

New Mexico Land Grant Council (NMLGC)
April 20, 2022 – 12:00pm
In Person and Virtual Meeting (Hybrid)
UNM Science and Technology Park
851 University Blvd SE, Suite 202
Albuquerque, NM 87106
Zoom ID: 929 0939 8808

**Final Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting**

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Chairman Juan Sánchez called the meeting to order at 12:07pm MDT. Roll call of the Council members: Steve Polaco, Juan Sánchez, Andrea Padilla, Rebecca Correa Skartwed and Leonard Martínez were present.

2. Introduction of Guests

Juan Sánchez (NMLGC); Andrea Padilla (NMLGC); Steve Polaco (NMLGC); Leonard T. Martínez (NMLGC); Rebecca Correa Skartwed (NMLGC); Arturo Archuleta (NMLGC/LGSP); Jacobo Baca (NMLGC/LGSP); Anissa Baca (NMLGC/LGSP); Ricardo Dow y Anaya (NM Attorney General's Office); Ashley Beyer (Office of Senator Martin Heinrich); A. J. Pacheco (Office of Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández); Eric Chávez (Office of Sen. Ben Ray Luján); Ashley Wright (USFS); Jacob Trujillo (Office of Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury) -Phillip Clark, Camila Romero (NM State Land Office), Manuel Garcia y Griego (LGSP), Jack Lewis (Carson National Forest), Novela Salazar (NM Attorney General's Office), Leann Murphy (Carson National Forest), Chris Griffith (Carson National Forest), Jeremy Marshall (Rio Chama Coordinator), Lisa Morrison (BLM), Augustine Lucero (President of San Antonio de las Huertas Land Grant)

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Roll call vote:

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

The motion was passed.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2022 Council meeting

Councilor Correa Skartwed made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the March 18, 2022 Council meeting; Councilor Padilla seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

- Councilor Padilla – aye
- Councilor Correa Skartwed - aye
- Councilor Martínez - aye
- Councilor Polaco - aye

Chairman Sánchez – aye
The motion was passed.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Federal and State Legislative Update

Federal

A.J. Pacheco (Congresswoman Teresa Ledger Fernández) reported that staff from Congresswoman Teresa Ledger Fernández's Washington D.C. office toured the Trampas and Santa Barbara Land Grants and area acequias on April 13. (a representative from the Arroyo Hondo Arriba Grant was also present). He added that the Congressional Directed Spending deadline to apply for funds was Friday, April 15, 2022 and it appears that no land grants applied.

State

Senate Bill 1 has been amended. This Junior Money includes: \$50,000 for youth programing, \$135,000 to Anton Chico for youth education services, and \$50,000 to Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant youth programing, \$50,000 to Tajique Land Grant, and \$50,000 to Tierra Amarilla Land Grant. There are funds that may be reoccurring which are \$80,000 going directly to the Council that has to be spent on grants, \$50,000 for youth program developmental services.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Bureau of Land Management Update

Lisa Morrison: Jacobo Baca has been appointed to the Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council. New acting state forester out of Wyoming. Farmington, Rio Puerto, Socorro, and Cuba Field Offices are offering permits at their front desks. The Taos Field Office will begin offering permits online May 1st.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on U.S. Forest Service Update

Paul Martinez has been appointed as the point of contact for the Ojo timber sale. He has been in contact with Councilor Martinez. Paul Martinez will give a presentation to the Council regarding timber sale.

Leann Murphy representing Carson National Forest: the offices will be opening back up in June. Objection resolution meetings took place one month ago, the resolution letter is currently being written. A Land Grant 101 course will be offered to forest rangers this summer.

Councilor Martinez: Are the permits currently available for wood from Carson, Santa Fe and Cibola? Permits are currently available, and accessible by mail and people can call into the offices to receive permits. Santa Fe National Forest permits will go on sale May 2 over the phone. Is it possible to touch base with Rio Grande Office on fuelwood permits? Leann will check.

