

Meeting Minutes
Northeast Regional Planning Organization (NERPO)
Eagle Nest City Hall- 151 Willow Creek Drive
Hosted by the Village of Eagle Nest
Eagle Nest, New Mexico
November 29, 2007
10:32 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	Present
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
None	Village of Roy	Alternate	
Linda Lavender	Village of House	Voting Member	Absent
None	Village of House	Alternate	
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
Jack Chosvig	Town of Clayton	Voting Member	Absent
Mike Running	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
Jesse Yeargain	Village of Des Moines	Alternate	Absent
None	Village of Pecos	Voting Member	
None	Village of Pecos	Alternate	
Diane Brown	Village of Folsom	Voting Member	Absent
None	Village of Folsom	Alternate	
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	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	Present
Richard Cordova	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate	Present
Anthony Mitchell	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member	Absent
None	Village of Maxwell	Alternate	
Benito Armijo	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member	Absent
Betty Medina	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate	Present

NERPO Planners

Lesah R. Sedillo	NCNMEDD
Chris Pacheco	EPCOG
Steven Henthorn	EPCOG
Denise Robertson, Assistant	EPCOG

NMDOT Staff

Heather Sandoval	NMDOT D-4 Assistant District Engineer
Christina Romero	NMDOT D-4, Public Information Officer
Janet Spivey	NMDOT, Transportation Planner
Rick Chavez	NMDOT, D-4
Tim Rogers	NMDOT,

Guests

Graig Kerkman, Village of Eagle Nest
Stuart Hamilton, Village of Angel Fire
Glenn Boone, Village of Angel Fire
Alice Baca, Village of Eagle Nest
Paul Atzbergor, Village of Eagle Nest
Jon Reveal, Village of Angel Fire Resort

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:32 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 Chairman Robert Casados. Chairman Casados thanked everyone for coming and introduced Mayor Billie Odum with the Village of Eagle Nest the host for this months meeting.

Mayor Billie Odum thanked and welcomed everyone to the Village of Eagle Nest and passed out Eagle Nest pins to all the members and guests. They will be providing lunch catered by the Lucky Shoe for the NERPO members and guests.

Individual introductions were conducted by each NERPO member and guest.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Hoot Gibson from the Village of Eagle Nest made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Linda Pavletich from Village of Cimarron seconded the motion. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

V. Approval of the Minutes: (October 31, 2007 Tucumcari Convention Center)

Mr. Larry Moore from Quay County made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hoot Gibson from the Village of Angel Fire seconded the motion. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

VI. Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Equestrian (Tim Rogers, BPE Coordinator)

The presentation went over reasons to support walking and biking in New Mexico. Tim also went over state bike routes in District Four and the state funding that is available for these routes. His presentation also talked about Walk to School Day in Las Vegas and Safe Route to School. The transportation system should accommodate bicycle, pedestrian, and Equestrian in New Mexico.

VII. Lunch: 12:00 A.M.

VIII. Call for Projects/ Capital Outlay

Mr. Chris Pacheco announced that he has received all of the capital outlays and had a few that had to be converted from ICIP to Capital Outlay.

Ms. Sedillo wanted to go over the PIF Submittal with the board and to let everyone know that December and January they will be out with the different communities to give personal attention for PIF and Capital Outlays. Heather Sandoval NMDOT will be at the meetings to give personal attention with the PIF or to see if their projects are eligible and go over the Capital Outlay forms. We would like to have these meetings set up in two or three areas for these meetings. The City of Tucumcari, San Miguel County, and Angel Fire has offered to host meetings in these areas. Dates and times will be given out by the planners. Capital Outlay 2008 session begins January 15 and ends February 14 forms should be turned in as soon as possible so that they can be reviewed for completeness and project readiness.

