Meeting Minutes

Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO)
Hosted by Village of Angel Fire
Angel Fire Community Center

15 CS Ranch Rd. Angel Fire, NM 87710 May 22nd, 2019 10:00 a.m.



Meeting Attendees

Present/Absent	Name	Entity	Voting/Alternate
Present	Rick Tafoya	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Present	Richard Cordova-Chair	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Present	Chuck Howe V-Chair	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member
Present	Sarah Arias	Town of Springer	Alternate
Present	Arnold Lopez	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Present	Ralph Lopez	City of Tucumcari	Alternate
Present	Robert Thompson	Colfax County	Alternate
Present	Samuel Blea	Town of Springer	Voting Member
Present	Landon Newton	Colfax County	Voting Member
Present	Mary Berglund	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate
Present	Pedro Laumbach	Harding County	Alternate
Present	Ethan Fuchs	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Present	Ken Flores	Guadalupe County	Alternate
Present	Larry Moore	Quay County	Voting Member
Present	Richard Primrose	Quay County	Alternate
Absent	Clay Kiesling	Union County	Voting Member
Absent	Donna Sue Milson	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Absent	Vacant	Village of Pecos	Alternate
Absent	Vicki Strand	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member
Absent	Jennifer Baca	Harding County	Voting Member
Absent	Daniela Johnson	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
Absent	Telesfor Benavidez	Village of Pecos	Voting Member
Absent	Shawn Jeffrey	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Absent	Renee Ledoux	Village of Cimarron	Alternate
Absent	Ferron Lucero	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Absent	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Absent	Ernest Sanchez	Town of Clayton	Alternate
Absent	Monica Abeyta	Guadalupe County	Voting Member
Absent	Angie Gonzales	Union County	Alternate
Absent	Daniel Gurule	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member
Absent	Matthew Baca	Village of Roy	Alternate
Absent	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Absent	Vacant	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate
Absent	Vacant	San Miguel County	Alternate
Absent	Anita Allen	Village of House	Voting Member
Absent	Cynthia Lee	Village of San Jon	Voting Member

Absent	Vacant	City of Las Vegas	Alternate
Absent	Paula Garcia	Mora County	Voting Member
Absent	George Trujillo	Mora County	Alternate
Absent	Connie Cook	Village of Mosquero	Alternate
Absent	Sherwin W. Martin	Village of House	Alternate
Absent	Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate
Absent	Lee Dixon	Village of Des Moines	Voting Member
Absent	Scott Warner	Village of Des Moines	Alternate
Absent	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	Larry Wallin	Village of Logan	Voting Member
Absent	Russell Feerer	Village of Logan	Alternate
Absent	Don Flynn	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member
Absent	Joanna Taylor	Village of Maxwell	Alternate
Absent	Laudente Quintana	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member
Absent	Nora Sanchez	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate

New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and Planners

John Herrera – Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) Coordinator for District IV

Joseph Moriarty - Planning Bureau Liaison Yvonne Aragon - Public Information Officer

Dennis T. Salazar – NERTPO Planner/Program Manager for the North Central New Mexico

Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)

Vincent M. Soule – NERTPO Planner/Program Manager for the Eastern Plains Council of

Governments (EPCOG)

Monica Abeita - NCNMEDD Executive Director
Tim Hagaman - NMEDD Regional Representative

Guests

Amos Torres - Village of Angel Fire. Sandra Garcia - Village of Angel Fire

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM by Mayor of Eagle Nest, Chairman Richard Cordova.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the New Mexico State Flag was led by Vice Chairman Chuck Howe.

III. Welcome

Chairman Cordova welcomed everyone to our NERTPO meeting which was hosted by Village of Angel Fire. Chairman Cordova asked NERTPO Vice Chair/Village of Angel Fire Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Howe to say a few words and official welcome to Angel Fire.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Chuck Howe – Village of Angel Fire Second: Robert Thompson – Colfax County No opposition was voiced.

Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes (April 24th, 2019- Harding County)

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Arnold Lopez – San Miguel County Second: Commissioner Landon Newton – Colfax County No opposition was voiced.

Motion carried.

VI. Business with Visitors: (North Central New Mexico Economic Development District Executive Director, Monica Abeita

Ms. Monica Abeita was formally introduced to the NERTPO Board as the new Executive Director for North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD). Ms. Abeita spoke about her background and advised that she will be setting up meetings with leaders from each community in NERTPO to discuss specific projects and the opportunity to work together. Chairman Cordova and the Board welcomed Ms. Abeita.

