

New Mexico Land Grant Council (NMLGC)
October 14, 2016 - 10:00 am
Juan I. Gonzales Agricultural Center
202 Chamisa Rd.
Taos, NM 87571

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council Chair Juan Sánchez called the meeting to order at approximately 10:01 am. Roll of the Council members: Leonard Martínez, Macario Griego, and Juan Sánchez, were present. Lee Maestas and Rita Padilla-Gutiérrez were absent.

2. Introduction of Guests

Juan Sánchez (NMLGC); Macario Griego (NMLGC); Leonard Martínez (NMLGC); Arturo Archuleta (staff – NMLGC); Jacobo D. Baca (staff - NMLGC/UNM-LGSP); David E. Romero (Cristobal de la Serna LG); Beverly Armijo (Cristobal de la Serna LG); John B. Gonzales (Cristobal de la Serna LG); Kathy DeLucas (Carson NF); Esther Garcia (San Antonio del Rio Colorado LG); Cynthia Rael-Vigil (San Antonio del Rio Colorado LG); Vincent S. Abeyta (Santa Bárbara LG); Bonifacio Vasquez (Santa Bárbara LG); Brittany Martínez (Office of the Attorney General); Sara Schlanger (BLM); Larry Montoya; Herman G. Torres (Arroyo Hondo Arriba LG); David F. Arguello (Arroyo Hondo Arriba LG); Michelle Jacquez-Ortiz (Office of U.S. Senator Tom Udall); Patricia Quintana (Taos Valley Acequia Association & New Mexico Acequia Association); Lorrie Garcia (Santa Bárbara LG); Marian Fastwolf (Santa Bárbara LG); Frank Fastwolf (Santa Bárbara LG); Nicholas Maestas (Office of U.S. Rep. Ben R. Luján); Patricia Dominguez (Office of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich); Alex P. Trujillo (Cristobal de la Serna LG); Soña Romero (Cristobal de la Serna LG); James Duran (Carson NF)

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Leonard Martínez moved to approve the meeting agenda. Councilor Macario Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Council Meeting of September 16th, 2016

Councilor Macario Griego moved to approve the Sept. 16, 2016 minutes (*handout*). Councilor Leonard Martínez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Presentation by UNM Taos – Carlos R. Cisneros – Acequia, Water & Land Grant Archive

George Jaramillo presented a plan for the Senator Carlos R. Cisneros Acequia and Land Grant Archive at UNM Taos (*handout*). (Mr. Jaramillo was contracted by UNM Taos to develop a plan for the archive. He is a retired archivist and librarian at Colorado State University and University of Northern Colorado). Mr. Jaramillo stated that Senator Cisneros' mission in creating the archive is to provide a repository to preserve

documents relating to acequias and land grants in Taos and northern New Mexico. There are ongoing plans to develop space for the archive on the UNM Taos property in downtown Taos. Louis Moya, development officer for UNM Taos, remarked that the archive will temporarily use office space at the UNM Taos campus, and will work with the Town of Taos and Taos County to retain additional space. The archive is not yet operational and developing the archive will take a couple of years. Mr. Jaramillo reported that the focus would be on land grants and acequias. They will not collect or accept ephemera and will digitize and make items available through a data management program like Content DM. All documents collected will be used by UNM, and will work with individuals where ownership is unclear. Beverly Armijo of the Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant commented that her grant had received little information about the archive and asked if the UNM Taos archive planned to document water rights. Louis Moya clarified that there was a \$100,000 appropriation from the state legislature that was matched by an additional \$100,000 from the Healy Foundation. He iterated that UNM Taos is the “community college” of Taos and that it wishes to maintain a presence in documenting the story of acequias and land grants of Taos. The monies appropriated thus far are for shelving, digitization equipment, and cameras. UNM Taos plans to build an endowment that will fund a staff member and a permanent building. The digital media center in downtown Taos will temporarily house the archive. Beverly Armijo (Cristobal de la Serna LG) and David Arguello (Arroyo Hondo Arriba LG) asked what type of documents the archive would focus on. Mr. Jaramillo stated that the archive is on a learning curve and that it would likely accept any documents that people are willing to share. Patricia Quintana of the Taos Valley Acequia Association mentioned that her organization has many documents and has a strong interest in the collection. Mr. Moya stated that maintaining politically neutral relationships with local organizations was important to the success of the archive.

