



Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments

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MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments was held Thursday February 27, 2020 at the Silver City Town Annex, 1203 North Hudson Street in Silver City, New Mexico.

- I. Chairman Aaron Sera called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
- II. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Emily Gojkovich called roll of the members, she stated that there was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Green	Catron County	Reserve, New Mexico
Lina Cooke	Catron County	Reserve, New Mexico
Mischa Larisch	Grant County	Silver City, New Mexico
Chris Brice	Luna County	Deming, New Mexico
Premal Patel	Luna County	Deming, New Mexico
Kristy Ortiz	City of Bayard	Bayard, New Mexico
Marlena Valenzuela	City of Bayard	Bayard, New Mexico
Aaron Sera	City of Deming	Deming, New Mexico
Freddie Rodriguez	Town of Hurley	Hurley, New Mexico
Sheila Hudman	Village of Santa Clara	Santa Clara, New Mexico
Eric McSpadden	Hidalgo SWCD	Lordsburg, New Mexico
Jessica Etcheverry	Deming Public Schools	Deming, New Mexico
Misty Pugmier	El Grito Head Start	Silver City, New Mexico

OTHERS PRESENT

Priscilla Lucero	Executive Director	SWNMCOG
Emily Gojkovich	Economic Development Planner	SWNMCOG
Cerisse Grijalva	Transportation Planner	SWNMCOG

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tisha Green	Hidalgo County	Lordsburg, New Mexico
Esiquial Salas	Village of Columbus	Columbus, New Mexico
Robert Barerra	City of Lordsburg	Lordsburg, New Mexico
Hilda Kellar	Village of Reserve	Reserve, New Mexico
Alex Brown	Town of Silver City	Silver City, New Mexico
Rulene Jenson	Village of Virden	Virden, New Mexico
Rick Holdridge	Deming SWCD	Deming, New Mexico
Billy Webb	San Francisco SWCD	Glenwood, New Mexico
John Merino	Grant County SWCD	Silver City, New Mexico
Jose Carrillo	Cobre Consolidated Schools	Bayard, New Mexico

Members: Catron County, Grant County, Hidalgo County, Luna County, City of Bayard, Village of Columbus, City of Deming, Town of Hurley, City of Lordsburg, Village of Reserve, Village of Santa Clara, Town of Silver City, Village of Virden, Cobre Consolidated Schools, Deming Public Schools, WNMU, Hidalgo Soil & Water Conservation District, San Francisco Soil & Water Conservation District, Tyrone MDWCA, Rancho Grande MDWCA, Hanover MDWCA, Casas Adobes MDWCA, Lake Roberts MDWCA, Arenas Valley MDWCA, SW Solid Waste Authority



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Joseph Shepard	WNMU	Silver City, New Mexico
Curtis Clough	Silver Consolidated Schools	Silver City, New Mexico
Cray Warner	Arenas Valley Water Association	Arenas Valley, New Mexico
Wayne Ashby	Rancho Grande Water Association	Reserve, New Mexico
Robbie Kern	Quemado Water Association	Quemado, New Mexico
Dora Gonzales	SW Solid Waster Authority	Silver City, New Mexico
Diana Jiron	Lake Roberts Water Association	Lake Roberts, New Mexico
Anna Flores	Tyrone Property Owners Association	Tyrone, New Mexico

- IV. Chairman Sera asked for a motion to approval the Agenda for the regular meeting on February 27, 2020 as presented. Eric McSpadden made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Kristy Ortiz seconded, Priscilla did let the Board know that the approval of the audit would have to be tabled until the April meeting as the auditor was sick and could not make it. Motion passed.
- V. Seating of New Members and Introduction of Guests: all those in attendance introduced themselves.
- VI. Chairman Sera asked for an Approval of Consent Agenda Items. Krsity Ortiz made a motion; Linda Cooke seconded, there was no discussion. Motion passed.