VII. Discussion: NMDOT District IV Update (Mr. James M. Gallegos, P.E. -District IV Engineer and NMDOT Staff)

Mr. John Herrera gave an update regarding what is going on in District IV. Mr. Herrera thanked those that went out with him to conduct a county road verification. Mr. Herrera reminded everyone that their reports are due June 1st, 2019. Mr. Herrera also advised that in reference to FY-20 funding the entities will be hearing from him soon. The LGRF Agreements template will be changing now based off of control number. Mr. Herrera also advised that new Capital Outlay agreements should be out sometime in the early part of June. Mr. Herrera briefly spoke about the most recent "Call for Projects" that Secretary Sandoval issued at the end of April.

Mr. Herrera let everyone know that the Interim District Engineer Mr. James Gallegos will try to make our meeting in June.

VIII. Discussion/Action: Call for Projects: (NMDOT and NERTPO Planners)

NERTPO Planners Vincent M. Soule and Dennis T. Salazar gave a brief update reiterating deadlines set forth for those communities that are planning to submit project requests for the most recent "Call for Projects". The Project Feasibility Form (PFF) will be due to Mr. Soule and Mr. Salazar by May 24th. There is a PFF Meeting with the NERTPO Planners, NMDOT and the Communities that have submitted their PFFs set for the date of May 30th at 9 AM in Las Vegas, NM at the D-4 Office. All completed packets will be due to the NERTPO Planners by June 12th so they can be submitted in full by NERTPO Planers to NMDOT by June 14th.

Mr. Soule and Mr. Salazar opened the floor to the members of the Board for a question and answer session regarding the "Call for Projects".

IX. Discussion/Action: RTIPR (NERTPO Board and Planners)

After discussion by the board members regarding the most recent "Call for Projects", the Board determined that the projects should go on the RTIPR in Alphabetical Order without rating and ranking.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Landon Newton, Colfax County Second: NERTPO Vice Chair Chuck Howe, Village of Angel Fire No opposition was voiced, motion carried.

X. Discussion: Regional Long-Range Plan (NERTPO Planners)

Vincent Soule and Dennis T. Salazar asked the members of the Board to go to the rtponm.org website when they have some time to look over the Long-Range Plan for NERTPO and to start getting some ideas in regards to future Goals and Objectives and Implementation. The idea is to fit it in with the RTIPR best we can. Mr. Soule and Mr. Salazar opened the floor for questions by the Board. The idea of "focus groups" was brought up as a way to better understand the goals that need to be met. This will be an agenda item that will be brought forth in the future.

XI. Discussion: Project Status Update (Local Government Members)

Chairman Cordova called on all communities around the room to give an update regarding what is going on in their respective communities. Chairman Cordova also gave members the opportunity for questions and answers.

XII: NERTPO Planners/Program Managers Reports – (NERTPO Planners)

NERTPO Planner Salazar turned over the floor to NMDOT Planning Liaison Joseph Moriarty to give updates. Mr. Moriarty advised that NMDOT has partnered with North Carolina Highway research for a Pedestrian training. The training will be held on June 27th and 28th. Mr. Moriarty also spoke briefly in regards to the NMDOT State Bicycle Loan Program.

Mr. Salazar spoke briefly about the recent hiring of NCNMEDD Executive Director Monica Abeita. Mr. Salazar also let everyone know that NCNMEDD Community Development Director Eric Ghahate is no longer with the organization. The position is currently open.

Mr. Soule reminded everyone about the dates for the "Call for Projects" and gave a brief update as to what is happening in the EPCOG region.

Mr. Tim Hagaman from the NMEDD advised everyone that Mora County has now moved into the previously unoccupied Courthouse. The Courthouse is currently 1/3 occupied with plans to occupy fully. Mr. Hagaman also announced to everyone the name of the new NMEDD Secretary Alicia Keys and Deputy Director John Clark.

XIII. New Business:

Chairman Cordova gave a brief update on the "Run for the Wall" at the Village of Eagle Nest. Chairman Cordova advised that in the last 17 years they have served over 420 riders each year. Breakfast and Dinner has been provided to the riders at no charge.

NMDOT Public Information Officer Yvonne Aragon advised everyone that former NMDOT D-4 Engineer David Trujillo is currently working at the NMDOT Office in Santa Fe.

Meeting Locations:

- i. June 26th, 2019 Town of Springer
- ii. July 24th, 2019 San Miguel County
- iii. August 28th, 2019 Village of Eagle Nest
- iv. September 25th, 2019 TBD

XIV. Adjournment

With there being no further business to discuss Chairman Cordova called for adjournment at approximately 11:45 AM. Motion passed unanimously