

New Mexico Finance Authority
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Minutes of the Colonias Infrastructure Board Meeting
May 20, 2021
Teleconference Via Zoom

Present:

Doug Moore, Chairman	Appointee, Minority Leader of the Senate
Mary Kay Papan, Vice Chair	Appointee, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Marquita Russel, Secretary	CEO, New Mexico Finance Authority
Wesley Billingsley	Designee, Dept. of Finance & Administration
Steven Deal	Designee, Environment Department
Mary Helen Garcia	Appointee, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives

Voting Members Absent:

Orlando-Antonio Carrillo-Jimenez	Appointee, Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Non-Voting Member Present:

Priscilla Lucero	Southwest NM Council of Governments
Donna Maestas-DeVries	Designee, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority
Jay Armijo	South Central Council of Governments
Hubert Quintana	Designee, Southeastern NM Economic Development District
Leandro Cordova	Designee, New Mexico Counties

Finance Authority Staff:

Dan Opperman	Chief Legal Officer
Bryan Otero	Legal and Compliance Counsel
Connie Marquez	Executive Assistant
Anthony Silva	Database Analyst
Angela Quintana	Senior Program Administrator
Michael Vonderheide	Managing Director, Program Administration
Joe Maldonado	Senior Administrative Assistant

Guests:

W. Hall	Nora Oliver
Yasmin Olivas	Tisha Green
Karen Nichols	Karen Perez
Ashley Martinez	Emily Gojkavich
Chris Brice	Robert Esqueda

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Chairman Moore called the Colonias Infrastructure Board (“CIB”) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Chairman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to include item 7a. Public Comment, seconded by Member Russel. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
3. **Approval of the April 27, 2021 Board Minutes.** Member Russel made a motion, seconded by Chairman Moore to approve the April 27, 2021 Board Minutes with an amendment to the minutes to reflect Members Garcia and Papen in attendance. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
4. **Introduction of Guest.**
 - Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales - Due to a previous commitment Lieutenant Governor Morales was unable to attend the meeting.
5. **Consideration and Approval of 2021 Colonias Infrastructure Fund Awards.** Ms. Angela Quintana, Senior Program Administrator presented the 2021 Colonias Infrastructure Fund Award Recommendations

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

The 2021 Colonias Infrastructure Fund (“CIF”) application cycle began on January 4, 2021, with the submittals of Notice of Intent (“NOI”). NMFA staff received 48 NOI’s with a total requested amount of \$44,808,399. The 2021 on-line application was open from January 28 through March 3, 2021. Forty-seven (47) applications requesting more than \$40 million were submitted.

All applications were reviewed for eligibility and compliance. The Village of Cloudcroft withdrew their application and Chippeway Park Water Association was deemed ineligible. The remaining Applicants moved forward for regulatory and policy compliance review. Entities that did not meet policy compliance were notified and given until March 30, 2021 to a.) correct identified issue(s), b.) remove their application and correct compliance issues in preparation for the next funding cycle, or c.) request a waiver from the CIB. The Village of Capitan did not meet regulatory compliance nor did the Village submit a waiver for consideration.

On April 27, 2021, the CIB considered and acted on the following waiver requests:

- Lower Rio Grande PWWA – Project Continuation – approved.
- Luna County – Project Continuation – approved.
- City of Lordsburg – EO-Compliance – not approved.
- City of Ruidoso Downs – EO-Compliance – not approved.

- Timberon WSD – EO-Compliance – not approved.
- Village of Tularosa – EO-Compliance – not approved.

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.

