

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)**  
**San Miguel County, Kennedy Hall NMHU**  
**University Avenue-Las Vegas, New Mexico**  
**September 17, 2008**  
**10:35 a.m.**

**Meeting Attendees**

**NERPO Voting Members and Alternates:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
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
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
Renee Hayoz	Village of Roy	Voting Member	Absent
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	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	Absent
John Sutherland	City of Tucumcari	Alternate	Absent
Harry Staven	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	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	Present
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**

Heather Sandoval  
Janet Spivey  
Rick Chavez

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

## **Guests**

Michael Anaya- Santa Fe County Commissioner

### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

**The Meeting was called to order at 10:35 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. Moment of Silence.**

### **IV. The welcome was presented by Les Montoya, San Miguel County Commissioner.**

Individual introductions were conducted by each NERPO member.

### **V. Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr Casados, Harding County made suggestions the order of items on the Agenda to accommodate the schedules of some of the individuals.

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

### **VI. Approval of the Minutes:** (August, 286 2008, Village of Cimarron, New Mexico.)

Mr. Bobby Casados, Harding County made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Conley from Colfax County. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

**VII Mr. Michael Anaya**, County Commissioner of Santa Fe County, gave a brief presentation of the New Mexico Association of Counties.

### **Mr. Paul Gutierrez gave the Legislative Update from the New Mexico Association of Counties.**

Mr. Guterrez said that two of the pieces of legislation that the Association of Counties was in support of were in office pay increases for elected officials and the partial lifting of the term limits on Commissioners. He also added that they were attempting to get new voting machines and video conferencing for detention purposes due to the amount of

money, time and personnel it took to transport inmates from the detention facilities to the courtroom and that this procedure could be replaced with video conferencing.

#### **VIII Mr. Bill Fulginiti from the New Mexico Municipal League:**

Mr Fulginiti gave a legislative update on the Capital Outlay outlook for the coming year. Mr. Fulginiti advised that due to the falling oil prices and to decreased demand for fossil fuels that there would be a decrease in the predicted revenue from the fuel and natural gas taxes. This eminently meant that Capital Outlay money would be less, and harder to get in the future. He stressed the importance of having the ICIP and Comprehensive Plans completed and updated and that if the project applied for was not on the entities ICIP that it more than likely wouldn't receive the Capital request. Mr Fulginiti added that there were other possible sources of revenue such as increases on the solid waste permits and several changes anticipated in the gas tax and opened the floor to questions. Mr. Bill Conley commented that the smaller communities were already paying more for gas than the metro areas and the people were suffering and an increase in gas tax would be even worse. He also added that a large portion of the money that went to the Rail Runner was taken from rural funds and there were a lot of people that were upset because the two most important issues to rural communities were roads and water. Ms. Sandoval commented that New Mexico receives more money back from the Feds. on gas taxes than they put in. Ms. Sedillio advised that the COGs would like to work with the Association of Counties on these issues.

#### **IX. Approval and support of Resolution 2008-02 LGRF- (County / Municipal).**

Ms. Sedillo announced that Paul Gray would like to address and change some of the language in the resolution. Mr. Harry Staven, Town of Clayton made a motion to table the issue, the motion was seconded by Chuck Howe from the Village of Angel Fire. The motion was passed and the issue was tabled.

#### **X. US Census Bureau- (Ms. Pauline Nunez):**

Ms. Nunez gave a presentation of the purpose of the U.S. Census and the role it plays in determining the amounts of funding for all communities. Ms. Nunez stressed the importance of responding and the importance of the accuracy of the census and the plans for opening the offices in New Mexico and the rules, requirements and procedures for collecting the census. Ms. Nunez issued handout materials and contact information.

#### **XI. District Four Update- Heather Sandoval, Assistant District Engineer-Engineering:**

Ms. Sandoval gave the following update for District 4:

- The DOT is waiting for a reclassification of roads from the Feds.
- There is a \$15 million shortfall in the funding for the DOT this year that will effect operations and mean that mowing will be reduced to one pass rather than mowing from Right of Way to Right of Way and a reduction of snow removal that may effect some of the lesser priority roads.

## **XII. Update from NERPO Planners- Steve Henthorn and Lesah Sedillo:**

Ms. Sedillo provided the following information:

### General Information:

- *September 30, 2008-ICIP Deadline- All entities are encouraged to call for personal Assistance-Sent previous e-mails with instructions for submission.*
- *September-SRTS Information will be available soon.*
- *October-November Transit Application Rating and Ranking*
- *August 7-9, 2008, NMDOT/NEWMARC/New Mexico First-Transportation Town Hall-Final Report.*
- *The NM RPO's will have a booth at the NM Infrastructure Conference in Alb. Send more photos. We will have a similar booth at the New Mexico Association of Counties Conference in January.*
- *NCNMEDD will be collecting data from every government entity in order to better assist with projects.*

### NMDOT Commission Meetings in District 4:

- *September 18, 2008, NMDOT Transportation Commission Meeting in Las Vegas.*

### TRAINING:

- *September 10-11, 2008, Regional Asset Management Conference-Ms. Sedillo provided a two page document on Transportation Asset Management to the members.*

- *September 18-19, 2008, New Mexico State Trails Conference in Albuquerque.*
- *September 24-25, 2008, Media Relations and Public Information Officer Training hosted by District 4*
- *October 28-30, 2008, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual NM Infrastructure Finance Conference in Albuquerque.*
- *Remember to review your legislative agreements for expiration dates, so that we can be prepared for the next Legislative Session!*

Mr. Henthorn provided the following information:

- They had been collecting information for Capital Outlay and if anyone needed help to could call and he'd be glad to help with the application for Capital Outlay.
- Paving project in Clayton was scheduled for the following week. Through help with the representative of Western Emulsion they had been able to put together a small program informing the entities of situations where it may be more cost effective to completely remove existing asphalt and make corrections to the subgrade rather than continue paving on top of patches. The projected life span of these roads could be increased to up to 10 years rather than continued maintenance.

### **XIII. New Business:**

A. General Comments and Announcements from NERPO Members:

Mr. Larry Moore invited everyone to attend the Air Show on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the Governor's Economic Summit from October 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.

B. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings:

C. Meeting Location Amendments

**This is the following schedule for the NERPO Meetings:**

- **October 30, 2008 Des Moines, Ports to Plains**
- **December, PIF/ Capital Outlay Workshops, Santa Rosa, Angel Fire**

**XV. Adjournment:**

**Mr. Carlos Ortiz of the City of Las Vegas made the motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Moore of Quay County. The motion carried and all voted in favor.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.**