PIF Submittal schedule:

- October 9-Call for Projects
- October 31-Discussion of Project Eligibility, Funding, RTIPR Process, etc.
- December and January-Entity PIF Consultations with District 4 and NERPO Planners
 - December 18, Tucumcari
 - December 21, Angel Fire
 - January 3, Las Vegas
- January 25-PIF Submittal Deadline to NERPO Planners
- February 28, Santa Rosa -NERPO Mandatory Meeting-PIF Presentations and Project Ranking and Rating (Per NERPO By-Laws)
- March 2008-RTIPR completed and Submitted to NMDOT

Ms. Sedillo reminded the members that the NERPO By-Laws were amended in August to reflect the mandatory meeting in February for the presentation and ranking and rating. There is also a limit of one project, per entity, per category.

C. IX. Approval for amendments to the STIP

Ms. Heather Sandoval, Assistant District Engineer provided the STIP amendments to the board. **Mr. Les Montoya from San Miguel County made the motion to approve the Amendments to the STIP. Mr. Larry Moore from Quay County seconded the motion. The motion carried and all voted in favor.**

X. District Four Update-Heather Sandoval, Assistant District Engineer

Ms. Heather Sandoval, Assistant District Engineer went over the Grip II projects that are ready to go and the STIP projects that are coming up. The PIF Submittal Deadline to the NERPO Planners is January 25:

- **Roadway** FY 10-FY 12 is approximately \$800,000.00 District will be lead agency.
- **TPE** FY 12 is approximately \$828,272.00 Local Entity will be lead agency, 25% Match.
- **Bridge** (Off-System) No target set submit 1-2 projects @ \$250K to \$300K.
- **Safety** No target set submit 1-2 projects and District will include with District Safety Project Submittal.

Mr. Rick Chavez went over GRIP II projects and wanted to remind the board that the GRIP agreement with NMDOT also has an MOA agreement with NMFA and each entity. The MOA needs to be in place before the reimbursement can be turned in. This agreement with NMFA has wiring instructions for each bank account that NMDOT needs for reimbursement. This agreement is easy for you to overlook because it is emailed to your contact person. The Schedule for the LGRF.

- **January 1st**-Letters will be sent out to entities requesting projects for next Fiscal Year (1/1/08 for FY 08/09)
- **March 15th**- Deadline to submit projects to District 4 Office
- **May/June**-Funding levels received from Santa Fe and distributed by District among projects submitted
- **July 1st**-Agreements prepared and sent out for review/approval
- **December 31st**-of following year (12/10 for FY 08/09 Projects)-**DEADLINE for Project Completion!**

Ms. Christina Romero NMDOT D-4 public information Officer, presented Ms. Lesah Sedillo the National Association of Development Organization (NADO) 2007 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for the guidance through the Northeast Central Economic Development Corporation. Lesah thanked everyone and announced that she was proud to work for such a wonderful district and hears nothing but good things about District 4 and is very proud of the district staff and this organization.

XI. Update from NERPO Planners, Lesah R. Sedillo and Chris Pacheco

Mr. Chris Pacheco wanted to let everyone to know that the transit scores have been sent out to the state last week and also wanted to introduced Steve Henthorn from NMDOT District 2; Steve has been hired as EPCOG's new transportation planner for NERPO. Chris wanted to let the board know that he will still be with EPCOG as the SERPO planner. Chris informed the board that Denise Robertson, Steve Henthorn and himself will be available if you need any info from the region. Steve announced that he was glad to be here and is excited with the opportunity and please call or email him with any question you might have.

Ms. Sedillo reminded everyone about the Safe Routes to School Program deadline is December 14. She sent another email on this information if you did not get it please let her know. The FHWA and FTA does the Transportation Planning Excellence Award that will be announced in December 2007 they will accept nominations up until February 29, 2008. If you have any projects to submit get with District 4 staff to make sure it will qualify.

The Citizen Conference was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 in Las Vegas. A special thanks to Mr. Harold Garcia for representing our area as an expert witness. Mr. Harold Garcia spoke briefly about the conference. The comments made were concern that the public had for that area. One concern that Harold would like to suggest, is that we put a section in our agenda for public input. Chris Pacheco commented that he was at the meeting in Clovis and that they had the same concerns that Las Vegas has but in the Clovis area. He would like to see what the smaller counties have because not everyone can attend. If they need more public input they need to go out and beat the bushes and have these meeting in there area to get the input form the public. Ms. Sedillo commented that the fliers are out there for the community to bring up at the local level. Ms. Sedillo reminded the board that there will also be another Citizen Conference held on February 6, 2008, in Raton. Mr. P. J. Mileta will be the expert witness in Raton.

