

New Mexico Land Grant Council (NMLGC)
New Mexico Highlands University
Student Union Building, Room 322
800 National Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701
May 11, 2018 - 10:00 am

Minutes - FINAL

Regular Council Meeting

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Chairman Juan Sánchez called the meeting to order at 10:13am. Roll call of the Council members: Leonard Martínez, Rita Padilla-Gutiérrez, and Juan Sánchez were present.

2. Introduction of Guests

Juan Sánchez (NMLGC); Leonard Martínez (NMLGC); Rita Padilla-Gutiérrez (NMLGC); Arturo Archuleta (staff – NMLGC/UNM-LGSP); Cheyenne Trujillo (staff – NMLGC/UNM-LGSP); Jacobo Baca (staff – NMLGC/UNM-LGSP); Ericka Luna (USFS); Eric Romero (NMHU); Michele Jácquez-Ortiz (Office of Sen. Tom Udall); Patricia Domínguez (Office of Sen. Martin Heinrich); Stephen Salas (Office of Rep. Ben Ray Luján); Antonio Maestas (Chilili Land Grant); Alfonso Durán (Santa Cruz de la Cañada); Tim Hagaman (NM EDD)

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Leonard Martínez made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilor Rita Padilla-Gutiérrez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Council Meeting of April 13, 2018

Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the April 13, 2018 Council meeting; Councilor Martínez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. BLM

No BLM update was provided. Mr. Arturo Archuleta (NMLGC) did mention that the San Miguel del Bado LG (Mr. Joe B. Chávez, president) has yet to respond to the BLM's requests for information.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Forest Service Update

Ericka Luna (USFS) reported that the Cibola National Forest has named Steve Hattenbach forest supervisor. He is the former director of range and wildlife and plans to meet with all individual land grants in Cibola. Councilor Leonard Martínez asked if there was any update on the Piedra Lumbre Visitors Center appraisal. He reported that the San Joaquín del Río de Chama LG fenced the historic cemetery. Chairman Juan Sánchez asked if the USFS had an answer for Councilor Macario Griego regarding the cement plant; Ms. Luna responded that the it will be part of Steve Hattenbach orientation and early conversations. She also reported that tentative dates for the Spanish speaking conservation meetings have been

scheduled for Las Vegas (May 30), Abiquiú (May 31) and Carnuel (June 1). Chairman Sánchez reported that the CFRP panel is looking for community land grant members to serve as his 6 year term is up. Mr. Archuleta reported that a draft letter to the Carson NF regarding the PLVC is in the packet. The letter expresses that the LG communities involved will decide upon receiving the appraisal and the NMLGC will support them but will not decide. The appraisal started in April and runs through June, whereafter the 90 days for the LGs to decide starts.

Councilor Rita Padilla-Gutiérrez made a motion approving the draft letter to the Carson NF regarding the Piedra Lumbre Visitors Center and authorizing the NMLGC chair to sign the letter; Councilor Martínez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Santa Fe NF will have an open house in May 15th and Esther García will attend a May 15 Carson NF meeting in Rio Rancho. The Cibola RD collaborative will meet May 29. Mr. Archuleta reported the confusion of the Wild and Scenic River designation and Wilderness at the Santa Bárbara LG. The Carson NF plans to designate a portion of the Río Santa Bárbara LG between the campground and Pecos Wilderness boundary. An onsite visit with WSR coordinator Bjorn Fredrickson is planned. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue is set to visit Santa Fe on Ma. Councilor Padilla-Gutierrez encouraged staff of attend RPG – encourage NMLGC staff to attend; assumes list of ag leaders is select

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Presentation by Tim Hagaman, NMEDD

Tim Hagaman (NM EDD) stated that Mark Edwards (LCS – Interim Committee) invited him to discuss the interim committee calendar. He attended a training in Alcalde and thought it would be a good opportunity for each land grants to meet with economic development and other departments. He received a recent application for a LEEDS project from Anton Chico for their economic development center.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Attorney General Requests

Mr. Archuleta discussed a letter (in packet) requesting the NM Attorney General to investigate the status of the Manzano Land Grant.