Jeremy Marshall: Powerpoint presentation on Rio Chama Restoration CLFRP, which includes participation from Santa Fe, Cuba and Espanola Districts.

A Forest Service meeting will be held on May 4th at the Abiquiu Rural Events Center to discuss fuelwood opportunities.

Ski Resort Expansions: Sipapu and Taos Ski Valley have proposed expansions. This has raised concerns for Santa Barbara and Arroyo Hondo Arriba Land Grants.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Office of the Attorney General & Treaty Division

The NMAG's Office plan to open their Land Grant and Acequia Repository June 9th.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on State Land Office Update

Camila Romero reported that one of the SLO's community fuelwood project areas is currently in the Hermit's Peak fire area. The draft MOA between the SLO and the NMLGC has been updated to include language regarding fuelwood harvesting, thinning, cost estimates, natural resource authorization, etc.

Councilor Correa Skartwed made a motion to approve the MOA between the State Land Office and the Council; Councilor Polaco seconded the motion.

Councilor Martinez had a question concerning the cost estimate determination: work with a contractor to receive estimates and bids, the cost will change depending on the project and objectives.

Roll call vote:

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

The motion was passed.

10. Discussion and Action on Natural Resources Issues & Concerns – Local, State and Federal

Kris Graham Chavez (NRCS) discussed various federal grant programs, including EQIP, RCPP, and will send the Council a draft of guidance for comment.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on FY 2022 & FY 2023 Budget

FY 2022 Budget Update: no new invoices for Legal Services Contract; \$36,391.84 has been expended to date. In state travel amounts to \$5,067.04, YTD. Out of State Travel has not been spent. The UNM Contract total, YTD, is \$155,849.64, including staff salary and fringe amounting to \$121,327.33. Total NMLGC budget expended to date is \$197,309.22. The Council discussed an IBR Revision: Moving budget for externs to computers for Council staff.

Councilor Padilla made a motion to approve IBR, moving \$5,310.00, combined from computer software and law school extern costs, to allow the purchase of computers for staff; Councilor Polaco seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

The motion was passed.

DFA funds: We have received a quote to digitize microfilm including Spanish, Mexican and perhaps some Territorial period archives, and Tomé archives.

Publishing costs could be spent publishing Dr. Jacobo Baca's dissertation, which is about land grant history, at the State Printing office.

Councilor Correa Skartwed made a motion to print Dr. Jacobo Baca's dissertation to distribute to land grants; Councilor Padilla seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

The motion was passed.

Mr. Archuleta reported that he is attempting to get a quote from the law firm Holland and Hart to complete some legal research. The governance guidebook printing is a priority for the near future. We will not be able to before the end of the fiscal year.

FY 2023 Budget recommendations from NMLGC Office staff:

We are trying to find a way to use Junior Monies and other state funds. We need to plan for a financial employee. We can also put Junior Monies towards Bonding and Insuring costs.

NMLGC staff reported that DFA wanted input from the Council on land grant related Junior Monies, including: the \$100,000 to develop a grant process for grants for operations of land grants; the \$50,000 to provide youth development program services to land grants-mercedes; and the \$50,000 to develop a cultural and educational program on the land grant-merced heritage of the Cristobal de la Serna land grant-merced. Staff mentioned the potential idea of utilizing the \$100,000 for hiring a position that focuses on helping land grant to understand and comply with financial budgeting and reporting. Staff also suggested utilizing the money targeted towards youth development in conjunction with the \$50,000 appropriation to the Council for youth programing.

Councilor Correa Skartwed made a motion to recommend to DFA that the \$100,000 should be used for an accountant position, and that the two \$50,000 appropriations for youth programing to be partnered with other NMLGC youth program funds; Councilor Polaco seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

- Councilor Padilla – aye
- Councilor Correa Skartwed – out of the meeting
- Councilor Martínez - aye
- Councilor Polaco - aye
- Chairman Sánchez – aye

The motion was passed

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Support Fund

Anissa Baca gave an update on Land Grant Support Fund recipient's status.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on UNM Intergovernmental Services Agreement

Pay request number 6 was presented for \$16,454.26 including \$13,194.89 in personnel and \$2,742.37 in F&A charges.