Councilor Leonard Martínez asked if there was any duplication of the services offered by the UNM Land Grant Studies Program. Mr. Moya stated that the UNM Taos archive will have a more local focus. Arturo Archuleta (NMLGC) asked if locals can loan documents to the archive; Mr. Moya affirmed that they could. Mr. Arguello (Arroyo Hondo Arriba LG) asked about the longevity of the project and the archive; Mr. Moya stated that UNM Taos is much more stable than other entities in Taos and was committed to this project.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on BLM Update

Sarah Schlanger (Field Manager for Taos Field Office) presented for Lisa Morrison, who was unable to attend. She spoke about the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and the fuelwood program. The goal of the Taos Field Office is to issue wood permits in treatment areas. Ms. Schlanger reported that they have been unable to do so because of environmental compliance. The BLM forester has suggested that they allow the collection of deadwood measuring less than 12” diameter, within 150 feet of roads. Permits (8 cords per household) will be sold through December 31st (as weather permits). (Permits for BLM lands are sold only at the Taos Field Office). No commercial permits are available.

Ms Schlanger reported on the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument management plan. Senator Martin Heinrich has requested special outreach for hunters using the monument. There are also restrictions on wood permits as no wood permits for commercial uses will be allowed. Ms. Schlanger also reported that the BLM is completely done on draft alternatives and cooperating agencies should receive information in early November. There will be a long comment period before the draft management plan is sent to public and comment deadline will be adjusted if they release info for comment.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Forest Service Update

Kathy DeLucas (Carson National Forest) stated that James Duran (Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest) was running late. Arturo Archuleta (NMLGC) reported as on developments regarding the Forest Service while waiting for Mr. Duran. .

Mr. Archuleta reported that the NMLGC staff have submitted comments and maps regarding the Santa Fe National Forest wilderness evaluation phase and have attended wilderness evaluation meetings. The Santa Fe NF forest plan revision included a longer inventory phase and identified numerous areas (polygons) and large polygons. Councilor Leonard Martínez commented that the timespan allowed for comments (10 days) was short and that land grants asked for an extension, especially considering the numerous polygons and roadless designations. He also thanked the NMLGC staff for attending the wilderness evaluation meeting in Gallina (Sept. 20th). Mr. Archuleta stated that he has spoken with the Santa Fe NF about land grants hosting meetings, per the USFS agreement. Bonifacio Vasquez (Santa Bárbara LG) commented that the Carson has also identified areas as roadless wherein the Forest Service closed off historically used roads to ensure that areas meet the roadless condition required of wilderness character areas. Chariman Sanchez stated he hopes for changes in this forest plan revision.

Councilor Leonard Martínez motioned that the New Mexico Land Grant Council serve as a cooperative agency for Santa Fe National Forest plan revision process. Councilor Macario Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Leonard Martínez motioned that the New Mexico Land Grant Council approve comments submitted to the Santa Fe National Forest regarding areas containing wilderness character. Councilor Macario Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Archuleta reported that Council staff met with representatives of the Abiquiú Land Grant and the USFS Española Ranger District regarding the road lease held by the Forest Service on the Abiquiú Land Grant. The Abiquiú Land Grant needs to do some due diligence to meet requirements, including the submittal of an official request, as decisions regarding the easement will be made above the local (Española) office. Mr. Archuleta also reported that several NMLGC councilors, its staff, and representatives from several land grants have held numerous meetings to develop comments on the 1968 Hassell Report and the 1972 Hurst Memo on policy. While many recommendations are outdated, the group has worked to create comments that will be

