

New Mexico Land Grant Council (NMLGC)
November 18, 2020 – 10:00am
Virtual Meeting
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Minutes – Final
Special Council Meeting

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Chairman Juan Sánchez called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Roll call of the Council members: Andrea Padilla, Leonard T. Martínez, Juan Sánchez and Rebecca Correa-Skartwed were present. Steve Polaco was absent.

2. Introduction of Guests

Juan Sánchez (NMLGC); Andrea Padilla (NMLGC); Rebecca Correa-Skartwed (NMLGC); Leonard T. Martinez (NMLGC); Arturo Archuleta (NMLGC/LGSP); Jacobo Baca (NMLGC/LGSP); Venessa Chávez (NMLGC/LGSP).

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Rebecca Correa Skartwed made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilor Padilla seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Councilor Padilla - aye
Councilor Correa Skartwed - aye
Councilor Martínez- aye
Chairman Sánchez – aye

The motion was passed.

4. Surveyor update and Approval of Request

Mr. Archuleta reported that he spoke with a representative from NORA (Northern Rio Arriba Electrical Coop) who disputed the need for easement at the Piedra Lumbre Visitors Center as they already have a large one with the USFS. The NMLGC may need to have Chris Chavez (contracted surveyor) examine and possible reshoot the easements to allow the three land grants to move forward with the purchase. There should be an extant survey on record and Mr. Chavez's work should be easy. When PLVC sale goes through, the three easements need to be recorded with the sale. Currently, the USFS has a special use permit for NORA. Attorney Larry Montano of Holland and Hart felt a survey was needed and contacted a surveyor and Mr. Archuleta spoke with him and expressed his feeling that there might not be a need and that if a survey is needed, perhaps the electrical coop should bear the cost. Mr. Archuleta reported that Mr. Chavez estimated that the survey should cost about \$3,500 if he needs to do a whole survey but would be cheaper if the project requires less work. His former business partner Leslie Byrne did the survey of the PLVC relatively recently when she worked for the USFS. The hope is that a whole survey is not needed but the Council wishes to ensure that this does not hold up the sale, especially as the USFS is ready to issue a bill for the property.

Councilor Correa-Skartwed made a motion to approve survey services related to the Piedra Lumbre Visitors Center, including but not limited to determining easements; Councilor Padilla seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

- Councilor Padilla - aye
- Councilor Correa-Skartwed - aye
- Chairman Sánchez – aye
- Councilor Martínez– recuse

The motion was passed.

5. Adjournment

Councilor Padilla made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Correa-Skartwed seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

- Councilor Padilla - aye
- Councilor Martínez – aye
- Councilor Correa Skartwed– aye
- Chairman Sánchez – aye

The motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:13am MST.

Approved:

Chair

Date