14	Water Infrastructure Projects	\$6,616,338
6	Flood Control Projects	\$4,858,066
2	Solid Waste Projects	\$2,245,697
5	Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	\$8,807,072
13	Roads/Drainage Projects	\$10,409,417
40	Total Requested Amount	\$32,936,590

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 estimated amount available for funding is:

2021 Severance Tax Bond estimate (4.5%)	\$ 26,630,794
2020 rescinded funds balance (Grant County)	\$ 36,407
	\$ 26,667,201
	<u>15% CAP</u> \$4,000,080

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

	# of Projects	Recommended Amounts
Water Infrastructure Projects	8	\$4,739,653
Flood Control Projects	3	\$3,557,545
Solid Waste Projects	1	\$1,337,000
Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	3	\$7,199,633
Roads/Drainage Projects	7	\$5,497,702
Total Amount	22	\$22,331,533

Staff expanded the recommendations on projects that were below the average scores with the remaining available funds. These recommendations also consider the limit on allocations by County.

	# of Projects	Recommended Amounts
Water Infrastructure Projects	5	\$1,626,685
Flood Control Projects	3	\$499,495
Solid Waste Projects	1	\$908,697
Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	0	\$0.00
Roads/Drainage Projects	3	\$1,292,339
Total Amount	12	\$4,327,216

Below is the final breakout and amounts for the 2021 CIF funding considerations:

13	Water Infrastructure Projects	\$6,374,790
6	Flood Control Projects	\$4,057,040
2	Solid Waste Projects	\$2,245,697
3	Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	\$7,199,633
10	Roads/Drainage Projects	\$6,790,041
34	Total Recommended Amount	\$26,667,201

The following projects are not recommended for funding:

Applicant	Project
Grant County	Silver Acres Master Plan
Anthony WSD	Lift Station Removal
City of Elephant Butte	Wastewater Collection System Ph. 4B
Village of Williamsburg	Mona & Doris Ave. construction
Sierra County	Divide Well Rd.
City of Sunland Park	Riverside Drive Ph. 1

The following projects were phased:

Applicant	Requested Amount	Recommended Amounts	Recommended Scope
5518-CIF Dona Ana Co.	\$601,976	\$48,115	Design only
5519-CIF Dona Ana Co.	\$298,545	\$51,380	Design only
5512-CIF Carrizozo	\$926,364	\$158,657	Design only

To utilize the full funding available, a balance of \$8,452 is recommended to the City of Deming on their construct/replacement waterline project #5516-CIF.

The Project Review Committee has reviewed these recommendations and concurs with staff.

Member Garcia made a motion, seconded by Member Russel to concur with staff's recommendation for the approval of the 2021 Colonias Infrastructure Board Awards. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

6. **Consideration and Approval of Resolution, Notification and Certification of Need for Issuance of Severance Tax Revenue Bonds for Qualified Projects** – Mr. Bryan Otero, Legal and Compliance Counsel presented the Resolution for Notification and Certification of Severance Tax Bonds for Qualified Projects.

Member Deal made a motion, seconded by Member Papen to approve the Resolution, Notification and Certification of Severance Tax Bonds for Qualified Projects. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

7. Next Meeting Date. September, location TBD

Chairman Moore made a motion, seconded by Member Garcia, to request the next meeting be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, for an “in person” meeting in Mesilla, NM to honor Mr. Oscar Vasquez-Butler with an award for years of service to the Colonias Infrastructure Board, and Board luncheon provided by Mr. Jay Armijo of South-Central Council of Governments. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

7a. Public Comment:

Mr. Chris Brice – Luna County Manager thanked the Board and Member Lucero for the help that has been provided to his community.

Ms. Karen Perez- Grace Engineering for North Park MDWCA. Ms. Perez gave an update to the Board on the Association’s 2019 Colonias project. She explained some of the issues that the Association has encountered including the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.

8. Adjournment.

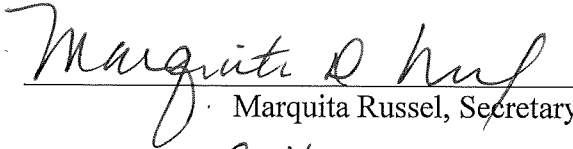
Member Russel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Papen. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.


Mary Kay Papen, Vice Chair

Sept. 16, 2021
Date

ATTEST:


Marquita Russel, Secretary
9.16.2021
Date