting Minutes
Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)
Hosted by Harding County
Harding County Community Center
557 Wagon Mound Highway
Roy, N. M. 87743
March 28, 2008
10:00 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	Present
Carlos A. Ortiz, Jr.	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member	Absent
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	Absent
Leo Parker	Colfax County	Alternate	Absent
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	Absent
Chuck Howe	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate	Absent
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	Absent
Clayton Moore	Village of Roy	Alternate	Present
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	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	Present
Jack Chosvig	Town of Clayton	Voting Member	Absent
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 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	Present
Manuel Baca	Guadalupe County	Voting Member	Present
Yolanda Chavez	Guadalupe County	Alternate	Present
Leticia Torres	Town of Springer	Voting Member	Present
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
Anthony Mitchell	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	Present

NERPO Planners

Lesah R. Sedillo
Steve Henthorn

NCNMEDD
EPCOG

NMDOT Staff

Paul Gray
Heather Sandoval
Christina Romero
Janet Spivey
Rick Chavez
Benny Martinez

NMDOT D-4 District Engineer
NMDOT D-4 Assistant District Engineer
NMDOT D-4, Public Information Officer
NMDOT, Transportation Planner
NMDOT, GO/GRIP 2
NMDOT, GO

Guests

Monica Abeyta, Guadalupe County
Michel Chavez, Guadalupe County
Michael Muniz, Guadalupe County
Alix King, Village of Wagon Mound
Glenn Boone, Village of Angel Fire
Al Lott, Village of Angel Fire
Denise Robertson, EPCOG
Debbie Erickson, Dennis Eng Co.
Misty Vick, Quay County
Mike Schoonover, Folsom
Laura Brewer, Historic Preservation
Richard Delgado, City of Santa Rosa
Pedro Laumbach, Harding County
Edward Fluhaman, Mayor of Village of Roy
Ron Wilmot, City of Tucumcari
Sylvia Olson, Village of Maxwell
Dennis Ortiz, NMDOT
Christine Sandoval, NMDOT
Thomas Martinez, NMDOT

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:09 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.

III. Welcome and Introductions:

The welcome was presented by Mr. Edward (Lee) Fluhman, Mayor of the Village of Roy. Mr. Fluhman welcomed everyone to the Village of Roy and to look around and see all the infrastructure improvements that have been done in the last six years. Roy has had a good success rate in getting funding through the NMDOT and this organization. The Village is very grateful for those improvements. Mayor Fluhman also wanted everyone to stop in on the gift shops around the Village.

Chairman Robert Casados wanted to welcome and thank everyone to Harding County on behalf of the Harding County Commissioner and to let everyone know that Highway 39 is a scenic byway and would encourage everyone to look at the view that the county has to offer. It is a great honor to have NERPO here again, Harding County enjoys having guest in the area.

Individual introductions were conducted by each NERPO members and guest.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Benito Armijo of the Village of Wagon Mound made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Harold Garcia of San Miguel County seconded the motion. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

V. Approval of the Minutes: (February 28, 2008, Santa Rosa, New Mexico)

Mr. Richard Cordova of the Village of Eagle Nest made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Linda Pavletich of the Village of Cimarron. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

VI. Discussion and Approval of the 2008/2009 NERPO Annual Work Plan.

Mrs. Linda Pavletich of the Village of Cimarron made the motion to approve the 2008/2009 NERPO Annual Work Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benito Armijo of the Village of Wagon Mound. The motion carried and all voted in favor

VII. Approval of the RTIPR-Rating and Ranking for the NERPO/Scenic Byways.

Mr. Harold Garcia of San Miguel County made the motion to approve the RTIPR-Rating and Ranking. The motion was seconded by Mr. Manuel Baca of Guadalupe County. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

Ms. Sedillo explained the voting process to the 27 NERPO voting members. Ms. Sedillo passed out voting sheet to each voting member per entity. The four applications that will be Rating and Ranking, are as follows:

Scenic Byways Presentations:

**City of Tucumcari-Convention Center Route 66 Slide show
Presented by Ron Wilmont**

**City of Santa Rosa-Tourist and Interpretive Information
Presented by Richard Delgado**

**Village of Mosquero-Public Facilities with Kiosk
Presented by Shawn Jeffrey**

**Santa Fe-Trail-Interpretive Kiosks and wayside exhibits along 5 Counties
Presented by Laura Brewer**

VIII. Local Government Road Fund Training (Thomas Martinez-NMDOT District 4)

Mr. Martinez went over the LGRF programs and there deadlines, modifications and time extensions. Mr. Martinez also talked about the LGRF funding and the distribution of funds. The training packets contained samples of the documentation requirements and sample letters. Thomas Martinez is available for questions and encourages applicants to call if any type of help is needed for the LGRF.

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

Mr. Paul Gray, District Engineer thanked the Village of Roy. Mr. Gray went over the operational issues with the budget, routine maintenance and GRIP projects. Mr. Gray informed the members that the Glen Rio Information Center should have the opening ceremony in April, he also announced at the Annual Traffic Safety Summit, New Mexico reduced the traffic fatality by 10% and the seatbelt use is up 2%.

Heather Sandoval, Assistant District Engineer went over the Letting schedule for our region.

Christine Romero, Public Information Officer wanted to inform the members of the upcoming events

**New Mexico Broadcasters Association
Media Relation and Public Information officer Training/ Training is free with lunch
Las Vegas in September**

**National Transportation Day Open House
May 14, 2008 District 4 Headquarters**

**National Work Lane Awareness Week
April 7-11**

Mr. Rick Chavez, NMDOT GO/GRIP 2 announced the status of GRIP 2. Mr. Chavez will be sending letters out to let everyone know what the status is and what is available. If you have any question on GRIP 2 please contact Rick Chavez.

X. Update from NERPO Planners-Lesah Sedillo and Steven Henthorn

**Ms. Lesah Sedillo wanted to remind the members of the deadline for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Funding that is coming up on March 17, 2008. If you need any help give her a call.
Lesah wanted to remind the members of the Work Zone Training on April 25, 2008, Paul and Heather are working on a facility for the training.**

Lesah thanked the NMDOT D4 staff for their consistent participation in the meetings and also the good attendance of the NERPO members. This district is very lucky to have such a great District and is very proud.

Steve Henthorn would like to add to Leash's comment on the NMDOT D4 taking care of issues in the district and have been supportive and we appreciate there support and look forward to their continued support.

Steve or Lesah will be sending out the results for the ranking and rating of the scenic byways by email by the end of the week. Mr. Steve Henthorn wanted to let the members know that during the RPO presentations for each municipality Steve has asked the EPCOG's Director of Economic Development to attend for questions on legislative funding. So if you are able to schedule an RPO presentation and need to ask those questions we will invite him and set up a time that we all can meet.

XI. New Business:

A. General Comments and Announcements from NERPO Members.

Chairman Casados recognized Mr. Doug Powers for his part in the NERPO as Chairman and wanted to thank him for all the work he has done with this organization. NERPO has come a long way and he wanted to give Mr. Powers the credit for his contribution to this organization.

Doug Powers gave a brief presentation on the past project on Tucumcari Municipal Landfill Turning Lane. Doug wanted to illustrate to the members that the joint efforts from Tucumcari, Quay County, and the NMDOT that made this projects work and wanted to thank the members for making it happen.

Paul Gray, District Engineer announced District 4 as 3rd best in the nation for Condition of Interstate.

Christina Romero, Public Information Officer announced the District 4 Chip Seal Crew was awarded the Pavement preservation Award for the project on NM58 west of I25 toward Cimarron.

B. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings:

April 24, 2008-Village of Angel Fire-ICIP Training

C. Meeting Location Amendments

**April 24, 2008-Village of Angel Fire-ICIP Training
May 29, 2008-Town of Clayton**

XII. Adjournment:

Mr. Richard Cordova of the Village of Eagle Nest made the motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benito Armijo of the Village of Wagon Mound. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.