

Meeting Minutes
 Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)
 Harding County Community Center
 557 Wagon Mound Highway
 Roy, NM 87743
 February 5, 2009
 10:25

Meeting Attendees

NERPO Voting Members Alternates:

Name	County	Title
Present/Absent		

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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
present		
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
absent		
Robert Casados	Harding County	Voting Member
present		
Jerry Porterfield	Harding County	Alternate
present		
Shawn Jeffrey	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
present		
Ray Vigil	Village of Mosquero	Alternate
absent		

June Mahoney	Village of Roy	Voting Member	present
Marshal Drake	Village of Roy	Alternate	present
Linda Lavender	Village of House	Voting Member	absent
None	Village of House	Alternate	absent
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
Ferron Lucero	Town of Clayton	Voting Member	present
Jimmie Taylor	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
Karen Bray	Village of Des Moines	Alternate	present
None	Village of Pecos	Voting Member	absent
None	Village of Pecos	Alternate	absent
Diane Brown	Village of Folsom	Voting Member	absent
Mike Shoonover	Village of Folsom	Alternate	present
Mignon Sadoris	Village of Greenville	Voting Member	absent
Lynn Wiseman	Village of Greenville	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 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	absent
Sylvia Olson	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member	absent
None	Village of Maxwell	Alternate	absent
Benito Armijo	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member	present
Betty Medina	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate	present

NERPO Planner

Lesah R. Sedillo
Steve Henthorn

NCNMEDD

EPCOG

NMDOT

Paul Gray
Heather Sandoval

NMDOT D-4 District Engineer

NMDOT D-4

Assistant District
Engineer

Janet Spivey
Christina Romero

NMDOT Liaison Planning Division

NMDOT

Guests

Lee Cabeza de Vaca-NMLTAP
Mark Lake-City of Tucumcari
Richard Delgado-City of Santa Rosa
Joseph Cruz-Village of Cimarron
Lynda Perry-Village of Eagle Nest
Don Day-Colfax County
Glenn Boone-Village of Angel Fire
Donzil Worthington- Wilson & Company
Michael Lewis-Harding County
Lydia Martinez-Lucio-EPCOG

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:25 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.

Moment of Silence

III. Welcome and Introductions (Chairman Casados)

The welcome was presented by Chairman Casados, Harding County. Mr. Casados thanked everyone for being here today. He said it was a great pleasure to have everyone back again. Chairman Casados said he would also like to introduce Marcia Drake from the Village of Roy.

Mrs. Drake welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out to the Village of Roy and said she is looking forward to a good meeting.

Jimmie Taylor from the Town of Clayton asked what are the steps he would have to take in order to change Ferron Lucero to voting member for the Town of Clayton since he has taken over the position of City Manager for Clayton.

Lesah Sedillo informed everyone in order to change a voting member/alternate, a written request needs to be submitted to either herself or Steve Henthorn.

Individual introductions were conducted by each NERPO member.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bill Conley from Colfax County made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlos Ortiz from the City of Las Vegas. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

V. Approval of Minutes:(January 20, 2009)

Mr. Bill Conley from Colfax County made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Shawn Jeffrey from the Village of Mosquero. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

VI. Project Identification Form(PIF)/Scenic Byways Presentations for Rating and Rankings

Ms. Sedillo explained the Rating and Ranking process and distributed one voting sheet per category to each voting member per entity. Lesah asked that at the end of each voting section if

each voting member would put their name or initial of their voting entity on the form. The four categories for presentations today are as follows:

Enhancement-10 Projects

Village of Eagle Nest-US 54-Mile Post 285-Mile Post 287, \$500,000.00 Multi- use Trail.(Trail is part of the Angel Fire-Eagle Nest Proposed trail system)

City of Raton-2nd St. and Clayton Hwy, Walking Trail, Lighting

City of Santa Rosa-Route 66 Downtown Cental Kiosk, (corner of Route 66 and Main St.)
Rest area, bicycle stop.

Village of Cimarron-\$250,000.00, US HWY 21, Pedestrian pathway bicycle project.

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

Village of Folsom-Main Street Enhancement,(Phase I) \$100,000.00 Roadway reconstruction,
sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters, etc.

City of Las Vegas-Gallegos River-walk Project,\$265,000.00

Union County-NM 456 Row acquisition, \$50,000.00-\$100,000.00) Pull-off

City of Tucumcari-Main Street Enhancements- \$100,000.00,Sidewalks, curb ramps, landscaping,
lighting, sidewalks.

Harding County-NM 39 in the area of David Hill, Widening ROW Acquisition ROW for Scenic
Byway Pullouts

Bridge-6 Projects

San Miguel County- Montezuma Bridge Project-\$500,000.00 Bridge Reconstruction/Rehab.

Colfax County- Bridges BR#7733 on CR A-020; BR#7743 on CR A-011; BR #8691 on CR C-
012.\$1,750,000.00

Quay County-Rehabilitation of Bridges/Route 66 BR#1042, and QR 63 BR#7684 .500,000.00

Scenic- Byways-2 Projects

City of Santa Rosa-Route 66 Downtown Cental Kiosk, (corner of Route 66 and Main St.)
Rest area, bicycle stop.