submitted to the Council at a later date and shared with the public thereafter. Ms. Michelle Jacquez-Ortiz (Senator Udall's office) asked what the Forest Service will do with the comments upon completion. Mr. Archuleta commented that the comments are being structured in the same manner as the forest plan (management approaches, desired conditions, etc.). The comments will be shared with the Forests (Cibola; Carson; Santa Fe), with land grants and with the Congressional delegation. Each Forest will have the opportunity to adopt sections into their forest plan. Ms. Jacquez-Ortiz expressed concern that individual forests might interpret and incorporate the comments differently, and hoped that a regional forest policy rather than forest by forest policy. Mr. Archuleta commented that the Forest Service understands the importance of Hassell, which is a dated document that recognized both commercial and subsistence uses of the forest but focused on promoting commercial uses. The NMLGC wants to modernize the Hassell to include considerations for land grant communities that protected subsistence uses while dispensing with recommendations that promoted purely commercial uses. It also is examining the acquisition of lands by the Forest Service. Esther Garcia (San Antonio del Río Colorado) asked if there has been representation from northern New Mexico in the working group; Mr. Archuleta responded that Leonard Martínez (San Joaquín del Río Chama LG & NMLGC) has participated in the working group. Chairman Juan Sánchez stated that the NMLGC is happy to meet and will distribute comments and seek input when a draft becomes available.

Comments by Mr. James Duran, Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest

James Duran introduced Alicia Gallegos, Canjilón District Ranger. David Arguello asked for information on the Taos Ski Valley diversion. Mr. Duran mentioned that FS Ranger Jack Lewis has coordinated with the Taos Ski Valley owner Louis Bacon. Taos Pueblo War Chief has expressed interest as well. Mr. Duran stated that both Taos and Sipapu do extensive outreach especially with youth. As winters grow weaker, both ski areas are trying to evolve and provide summer recreation. Sipapu plans to expand and plans to meet with the community to explain what expansion will look like David Romero asked about Taos Ski Valley expansion and diversion of Rio Hondo with out public hearings or NEPA. Mr. Duran explained that they used a special use permit and worked with the Army Corps of Engineers. Sipapu does not have the same status as Taos and is operating on an older master plan. The NEPA was already completed and the EIS process was started three or four years ago. Arturo Archuleta requested that the Forest Service share the EIS.

Bonifacio Vásquez and Lorrie García (Santa Bárbara Land Grant) reported that Kay Matthews has asked for copies of Sipapu's expansion plans and also looked for them as well, but could not find them. James Duran responded that work at the Sipapu Ski Area is not an expansion but work within its current footprint. Mr. Vasquez commented that the Agua Piedra camp ground is growing; Mr. Duran commented that management of the area was offered to concessionaires, who operate on behalf of the Forest Service and remain all summer. Esther Garcia (San Antonio del Rio Colorado) asked that the Carson hold meetings with the public in various locales other than Taos and Santa Fe to allow greater participation, inform parciantes of issues and wood haulers of road closures. Mr. Duran asked for feedback on what the Carson NF is doing right

Councilor Martínez asked about the status of the disposal of the Piedra Lumbre Visitor Center (PLVC). Mr. Duran reported that disposal of federal property is something new for the Forest Service and it is a lengthy process to make sure that the disposal is done right. Alicia Gallegos discussed well depths, easements, and value of “as-builts” of the PLVC. All of the information will be shared by the public in one letter that needs to be approved by the regional office before it is distributed. There is also archeology survey work that is ongoing to allow Forest Service to continue with next steps. Councilor Martínez commented that the interested land grants are working to create a plan to purchase the property.

Arturo Archuleta requested that the NMLGC receive the letter before the next meeting with the congressional delegation so that it can be informed when discussing the PLVC, which should spell out the process for disposal (without a full appraisal). Michelle Jacquez-Ortiz (Senator Udall’s office) stated that Congressional financial intervention is unlikely and asked what, if any, administrative discretion the Forest Service had in disposing of the property. Mr. Duran stated that they are bound by the limits of the disposal authority. Mr. Archuleta stated that the NMLGC has met with Siete del Norte, the Rio Grande Heritage Area, the New Mexico State Economic Development Department regarding funding. James Duran then addressed dumping and tree poaching on the Cristobal de la Serna land grant. Beverly Armijo stated that she appreciates Mr. Duran’s communication regarding the Miranda Canyon Fire, but was concerned that roads and paths in the Pot Creek area remain closed.