Councilor Padilla made a motion to approve pay request number 6 for \$16,454.26; Councilor Polaco seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

The motion was passed.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Professional Surveyor Services Contract - Update and Requests

Invoice 1 from Territorial Land Surveying, LLC, for \$5,088.44 in work completed from Territorial Land Surveying services.

Councilor Correa Skartwed made a motion to approve the invoice from Territorial Land Surveying for \$5,088.44; Councilor Padilla seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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

The motion was passed.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Legal Services for Land Grants Update and Requests

No new requests or invoices for Legal Services. They have been working on Laguna del Campo, San Antonio de las Huertas easement, Abiquiu water, and Juan Bautista Baldes cases.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on *United States v. Sandoval*

Additional research on Court of Private Land Claims is needed. Dr. Jacobo Baca has begun some research on the Court of Private Land Claims, which may require extensive work. Councilor Martínez stated that he was under the impression that LGSP Director LM García y Griego conducted research in the CPLC archives in Washington D.C. NMLGC / LGSP staff shared other *U.S. v. Sandoval* research with the Council. Councilor Martínez proposed a legal brief on the case rather than historical research. He proposed spending some of the Junior Monies for the legal brief.

17. Discussion and Possible Action on Mercedes Unidas Center Update

Councilor Polaco and Councilor Martínez reported that he spoke with the electrical engineer and asked another electrician to look at the center. The wells, electrical system and roof have also been assessed. The land grants will meet on Saturday April 23, 2022.

18. Discussion and Possible Action on Laguna del Campo Update

Councilor Polaco reported that the NM State Game Commission agreed to let the lake go with 5cfs granted to the Merced de los Pueblos de Tierra Amarilla. The deed had issues, was inspected by David Benavides and is reworking the deed.

19. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Registry Update

Mr. Baca reported that the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant submitted their election update.

20. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Grant Institute / Land Grant Studies Program Update

Mr. Archuleta reported that the work continues on the proposed Land Grant Institute. He reported that LM Garcia y Griego is working on a LGSP advisory committee meeting. The LGSP is involved in planning the another seminar with the UNM Law School. Jacobo Baca reported that he and Anissa Baca are continuing work on the ALGE project and will host the 2022 teachers institute, April 23rd, half day virtual and May 7th full day in person at Santa Fe Community College. The LGSP and NMHU have taken the lead in putting this together, with input from the New Mexico Acequia Association and Georgia Roybal. 12 teachers and administrators, both retired and active, will participate and evaluation will be completed by UNM College of Education professors. Mr. Baca reported that he will present on land grants and acequias for Earth Day on April 23, 2022. He added that he, Prof. LM García y Griego and Prof. Moises Gonzales met with the director of the archives at UNM to discuss land grant records and archives and that assistance with the NMAG's gallery and archive is ongoing.

21. Discussion and Possible Action on Correspondence

New Mexico Rural Summit will take place on May 12 and 13.

22. Discussion and Possible Action on Staff Assignments

None.

23. Public Comments – Discussion only

Councilor Padilla brought up EIN numbers and issues for vehicle registration. Mr. Archuleta and Councilor Martínez discussed their work arounds and possible need for intercession by the Congressional delegation. Monica Rodríguez of KUNM will contact the LGSP/NMLGC for participation in a radio program.

24. Miscellaneous Announcements

25. Date and Location for May and June Council Meetings

The May 2022 Council meeting will take place on May 17, 2022 at 10:00am, virtually and in person at the UNM Science and Technology Center.

The June 2022 Council meeting will take place on June 15, 2022 time TBD, virtually and in person in Las Vegas (tentatively).

26. Adjournment

Councilor Polaco made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Correa Skartwed seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

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

The motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm MDT.

Approved:

Chair

Date