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**Minutes of the Colonias Infrastructure Board Meeting
April 30, 2019**

Andres Z. Silva Conference Center
119 E. Pine Street, Deming, NM

Voting Members Present:

Doug Moore, Chairman	Senate Minority Leader Appointee
Oscar Vasquez Butler, Vice Chairman	Senate President Pro Tempore Appointee
Wesley Billingsley	New Mexico Dept. of Finance & Administration Designee
Steven Deal	New Mexico Environment Department Designee
Zach Dillenback via telephone	New Mexico Finance Authority Designee
Mary Helen Garcia	House of Representatives Minority Leader Appointee

Voting Members Absent

Orlando-Antonio Jimenez	Speaker of the House of Representatives Appointee
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Non-Voting Members Present:

Jay Armijo	South Central Council of Governments Executive Director
Rose Baca-Quesada via telephone	New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority Designee
Leandro Cordova via telephone	New Mexico Association of Counties Designee
Priscilla Lucero	Southwest NM Council of Governments Executive Director
Hubert Quintana	SENM Economic Development District Designee

New Mexico Finance Authority Staff:

Michelle Harding, Administrative Assistant	Angela Quintana, Senior Program Administrator
Charlotte Larragoite, Water Resources Admin.	Michael Vonderheide, Director of Water Resources
Bryan Otero, Assistant General Counsel	

Guests:

Rick Collins, North Park MDWCA	Mario Juarez-Infante, Wilson and Company Inc.
Jesse Cole, City of Truth or Consequences	Michael Larisch, Grant County
Linda Cooke, Catron County	Martin Lopez, Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority
George Esqueda, Stantec Engineering	Jim Massengill, City of Deming
Robert Esqueda, Town of Silver City	Martin Miller, Luna County
Chon Fierro, Mayor, City of Bayard	Karen Nichols, Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority
Andre Giron, Village of Reserve	Kristina Ortiz, City of Bayard
Mike Hatch, Luna County	Peter Pena, Town of Silver City
Jennifer Horton, Dona Ana MDWCA	Karen Perez, Grace Engineering LLC
Alexi Jackson, City of Deming	Gabriel Ramos, Senator District 28
Joe Jarvis, City of Ruidoso Downs	
Benny Jasso, Mayor, City of Deming	

Lilla Reid, Souder, Miller & Associates
Richard Runyon, Dennis Engineering Company
Esequiel Salas, Mayor, Village of Columbus
Aaron Sera, City of Deming

Linda Smrkovsky, Luna County
John Sweetser, Luna County
Azucena Vargas, City of Deming
Gary Williams, Mayor, City of Ruidoso Downs

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Chairman Doug Moore called the Colonias Infrastructure Board (“CIB”) meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

The Chairman thanked Mayor Benny Jasso, the City of Deming, and Luna County for providing breakfast for everyone. Mayor Jasso welcomed everyone to Deming and thanked the Colonias Board for their continued support.

Chairman Moore introduced Senator Gabriel Ramos. Senator Ramos thanked all for attending the meeting in the southwest area of the State.

2. **Approval of Agenda.**

Ms. Mary Helen Garcia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steven Deal, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

3. **Approval of March 20, 2019, Board Minutes.**

Mr. Deal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Oscar Vasquez Butler, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

4. **Chairman’s Report.** Chairman Moore introduced Wesley Billingsley, designee for Secretary Olivia Padilla-Jackson, New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. Mr. Billingsley introduced Executive Order 2019-007, which establishes the New Mexico 2020 Complete Count Commission. Mr. Billingsley stated that 43% of New Mexicans live in “hard to count” areas. If the rural populace is not fully accounted for, the State may experience a loss of \$780 million over 10 years. To counteract this potential loss, Secretary Padilla-Jackson will appoint a committee consisting of 40 members from state agencies throughout New Mexico and four representatives from Urban and Rural entities.
5. **Report from Nominating Committee.** Hubert Quintana, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the Committee’s recommendations to nominate Doug Moore, Chairman, Oscar Vasquez Butler as Vice-Chair, and New Mexico Finance Authority Chief Executive Officer John Gasparich as Secretary.

Mr. Deal made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garcia, to approve the Nominating Committee’s report. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

6. **Election of Officers.** Chairman Moore asked for a motion for election of officers.

Ms. Garcia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Deal, to elect the slate of officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

7. **Appointment of Committee Members and Board Confirmation.** Chairman Moore stated that the makeup of the Project Review Committee and Policy Committee members would remain the same at this time.

Chairman Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Deal, to approve the Committee’s members as currently seated. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

8. **2019 Colonias Infrastructure Fund Applications: Consideration and Approval of Awards.** Angela Quintana, Senior Program Administrator presented the 2019 Colonias Infrastructure Fund Applications Award Recommendations.

The Colonias Infrastructure Board (“CIB”) annually reviews applications submitted by qualified entities for Colonias infrastructure projects and recommends a final list of eligible projects to be funded by the New Mexico Finance Authority (“NMFA”).

The 2019 Colonias Infrastructure Fund (“CIF”) application cycle began on October 10, 2018, with the submittals of Notice of Intent (NOI). NMFA staff received 27 NOI’s with a total requested amount of \$18,269,076. The 2019 on-line application was open from December 5, 2018 through January 17, 2019. Twenty-nine (29) applications requesting more than \$17.1 million were submitted.

All of the applications were reviewed for eligibility and compliance. Applicants who did not meet policy compliance were notified and given until February 19, 2019 to become compliant or submit requests for policy waiver.