Mr. Duran stated that the Camino Real District Manager Tammy Malone is retiring. The Santa Bárbara Land Grant wants a joint stewardship approach through a CFRP, including roads that match community needs. Erica Enjade is the new fuelwoods person and Chris Furr is the natural resource officer for the area. Mr. Duran commented a mayordomo model for fuelwood management would be ideal. Regarding the Trampas cemetery, Mr. Duran stated that Alex Lopez has contacted the Carson NF requesting that people be allowed to be buried at the cemetery; Forest Service regulations do not allow the expansion of the cemetery. He cited that groups have been successful in the past and cited Red River getting a Forest Service waste water facility free through direct legislation.

James Duran reported that the plan revision process is going well and will be shut down for the holidays. A draft of the desired conditions will be complete by the spring of 2017. The Carson is having tours of areas identified as having wilderness character. Mr. Archuleta discussed the desired conditions and the information that the NMLGC found regarding the Farmers Home Administration purchase of Juan José Lobato lands, including conditions on their usage. Mr. Duran also discussed the resotriation of the Valle Vidal, watershed health, and the unique aspects of the forest in New Mexico, including ski areas in national forests and traditional use rights. He also mentioned that the Forest Service is 33% smaller than it used to be as it no longer hires many positions after retirements.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Division of NM Attorney General's Office

Brittany Martínez of the New Mexico Attorney General's office reported that the candidate for the staff attorney position in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Division declined the offer. The NMAG's office will work toward hiring another candidate and hopes to have another candidate identified and hired by the November NMLGC meeting. Questions from land grants can go to Ms. Martínez and the local government division of the NMAG's office. Arturo Archuleta commented that attorney Ted Trujillo was the candidate in question and had to decline the offer because of a potential conflict of interest in a case where he was still representing a private party and where the New Mexico state engineer's office was a respondent.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on budget

(Handout) Arturo Archuleta (NMLGC) discussed the budget and the reversion of 5.5% of the current FY budget, which was mandated because of declining oil and gas revenues. The NMLGC has expended \$24,102.00 within the UNM Contract for services. The 5.5% cut to the General Appropriation Act of 2016 (as proposed by a bill that passed both houses in the legislature, but not yet signed by the governor) would amount to \$13,172.50 (from the \$239,500 UNM contract). We are also unsure whether this will be across the board cut per the Department of Finance and Administration or if the UNM contract determines how the cut is administered. The budget items for publishing planning services may be cut to absorb this 5.5% cut.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on UNM Contract

Mr. Archuleta reported on monthly billing for the UNM contract for September 2016 (handout). Due to some internal accounting errors at UNM, J. Baca's time was absorbed by the UNM LGSP. It will be included in October billing. The budget presented has July/August meeting costs and does not include the September meeting costs.

A motion was made by Councilor Leonard Martínez to approve the September 2016 billing; motion was seconded by Councilor Macario Griego; motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Legal Services Contract for Land Grants

Arturo Archuleta discussed negotiations with New Mexico Legal Aid for a contract for legal services (handout). The NMLGC asked to purchase a portion of an FTE rate. NM Legal Aid's structure made such change difficult and offered to reduce the hourly rate from \$136.00 to \$122.50 per hour, for approximately 230 hours of time. NMLGC can decide to submit counter offer; UNM will take some time to create a contract if approved by the NMLGC today.

A motion was made by Councilor Leonard Martínez to accept the offer from NM Legal Aid for legal services for land grants; motion was seconded by Councilor Macario Griego; motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Support Fund

Two new applications for the land grant support fund have been submitted. Bonifacio Vasquez submitted a request for \$3,000.00 for office equipment on behalf of the Santa Bárbara land grant. The land grant support fund's total budget for the fiscal year was \$15,000; with two requests approved at September NMLGC meeting, total of \$9,091.00 still available. Mr. Archuleta (NMLGC) attested to the Santa Bárbara LG's need for office equipment and the needs for multiple sets of office equipment since the grant contains multiple communities. Chairman Sánchez reminded the grant to wait for a grant agreement from DFA before purchasing on office equipment. Mr. Vásquez also inquired about purchasing historical services from M. Ebright (~\$4,000.00) for the Santa Bárbara LG. The Juan Bautista Valdez grant also submitted a request for \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a computer. If current requests are approved, \$4,591.00 will remain in the Land Grant Support fund. (Mr. Archuleta also reported that the Tajique Land Grant submitted a request for gravel work for their cemetery on October 14th that will be presented to the NMLGC in the November 2016 NMLGC meeting.)

