

New Mexico Land Grant Council (NMLGC)
August 17, 2018 – 10:00am
Science and Technology Park
851 University Blvd. SE, Suite 202
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Minutes – Final
Regular Council Meeting

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Chairman Juan Sánchez called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Roll call of the Council members: Leonard Martínez, Rita Padilla-Gutiérrez, Macario Griego and Juan Sánchez were present.

2. Introduction of Guests

Juan Sánchez (NMLGC); Leonard Martínez (NMLGC); Rita Padilla-Gutiérrez (NMLGC); Macario Griego (NMLGC); Arturo Archuleta (NMLGC/LGSP); Jacobo Baca (NMLGC/LGSP); Cheyenne Trujillo (NMLGC/LGSP); Poqueen Rivera (Office of Rep. Michelle Luján-Grisham); Lisa Morrison (BLM).; Michelle Jácquez Ortiz (Office of Sen. Tom Udall); Alfonso Durán (Santa Cruz)

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Arturo Archuleta reported that a representative from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Division will not be able to attend a NMLGC meeting until October. 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 July 9, 2018

Councilor Martínez motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the July 9, 2018 Council meeting; Councilor Padilla Gutiérrez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Forest Service Update

Mr. Archuleta reported that the Council received a letter from James Duran, Forest Supervisor for the Carson National Forest (included in the packet) regarding the Piedra Lumbre Visitors Center. The letter notes that the Forest Service recognize the timeline that is needed to secure funding from the State of New Mexico. The Council has yet to receive the appraisal for property. Councilor Martínez stated that the San Joaquín del Río de Chama Land Grant's comprehensive management plan is 99% complete and the PLVC is the center of the plan. Mr. Archuleta also reported that he and Chairman Sánchez attended a Spanish speakers conservation meeting put on by the Forest Service at the Rio Arriba Rural Event Center near EL Rito on July 12th. Representatives of the Abiquiú, Tierra Amarilla, Santa Barbara Land Grants attended the meeting. Meetings started in Arizona with the conservation group HECHO and held meetings in only Las Vegas and Pecos that had a

conservation slant and had a recreation and urban Latino perspective. The Carson National Forest is holding an open house soon and the Santa Fe National Forest is holding forest plan meetings. The Cibola National Forest and the Carson National Forest will be sending their draft plans to the Regional Office soon and the Santa Fe will do so in October. Comments from the Santa Bárbara Land Grant that were sent to James Durán (Carson NF) regarding the Wild and Scenic River designation of the Santa Bárbara River are in the packet. NMLGC staff assisted in preparing these comments. The Cibola collaborative will meet on September 23rd at Isleta Pueblo.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on BLM Update

Lisa Morrison (BLM) reported that wood permits will be made available at Canjilón in late August for September and will be sold for cash or check. A press release announcing this will be issued soon. Regarding Councilor Martínez's question about vegetation on rights of way, the official policy is that companies that clear the rights of way need to pay the federal government for the vegetation cleared. She plans to set up meeting in Taos or Farmington field office to discuss. The BLM needs to be notified if companies do work on rights of way and need to establish a need point of contact. As soon as BLM knows work will be done by company, we might have a way that a local land grant can be contacted when this is taking place and can approach companies for the materials removed. Councilor Martínez stated that companies and the BLM have satellite imaging of all powerlines and information to assess and plan maintenance of rights of way and that these could be used for this process. Mr. Archuleta commented that the NMLGC could overlay LG boundaries with transmission lines rights of way for more detail. Ms. Morrison mentioned that the BLM can put language in agreements with companies that names land grants as recipients.

Ms. Morrison reported that the Rio Grande del Norte plan is ongoing and that they have received public comments. The draft will be out in September and cooperating agencies will have the opportunity to comment. She also reported that the New Mexico State Land Office and BLM land exchange has been called off by Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn. He cited lack of support from Land Commissioner Candidate Stephanie Garcia-Richard. The BLM has ceased working on it and waiting for next land commissioner, which is tricky because appraisals are dated. The Farmington RAC is ongoing; Councilor Martínez reported that Gerald Chacón is working on comments on behalf of the San Joaquín Grant.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on NM EMNRD Presentation Land Water Conservation Fund

Postponed until October meeting.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Tomé Tax Delinquent Property

Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez commented on a sheet created by NM Taxation and Revenue Department and stated that shows how much NM TRD is bought in to helping the Tomé Land Grant. By end of August Tomé is supposed to come up with money to lock in sale with state. The grant is raising \$6,000 and will match it with their own funds and the area that they are focusing on lots around Tomé Hill. It may not be until late September that we make a contract with TRD to lock the sale in. Mr. Archuleta asked about the total amount for the full transaction. Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez responded that it was first said to be

\$40,000 but is now \$65,000, but with no fees or penalties. The first amount cited was \$16,000 for 250 lots. Chairman Sánchez wondered if the Interim Committee will extend the legislation to other land grants. Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez stated that Representative Miguel García contacted the Tomé Grant and stated that he wanted the Tomé Grant present at the ILGC meeting at Tecolote in August.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Legal Services Contract & Requests

No new requests have been received. We will need a new contract next fiscal year (FY 2020).