On March 20, 2019, the CIB considered and took action on the following waiver requests:

- Casas Adobes MDWCA – Project Continuation – not approved;
- Village of Hope – Project Continuation – not approved; and
- Village of Loving – Project Continuation – not approval

The remaining projects were reviewed and scored using the current established criteria by the technical team comprised of staff from NMDOT, NMED, OSE and NMFA.

8	Roads/Drainage Projects	\$5,966,378
1	Solid Waste Projects	\$347,494
7	Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	\$4,884,453
10	Water Infrastructure Projects	\$4,779,447
26	Total Requested Amount	\$15,977,772

Per Section 2.4D of the CIF project management policies, “No single project may receive more than 15% of the available funds in any given funding cycle.” The current estimate amount available for funding is:

2019 Severance Tax Bond estimate (4.5%)	\$ 14,050,394
2018 rescinded funds balance (Hanover MDWSWA)	\$ 7,619
	\$ 14,058,013
	<i>15% CAP</i> \$2,108,702

The established criterion evaluates and prioritizes projects based on the following factors:

- Project Urgency (30%)
- Project Readiness (20%)
- Leverage of other funds (10%)
- Regionalization (10%)
- Cost/Benefit (10%)
- Long Term Community Benefit (10%); and
- Long-Term Sustainability, Maintenance and Operations (10%)

The attached spreadsheet is separated by project type and listed in order of scoring from highest to lowest. The first breakdown is determined by scores. Lines are drawn on average scores between project types:

Project Type	# of Projects	Mean Score (Average)
Roads/Drainage	5	62
Solid Waste	1	55
Wastewater	4	61
Water	5	55

Below is the final breakout and amounts for the 2019 CIF funding considerations:

8	Roads/Drainage Projects	\$5,616,094
1	Solid Waste Projects	\$347,494
7	Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	\$4,058,453
10	Water Infrastructure Projects	\$4,035,972
26	Total Recommended Amount	\$14,058,013

The initial recommendations based on the average scores are as follows:

	# of Projects	Recommended Amounts
Roads/Drainage Projects	5	\$3,822,694
Solid Waste Projects	1	\$347,494
Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	4	\$1,970,453
Water Infrastructure Projects	5	\$2,492,762
Total Amount	15	\$8,633,403

Staff expanded the recommendations on projects that were below the average scores but that scored high on urgency, health and safety, and readiness, with the remaining available funds.

	# of Projects	Recommended Amounts
Roads/Drainage Projects	3	\$1,793,400
Solid Waste Projects	0	\$0
Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	3	\$2,088,000
Water Infrastructure Projects	5	\$1,543,210
Total Amount	11	\$5,424,610

The following projects were phased:

Applicant	Requested Amount	Recommended Amounts
4922-CIF Ruidoso Downs	\$1,240,000	\$940,000
4900-CIF Camino Real RUA	\$1,164,000	\$613,000
4910-CIF Dona Ana MDWCA	\$1,075,000	\$800,000
4914-CIF Lake Arthur	\$928,475	\$185,000

The following project is recommended for a reduced amount:

Applicant	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount	Reduced By
4905-CIF Columbus (road)	\$1,350,000	\$1,299,716	\$50,284

If any of the awards are rescinded or returned, the Project Review Committee recommends that projects that have been phased be considered for these additional funds, or that the funds be allocated in the next funding cycle.

Mr. Deal made a motion, seconded by Chairman Moore, to approve the Project Review Committee's recommendation for 2019 Colonias Infrastructure Fund Awards. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

9. **Consideration and Approval of Resolution, Notification and Certification of Need for Issuance of Severance Tax Revenue Bonds for Qualified Projects.** Bryan Otero, Assistant General Counsel, presented a Resolution for Consideration and Approval of Resolution, Notification and Certification of Need for Issuance of Severance Tax Revenue Bonds for Qualified Projects.

Mr. Deal made a motion, seconded by Chairman Moore, to approve the Resolution for Consideration and Approval of Resolution, Notification and Certification of Need for Issuance of Severance Tax Revenue Bonds for Qualified Projects. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

10. **Public Comment.** Chairman Moore called for public comment.

Ms. Quintana stated training for both 2019 Colonias Infrastructure Board and Water Trust Board awardees has been scheduled in Albuquerque and Las Cruces. The Board requested the Task Force meet during the training in Las Cruces in July.

Addressing the Board were Andres Giron, Village of Reserve; Mayor Gary Williams of Ruidoso Downs; Jim Massengil, City of Deming; Linda Smrkovsky, Chair, Luna County Commission; Linda Cooke, Catron County; Mayor Salas of Village of Columbus, all of whom expressed appreciation to the Board.

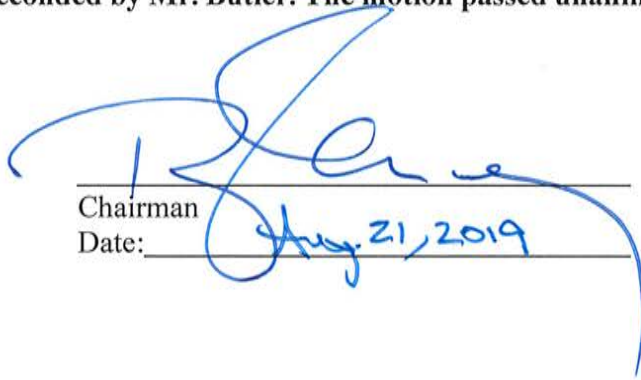
Finally, Chairman Moore thanked the Senate for providing funding for the Southern part of the State.

11. **Next Meeting Dates.** Chairman Moore suggested a meeting in July for the CIB Task Force, while the next CIB meeting will be scheduled in August.


12. **Adjournment**

Ms. Garcia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Butler. The motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.


Chairman
Date: Aug 21, 2019

Attest:


Board Secretary
Date: 8/22/19