Councilor Leonard Martínez made a motion to approve requests from the Santa Bárbara Land Grant (\$3,000.00) and the Juan Bautista Valdez Grant (\$1,500.00). Councilor Macario Griego seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Federal and State Legislation

Mr. Archuleta reported that he has spoken with attorney David Benavides, who has submitted comments on behalf of the New Mexico Acequia Association to Sissy García of Rep. Ben Ray Luján's office regarding traditional use rights legislation. Nicholas Maestas (Office of Rep. Ben R. Luján) stated he had no other update. Patricia Dominguez (Office of U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich) stated that all five New Mexico congressional offices have been invited to a 1 hour teleconference on November 18, 2016, time tbd; Representatives from Senator Udall's, Senator Heinrich's, Representative Luján-Grisham, and Representative Luján's office have confirmed that they will attend. The Washington DC office plans to participate via video conference. Chairman Sánchez and Mr. Archuleta explained that the purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussion on traditional use rights legislation and discuss other items such as the Piedra Lumbre Visitors Center and EQUIP funding. Ms. Dominguez also clarified that there is currently no active federal legislation.

Bonifacio Vásquez (Santa Barbara LG) stated that the Santa Barbara Land Grant submitted a resolution opposing the expansion of the Pecos Wilderness and asked if the New Mexico State Legislature (House and Senate) intended to do the same. Ms. Jacquez-Ortiz encouraged Mr. Vasquez to ensure that the comments were received by the Forest Service; Ms. DeLucas believes that they have, in fact, received Santa Bárbara Land Grant's resolution. The Interim Land Grant Committee will approve all bills and memorials to be introduced at the 2017 Session of the New Mexico State Legislature. Ms. Jacquez-Ortiz also encouraged the Santa Bárbara Land Grant to submit comments regarding the Pecos Wilderness expansion to congressional offices as well, to ensure that the broader public understands that there is opposition to environmental organization plans to expand the Pecos Wilderness.

Chairman Sánchez stated that the Interim Land Grant Committee will endorse legislation for the 2017 Legislative Session on November 21st. Members of land grant communities should contact members of the committee before the Nov. 21st meeting with any questions or requests. Mark Edwards is the LCS staff member assigned to the Interim Committee. Chairman Sánchez and Mr. Archuleta also advised that capital outlay monies from the 2014 Fiscal Year need to be encumbered to avoid losing said monies.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Taos County Land Grants

Beverly Armijo of the Cristobal de la Serna grant discussed the 1941 division of the Cristobal de la Serna Grant for tax purposes and their efforts to change land from a community land grant to common land grant. Chairman Sánchez stated that the use of plane table surveys for tax purposes, as in the case of the Cristobal de la Serna LG, was a priority item that the NMLGC recommended the NMAG's Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Division attorney address.

Esther García of the San Antonio del Río Colorado reported that San Antonio del Río Colorado requested help from the NMLGC to help to document heirs (genealogy work) and advise on their archive. They are housed at the Acequia Association building in Questa. NMLGC staff member J. Baca has been in contact to set a date to visit and assess the archive. Mr. Archuleta also remarked that the NMLGC can create retention schedules to advise land grants which documents they need to save. Other documents can be sent to an archive or digitally archived, with the help of the UNM Land Grant Studies Program and UNM Taos.

Chairman Sánchez clarified that legislation affecting the Atrisco should not affect partition grants in the Taos area. David Arguello (Arroyo Hondo Arriba) reported that the Taos Ski Valley has redirected the Rio Hondo via 3 to 4 culverts, apparently to create a river front around the resort. The Forest Service, Interstate Streams Commission and State Engineer seem to have approved this diversion of the natural and normal flow of the river. Esther García commented that acequias, as downstream users, should have been informed about the process. Bonifacio Vásquez mentioned that there are similar issues with the Sipapu Ski Area expansion and water users and parciantes along the Río Pueblo. Ms. Garcia commented that the Forest Service management plans should include acequias and protect the users. David Romero (Cristobal de la Serna Grant) understood from a recent public meeting that no NEPA was needed. Ms. Michelle Jacquez-Ortiz (Senator Udall's office) remarked that Congressional staffers made a site visit to Pecos with the Santa Fe National Forest and asked if efforts were made by the Forest Service to incorporate acequia maps into forest plan revision and were told that the Forest Service process did not allow such action. She also stated that acequias lack the voice that the NMLGC has in the forest plan revision process. Esther García stated that the Carson needs to hold more public meetings, allowing the acequias and parciantes to represent their interests.