A. Minutes for the November 7, 2019 Board Meeting and Executive Committee Minutes
January 3, 2020; February 3, 2020

B. Receive any new projects for Clearinghouse Review

1. Project # 2693 – NMDOH Lead Testing in School & Technology	\$ 294,000
2. Project # 2694 – HB 694 – Industrial Park Business Loop	\$2,595,489
3. Project # 2695 – HB 694 – N. Hurley Avenue	\$1,553,852
4. Project # 2696 – HB 694 – Altura Ave/NM -11	\$ 444,000
5. Project # 2697 – HB 694 – Maple St. Bridge	\$ 836,000
6. Project # 2698—HB 694 – Petrita Ave Repaving Improvements	\$ 422,571
7. Project # 2699 – NMED San Mateo Creek Basin Groundwater	\$ 664,677
8. Project # 2700 – NMED Multi-Purpose Grant Application	\$ 143,797
9. Project # 2701 – Colonias Silver City Ridge Road Construction	\$1,145,000
10. Project # 2702 – Colonias Luna County PER	\$ 60,000
11. Project # 2703 – Colonias Santa Clara Bellm & Caddell Water Imp.	\$1,036,000
12. Project # 2704 – Colonias Hurley A St. Road & Drainage Imp.	\$ 750,000
13. Project # 2705 – Colonias Grant County N Hurley Phase III Road Proj.	\$ 144,000
14. Project # 2706 – Colonias Grant County Indian Hills Sewer Proj.	\$ 555,000
15. Project # 2707 – Colonias Grant County Hwy 180 Hwy 90 Bypass Rd	\$ 300,000
16. Project # 2708 – Colonias Grant County Arenas Valley Road Imp.	\$ 197,000
17. Project # 2709 – Colonias Grant County Ridge Road	\$ 200,000
18. Project # 2710 – Grant County Silver Acres Master Plan	\$ 250,000
19. Project # 2711 -- Freeport Silver City Recreation Master	\$ 40,000
20. Project # 2712 – NMED Statewide Pollution Control S. 103	\$ 237,777
21. Project # 2713 – Colonias Majestic View/Solana Rd Deming	\$ 375,000
22. Project # 2714 – Colonias Grant County Little Walnut Rd	\$ 271,500
23. Project # 2715-- Colonias Deming Landfill Expansion	\$ 776,355



24. Project #2716 – Silver City Water System Improvements \$ 901,815

- C. Resolution # COG 19-20-4 Updated Financial Policies and Procedures
- D. Resolution # COG 19-20-5 Updated Personnel Policies
- E. Request for Priscilla to go to Washington, DC with Luna County
- F. Request for Emily to go to NADO Washington Policy Conference
- G. Request Funding from Freeport McMoRan of the Local Budget \$5,000 for Grant County Youth Basketball League
- H. Approval of Entering into Agreement with Kriegal, Gray, & Shaw for FY Audit 19
- I. Approval for Cerisse Grijalva to attend the National Regional Transportation Conference Kansas City, MO

VII. New Business

- A. Approval/Disapproval Resolution # COG 19-20-3 Amending the Budget. Priscilla explained that there was an agreement between the Town of Silver City and the Juvenile Justice Board to match \$10,000 dollar for dollar for youth activities and the \$10,000 had to go to a non-profit so the SWNMCOG was acting as a fiscal agent. Priscilla also explained that there was \$600 in sponsorships for Colonias Day which the \$600 would also be put in the non-profit line item and would be reported on the 990 form. Chairman Sera asked for an approval of Resolution #COG 10-20-3 Amending the Budget. Kristy Ortiz made a motion to approve the Amendment of the Budget; Eric McSpadden seconded the motion, there was no discussion. Motion passed.
- B. Approval/Disapproval of Audit for Fiscal Year 2019 was tabled until the April COG Board Meeting. Kristy Ortiz made a motion; Linda Cooked seconded the motion, there was no discussion. Motion passed.
- C. Approval/Disapproval Purchase of New Vehicle-Priscilla explained that the SWNMCOG went out for quote and it sent out to 4 dealerships, as the current 2015 Taurus has almost 135,000 and we have been starting to have issues with it. The only quote the SWNMCOG has received so far was from Smith Ford in Lordsburg; rebates run out in March. Kristy asked about using State Purchasing rather than request quote because Kristy was wondering about the quote being over \$20,000. Priscilla explained that we had trouble in the past when we used State Purchasing. Chairman Sera asked for an approval of the purchase with Priscilla tasked with checking the procurement code under tangible items. Sheila Hudman made a motion to approve the purchase of the new vehicle; Kristy Ortiz seconded the motion, Eric McSpadden recused himself, as he is the owner of Smith Ford. There was no further discussion. Motion passed.