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Council FY 2019, 2020 Budgets

Mr. Archuleta sent letter to Representative Patricia Lundstrom and Senator John Arthur Smith and carbon copied Sen. Liz Stefanics and Representative Miguel García and David Abbey (LFC) with the for 2020 budget recommendation. The FY 2019 budget update only has a few items to update. No invoice was generated for July and the September meeting will include costs for July and August. Council members that have turned in W-9s can also opt for direct deposit. Chairmans Sánchez commented that he hopes the Council can present to the LFC and can increase the support fund. We need to discuss this with David Abbey ask Interim Chair Sen. Stefanics to help us get on the LFC agenda. Councilor Griego states that he hopes that the /council can get out of state travel approved.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on UNM Contract FY 2019

None. Delayed because the UNM index number has not been created.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Support Fund

Chairman Sánchez stated that the Land Grant Support Fund applications will go out in September with a deadline of October 15th. The Council meets October 19th in Las Vegas, NM and can approve applications at that meeting. Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez made a motion that the Land Grant Support Fund application deadline be set as October 15th; Councilor Martínez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Federal and State Legislation

Federal

Chairman Sánchez stated that two pieces of federal legislation have been introduced. Council members participated in an event in Trampas and Peñasco with Congressman Ben Rau Luján. Mr. Archuleta reported that he and Mr. Jacobo Baca have been working on individualized land grant letters to the New Mexico Congressional Delegation and House Natural Resource Committee Chair and ranking member supporting the bills. We await a committee hearing. Councilor Padilla Gutiérrez thanked Council staff for the letters and commented on their quality. Councilor Martinez commented that the San Joaquin Grant has passed resolutions in support of both bills. The Consejo is fundraising to pay for travel, including a raffle, a sent fundraiser and a dance. Michelle Jácquez Ortiz (Office of Sen. Ton Udall) stated that neither Congressman Steve Pearce nor Congressman Luján's office have contacted Sen. Udall regarding sponsorship or introduction in the Senate. She also requested that the federal legislative update be moved earlier on the Council agenda.

Poquen Rivera (office of Rep. Michelle Luján Grisham) that the Farm Bill will eventually be sent to Congress but we are awaiting the action from Speaker Paul Ryan to send the bill to a conference committee meeting. The House and the Senate bill are very different and the Senates is more favorable and acequia and land grants, which is Rep. Michelle Luján Grisham's top priority as a member of the conference committee. Mr. Archuleta commented asked why acequias and not land grants have received support thus far; Ms. Jácquez Ortiz reasoned that agencies understand acequias because they are akin to other groups they work with and that NRCS has had good success and publicity with acequia projects. Stephanie Harding of the Washington Office suggested that parciantes and land grant leaders contact Pearce to ask him to support the Senate version over the House version.

Ms. Rivera stated that their legislative council was reviewing the H.R. 6365. Mr. Archuleta stated that he hoped that Sen. Udall's office would sponsor the Senate side of the bill and understood that Rep. Pearce would contact Sen. Udall for support. Ms. Jácquez Ortiz commented that Stephanie Harding wants to meet to discuss the federal trust fund but needs dates. Chairman Sánchez offered October 9, 10, or 11.

State

Chairman Sánchez stated that the next Interim Land Grant Committeemeeting will be on August 28th and 29th in Tecolote. There will be no meetings in September and they will meet on October 29 and 30th in Chililí. In the meeting packet are suggested changes to land grant elections, which he presented to the Interim in August 2017 at San Miguel del Bado and again on July 23 in Abiquiú. Councilor Martínez stated that he had concerns over recruiting and paying an election judge and clerk. Mr. Archuleta responded that this is where guaranteed revenue streams could cover the cost and that nothing in recommendations that says these positions need to be paid. The Council can provide assistance in these positions but cannot be at multiple sites at once. Chairman Sánchez stated that support fund monies could be used if it grows and Councilor Martínez added that election workshops would be helpful. Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez added that each land grant has their own by-laws and election procedures. Mr. Archuleta replied that while areas in the law allow for differences there is confusion over items like precincts, which are ill defined (i.e., land grant precinct or County precinct?) and that these old laws and statutes seem to try to ensure that board has representation from distinct communities.

Councilor Martínez stated that the San Joaquín Grant did their quarterly budgets reports only to be told that they did not have to when submitted to the analyst. Chairman Sánchez stated that Tom Dixon suggested that land grants compile quarterly reports to him and he will compile and file them with the state. Mr. Archuleta added that even though this became law, we are not sure how this works for receiving capitol outlay.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Registry

Mr. Baca stated that the Town of Tomé has submitted their updated bylaws for the registry and the Arroyo Hondo Arriba Land Grant has submitted their bylaws and list of officers.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Correspondence Received by the Council

All correspondence has been discussed except a letter of support of federal legislation received from the Chililí Land Grant.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Studies Program Update

Mr. Archuleta LGSP has hired two youth coordinators, Venessa Chávez and Joseluis Ortiz. Director LM Garcia y Griego will be at the September meeting. We will have Vidal Gonzales returning in the fall semester and we will have Agustín Montoya (Tajique LG) joining us as well.

17. Discussion and Possible Action on Staff Assignments

None.

18. Public Comments – discussion only

None.

19. Miscellaneous Announcements

None.

20. Date and Location for September Council Meeting

Next meeting to be on September 14, 2018 in Albuquerque, NM, at the UNM Science and Technology Center.

21. Adjournment:

Councilor Griego made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Padilla-Gutiérrez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:35pm.

Approved:

Chair

Date