Arturo Archuleta (NMLGC) reported that he recently met with James Duran, Forest Supervisor of the Carson NF in Española with representatives from the Las Trampas, Santa Bárbara, and San Joaquín land grants on how include land grants in these

discussions and agreed to have quarterly meeting of land grants and the Carson NF. Land grants can host these quarterly meetings and each grant can present their forest issues to Mr. Duran. Kathy DeLucas of the Carson NF commented that the Carson is strongly encouraging the Taos Ski Valley to meet with the public to discuss their plans. Mr. Archuleta commented that the Forest Service should discuss changes that effect acequias with parciantes and acequia organizations and could work to dialogue with the Office of the State Engineer and acequias to ensure all parties are equally informed. There was hope that the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Division attorney would help provide guidance to the Office of the State Engineer regarding interaction with federal agencies on matters effecting acequias.

Patricia Dominguez (Sen. Martin Henirch's office) commented that changes in Forest Service staffing effects local knowledge and suggests that locals meet new Forest Service staff members and remind of the of their land grants longevity and role in their community. Bonifacio Vásquez would like the Forest Service to inform locals of the status of changes at Sipapu Ski Area since the spring. Beverly Armijo (Cristobal de la Serna) reported that a developer is building a four-story hotel and asked if their grant had any recourse. The title issue raised by the Cristobal de la Serna Grant might have weakened its legal standing. Chairman Sánchez suggested sending a letter of protest to the county and any entities that approved the building, if for no other reason than to let their protest be known and to give the land grants a statement to stand on.

Arturo Archuleta reported that discussions regarding the film industry took place at the October 11th Interim Land Grant Committee meeting in Anton Chico. Film companies often make donations to neighborhood associations for inconveniences posed to neighborhoods during filming. At the meeting, Rep. Debbie Rodela asked if land grants could ask for the same. The NMLGC wilask the NM film office for a liaison for land grants to discuss these monies (often small donations) for the impact that filming has on a land grant and/or its communities and its use of former common lands. David Romero (Cristobal de la Serna Grant) posed the idea of Forest Supervisors having a local advisory committee to aid in planning and to prevent seemingly inevitable challenges that come with the change of Forest Service staff. Councilor Leonard Martínez thanked the Congressional delegation for their letters of support for his application to serve on the Resource Advisory Committee Team (RAC Team) for the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington office. Councilor Martínez applied for the RAC based on Esther García's recommendation to the BLM, who approached her because of her work on the Río Grande del Norte Monument plan. Ms. Jacquez-Ortiz asked if there was a Forest Service Equipment equivalent to the BLM RAC team and suggested that a GAO report on Forest Service interaction with traditional communities would result in recommendations that could guide policy. Mr. Archuleta commented that the NMLGC has been asked by the Cibola NF to serve on a panel for new employees. It also allowed the opportunity for dialogue and for the Forest Service to discuss their regulations and how their processes and policies work to help mitigate misinformation and avoid convolution.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Registry

none

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Staff Assignments

Councilor Leonard Martínez made a motion for the NMLGC staff to work with the San Antonio del Rio Colorado LG on their genealogy, historical records and archives; motion was seconded by Councilor Macario Griego; motion passed unanimously.

17. Public Comments – discussion only

A meeting regarding land grant and acequia issues in the Carson National Forest was discussed. The Congressional delegation will send representatives to this meeting. It is tentatively scheduled for 10:00am on Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 in Questa, NM (location to be determined).

18. Date and Location for next Council Meeting

The Council will next meet on Friday, November 4th, 2016 in Albuquerque, NM, location to be determined.

19. Adjournment

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2:12pm. (Motion to adjourn by Councilor Martínez, seconded by Councilor Griego). Motion passed unanimously.

Approved:

 Chair

 Date