VIII. Old Business:

- IX. Approval/Disapproval Financial Reports for November, December, January-Priscilla we are working with Glenda to help her get through the transition of the books, as her mother, Debbie Greene had passed away unexpectedly last month. Priscilla explained that we are right on target with expending the funds. Chairman Sera reported that the Financial Policies are under the Consent Agenda had to be changed a little with the recommendation of the auditor. Priscilla



explained that we had to include a credit card policy, as we finally got a credit card in order to pay for travel expense and other expenses that require a credit card such as the website, etc. Chairman Sera explained that he feels comfortable where the COG is at now, since Silver City and Deming's financial personnel came to help work audit issues out with Priscilla and Emily. Chairman Sera asked for a motion to approve the financial reports for November, December, and January. Sheila Hudman made a motion to approve the financial reports and Kristy Ortiz seconded the motion. There was not any other discussion. Motion passed.

- X. Receive Economic Development Report – Emily reported that she had been working on the Deming Comprehensive Plan and that now it would be able to be used as the Affordable Housing Plan, as well, once approved by MFA. Emily also reported that she had to give more money to a few of the Imagination Library affiliates including Luna and Sierra counties and that was a good sign since we are trying to expend another \$50,000. Emily explained to the group that she would start working on the CEDS and she would be holding meeting in the respective counties; all board members need to encourage participation at these meetings so the CEDS is a strong document.
- XI. Receive Transportation Report – Cerisse- reported that the Build Grant is due May 18th; it is the old TIGER Grant. Cerisse told everyone that there was a webinar 2/27/2020 if anyone was interested. Cerisse explained that rural areas could receive a 100% of funding but nothing prior to the agreement cannot be used as matched. Cerisse also explained that the TAP, RTP, CMAC all have calls for project in May 2021 with the application due in 2023. Cerisse told the Board that the Transportation LGRF didn't get any additional money like last year.
- XII. Receive Executive Director's Report – Priscilla-Colonias were just submitted on February 17th, she hasn't found out how many applications applied, \$19.9 million in Colonias allocation, if there is not enough request there may be another call for projects. March 25th is presentation for Colonias in Alamogordo. April 21 for Colonias awards in Lordsburg. CDBG are due June 11th. Census is going to be sent out March 12th. During the Legislative Session COGs did not get an increase and shouldn't expect to get any. ICIP are important to have as the Governor's office is looking at close at them to fund projects. There is a CO form on the Governor's website that no one was aware of.
- XIII. Receive Reports from Members-none
- XIV. Set location of Regular Board Meeting to be held Thursday, April 23, 2020 Silver City Town Annex, 1203 N Hudson, Silver City, New Mexico. Chairman Sera suggested to look at doing the COG Board on April 21st along with the Colonias Awards in Lordsburg, New Mexico so everyone only has to travel once.
- XV. Adjourn Chairman Sera asked for a motion to adjourn. Kristy Ortiz made a motion to adjourn and Jessica Etcheverry seconded. There was no other discussion. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Aaron Sera, Chair

Priscilla Lucero, Secretary