Ms. Sedillo also wanted to bring up The Proposed Enchanted Circle Regional Transit District. The Enchanted Circle including:

Angel Fire Resort, Angel Fire, Taos Ski Valley, Town of Taos, Red River, and Questa. San Miguel County and Mora are looking at a transit study for transit in that area and are looking into tying them into the Enchanted Circle because Angel Fire provides services to Eagle Nest and goes into the Mora area. If anyone else is interested in the Region Transit District she will be happy to add you to the mailing list. The next meeting will be held after the session in February it will be held in Red River and will be providing lunch. This will help numerous counties with the taxing authority to have successful transit. Due to the aging community and the high cost of gas transit is the way of the future. The transit program will assist the community and make a viable transportation program in this area.

Mr. Hoot Gibson, Village of Angel Fire wanted to know about the transit rating that was done on the 5311 and if it is too late to eliminate one of the scores from the rate sheet to help the scores that were turned in. Ms. Sedillo and Mr. Pacheco explained that the scores have been turned in and the percent rated was 90% high and 1% low, it is not too

late to talk to Melvin Martinez, NMDOT to see what can be done.

Mr. Bill Conley, Colfax County suggested that we as a group to eliminate one of the top scores and, or eliminate one of the low scores.

XII. New Business:

A. General Comments and Announcements from NERPO Members.

Chairman Cassados welcomed Steve Henthorn to the NERPO and thanked Chris for all the work he has done for NERPO.

Chairman Casados suggested that we respond to the emails from the planners to keep up on the attendance so the planners can have a good count for the meals and the attendance.

Mr. Chuck Howe, Village of Angel Fire commented that he had attended the House Memorial 35 and had a chance to speak and suggested to put toll booths at the each end of the interstate. The damage the long haul trucker that use the interstate to cross New Mexico are not collecting a lot of the fees that those trucks should be paying us, that is a good source of revenue that we could be getting. At the end of his presentation he told everyone how great District 4 is.

B. Suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings:

Chairman Casados suggested that if we are going to put a public comment on the agenda that it be put at the end of the agenda.

Mr. Harold Garcia, San Miguel county suggested having the meeting a day and a half. Every quarter have the public comment the evening before NERPO meeting.

Mr. Richard Arguello, Union County commented that public comment is important but that's what we are here to represent the constituents. We post flyers and emails for these meetings. You can send out a call in your community or in your own paper and to say if you have any concerns contact your mayor, your city councilmen, be at your city council meeting, the commission meeting, what ever it takes so they can bring all those issues here. That is why we are here to represent the constituents.

Mr. Chuck Howe commented that we need to know that in the New Mexico Open Meetings Act there are two types of meetings, the public meeting and the business meeting. We need to be careful not to turn a business meeting into a public meeting. If you have an issue you need to get in touch with your elective representative and let them represent you; we are elected representatives. We do need to have public meetings, this is not a public meeting.

Mr. Bill Conley, Colfax County also agrees with Mr. Howe and suggests that it should be left up to the individual communities to discuss issues with there representatives. We

will allow the public to listen to our business meetings but not to allow our meetings to stretch into the wee hours of the morning , it will be a mistake if we turn our meeting into a public hearing. Having a public meeting is a great idea but it is not something NERPO should do its up to the individuals to do.

Mr. Les Montoya wanted to acknowledge Chris Pacheco and award him a letter of recognition/acknowledgment for the work he has done with NERPO on behalf of NERPO and also to thank the Department of Transportation for following through on this new process. It has been proven to be beneficial for everyone on this part of the state

C. Meeting Location Amendments

December and January-Entity PIF Consultations with District 4 and NERPO Planners

- O December 18, Tucumcari
- O December 21, Angel Fire
- O January 3, Las Vegas

Next meeting- Town of Springer January 31

XIII. Adjournment:

Ms. Linda Pavletich, Village of Cimarron made the motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Billie Odum, Village of Eagle Nest. The motion carried and all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.