Village of Cimarron-\$250,000.00, US HWY 21, Pedestrian pathway bicycle project.

Roadway-8 Projects

San Miguel County-NM 65 Gallegos Rd. Intersection, \$1,000,000.00. Intersection improvement, 3-way stop, Lighting.

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.

Village of Folsom-Main Street Enhancement,(Phase I) \$100,000.00 Roadway reconstruction, Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters, etc.

City of Las Vegas-Mills Avenue Project, \$700,000.00, Pavement resurfacing and maintenance.

Union County- NM 456/ 5 Miles,(\$50,000.00-\$100,000.00) paving and construction of drainage structures.

Village of Angel Fire- North & South Angel Fire Road, \$520,000.00, Road Reconstruction

Town of Clayton-US 56 and Dr. Michael Jenkins Rd, \$500,000.00, Lane Improvements-Accel/decel lanes.

Harding County- NM 39, Shoulder Widening and Overlay

VII. Lunch

VIII. District 4 Update/District 4 Training-LGRF and NMDOT Staff (Mr. Paul Gray, District Four Engineer and Ms. Heather Sandoval, Assistant District Engineer-Engineering)

Mr. Paul Gray, District 4 Engineer stated that the Economic Stimulus package that is coming down from the federal government is estimated at \$30 Billion Nationwide and possibly \$194 Million for DOT lead projects and \$ 82 Million Local lead projects.

Funding guidelines are going to fall under Title XXIII of the Codes of Federal Regulations therefore the same rules apply to the funding discussed today. Projects must be federal aid eligible with the exception of bridge & enhancement projects. There will be no match requirement, but there will be a reimbursement process. Therefore up front money for the project is required. The Municipal League and the Association of Counties are looking at developing ways to borrow money if needed to get the projects started.

To date we have received 270 project proposals totaling almost \$830 million dollars. Unfortunately only one tenth of those proposals will be funded. There will be a screening process to assure projects are eligible for the type of funding requested as well as being construction ready

in order to comply with the 90-day rule. The 90-day rule basically states that you must be under contract and ready to break ground within the 90 days of when the President signs the bill.

They applied the same funding formula that we use on our regular STIP dollars. District 4 could end up with \$6 million for TPO, which are projects that are in areas with a population greater than 5,000 and less than 2,000. \$2.5 million for TPM projects which are areas with a population less than 5,000. \$1.7 million dollars for TPE projects. Presuming the Stimulus Package does get signed into law District 4 will receive a total of \$8 million dollars.

Heather Sandoval, Assistant District 4 Engineer reported that 3 projects were funded at of the December 09 Bond Sale; Clayton, Las Vegas and Eagle Nest. The draft agreements are out and a final draft agreement for signatures will go out withing the next month. Ms. Sandoval reminded everyone the importance of sending in payment request. This request will help verify the movement/progress of the project.

Mr. Gray stated that transportation is anticipating a budget shortfall in the Road Fund of around \$38 million dollars. This year our revenue production is coming in much lower than our approved budget. People are looking at ways to fill those gaps. If there are Capital Outlay projects that seem to be stagnant there is a possibility those funds could be recaptured.

Christina Romero, NMDOT District 4 provided the following update:

District 4 will be hosting the Transportation Commission Meeting on February 29th in Santa Rosa, NM at the Santa Rosa High School. If you entity is interested in presenting before the commission please contact Christina the deadline to be placed on the agenda is February 12th.

Safety Projects (Funded):

Railroad Crossing North of Las Vegas-\$300,000.00
Intersection within the City of Las Vegas-\$250,000.00
Interstate 45-Lighting, \$1,000,000.00

Safety Projects (Unfunded):

Harding County - 39
Town of Clayton- Michael Jenkins Rd.
Village of Angel Fire-Guardrail Project
Union County-State Rd. 421

IX. Update from NERPO Planners (Lesah Sedillo and Steve Henthorn)

Lesah wanted to remind everyone of the New Mexico Transportation Commission meeting in Santa Rosa on February 29th. Deadline to be placed on the agenda is February 12th.

Steve Henthorn said he is still waiting to hear something regarding the LGRF deadlines and once he receives any information he will provide that to everyone.

New Business:

A. General Comments and Announcements from NERPO Members.

Chairman Casados wanted to pay a special thank you to Barbara Shaw and the Village of Roy for providing lunch and also wanted to recognize Lesah Sedillo and Steve Henthorn for working the NERPO booth at the Roundhouse. Mr. Harold Garcia thanked Ms. Sedillo for the RPO Presentation to the New Mexico Association of Counties!

B. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meeting

C. Meeting Location Amendments

March 18th, 2009- Village of Angel Fire

April, 2009-Town of Clayton

May 28, 2009-Wagon Mound HS Board Room

X. Adjournment

Mr. Carlos Ortiz, City of Las Vegas made the motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Conley, Colfax County. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.