Councilor Martinez made a motion approving the letter from the NMLGC to the NM Attorney General regarding the status of the Manzano LG; Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Federal and State Policy

Federal

Ms. Patricia Domínguez (Office of Sen. Martin Heinrich) reported that the USFS asked for a formal request regarding cemeteries on federal lands. Ms. Michelle Jácquez Ortiz asked if there is anything that the NMLGC can do to provide help the Washington DC staff to brainstorm for a trust fund. Stephen Salas (Office of Rep. Ben Ray Luján) reported that Levi Patterson offered his apologies for not updating regarding the traditional use rights bill in the past month. Ms. Jácquez Ortiz reminded that the Congressional quarterly call will be May 18th, 2018 at 9:30 am. No word on the Farm Bill has been received.

State

Items from the last legislative session that were not signed into law or did not move in the session will be addressed again by the Interim. These include the land grant partition bill, the Atrisco LG language, the linas of Cristobal de la Serna issue, something relating to land grant elections, funding the Treaty Division (Marlo Aragón is no longer with the Treaty Division and Tanya Maestas did not attend the meeting). New items include a guaranteed revenue stream for land grants, increased funding for the NMLGC, attempting to mirror state traditional use legislation with federal, opportunity to pursue abandoned properties that are off tax rolls and creating a unique tax assessment for LG common lands, similar to an agricultural rate without burdensome proof for vacant land. The Interim committee wants the Council to coordinate capitol requests through one half day session where land grants present capital requests.

Mr. Archuleta discussed a briefing paper on priorities for the incoming administration (handout). These include:

- *Guaranteed revenue streams* - Impacts are very small – return on investment would be huge – stability; ability to leverage funds; purchase property, no alienation from tax roles
- *Increased \$\$ for LG support programs* – includes a comparison of other councils / commissions
- *Delinquent tax properties to LGS*
- *Special tax assessment rate*
- *Land grant youth program*
- *Appointment of community oriented people to ex. Positions* – lists 9

Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez motioned to approve the briefing paper on priorities; Councilor Martínez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Archuleta reported that despite the change in audit requirements from a \$10,000 threshold to \$50,000, the NMLGC continues to encourage land grants to budget. There is training for special districts; the Council offers ICIP assistance.

Councilor Martínez made a motion to adopt the revenues and expenses as discussed; Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Legal Services Contract – Including Legal Assistance Requests

Mr. Archuleta discussed the Abiquiú LG priority date water issue with the Office of the State Engineer, where David Benavides of NM Legal Aid is helping and Mr. Jacobo Baca is providing historical research support. Mr. Benavides is also providing some assistance to the Tajique LG regarding a lease agreement for transfer station with Torrance County and the Tajique Board.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Council FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets

Mr. Archuleta presented the May 2018 budget update (handout). Carmen Morín now in charge.

Support fund - The Council received a San Antonio de las Huertas LG reimbursement request and is partially drawn down. San Miguel Idel Bado LG has quotes and the Town of Tomé and Juan Bautista Baldes LGs have provided no updates

Publishing – we are considering a small run of updated guidebook.

Meeting expense – Mr. Archuleta discussed travel options for June 2018 (handout); \$618.50 does not reflect UNM charged not yet billed; can afford ~\$181 for June 2018 meeting.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on UNM Contract

Mr. Archuleta presented pay request 9, and including billing from April 2018 for a total of \$19,756,77.

Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez motioned to approve pay request 9; Councilor Martínez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Support Fund

None

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Registry

None.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on LGSP

Antonio Maestas (Chililí LG) reported that he graduated from Earlham College in May 2018 and shared a paper on the sovereignty and the Chililí Land Grant. Mr. Archuleta reported that the LGSP is in the process of hiring 2 youth coordinators and that he and Mr. Baca aided Professor Moises Gonzales' field school through direct financial support and advise.

17. Discussion and Possible Action on Staff Assignments

Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez made a motion approving the research of the NMLGC contract Principal Investigator (Dr. LM García y Griego) at the NARA, Library of Congress, and Supreme Court Library and other facilities relating to land grant history; Councilor Martínez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cheyenne Trujillo reported that she is working on website and a social media policy for the council. She will work with the Cibola NF from June 11-August 11 on their draft plan.

18. Public Comments – discussion only

Alfonso Durán of Española discussed the Santa Cruz de la Cañada LG and if its colonial status as a *villa* gave it special status as a grant. He is trying to locate the name of officers of the organized Santa Cruz LG.

19. Miscellaneous Announcements

None.

20. Date and Location for May Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will take place on Friday, June 22nd 2018 (10:00am) and will be held in Tierra Amarilla, NM).

21. Adjournment:

Councilor Martínez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:25am.

Approved:

Chair

Date