

*New Mexico Finance Authority*  
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**Minutes of the Colonias Infrastructure Board Meeting**  
**December 5, 2023**  
198 Neel Street Socorro, New Mexico 87801

**Voting Members Present:**

Mary Kay Papen, Chair	Appointee, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Janice Baca-Argabright, Vice Chair	Appointee, Minority Leader of the Senate
John Brooks (via zoom)	Designee, New Mexico Finance Authority
Rebecca Dow	Appointee, Minority Leader House of Rep
Wesley Billingsley	Designee, NM Dept. of Finance and Administration
Steven Deal	Designee, NM Environment Dept.

**Non-Voting Member Present:**

Priscilla Lucero (via zoom)	Southwest NM Council of Governments
Dora Batista (via zoom)	Southeastern NMED District
Richard Garcia (via zoom)	Designee, NM Counties
Jay Armijo (via zoom)	South Central Council of Governments
Donna Maestas	Designee, NM Mortgage Finance Authority

**Voting Member Absent:**

Orlando Antonio Jimenez	Appointee, Speaker of the House of Rep.
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**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

**Finance Authority Staff:**

Angela Quintana	Kryshana Madrid (via zoom)
Charlotte Larragoite (via zoom)	Sharon Romero
Dan Opperman (via zoom)	Michael Vonderheide
John Brooks (via zoom)	

**Guests:**

Kristina Ortiz (via zoom)	USDA
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Chair Papen called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Agenda. Member Dow moved, seconded by Member Deal, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.**
3. **Approval of Board Minutes. Member Baca-Argabright moved, seconded by Member Dow, to approve the September 12, 2023, Minutes. The motion passed 6-0.**
4. **Update on the 2022 Colonias Closings**

**Update on Activities.** Ms. Quintana presented an update regarding the nine outstanding 2022 projects noting that Timberon Water Sanitation District (“WSD”) returned their 2022/2023 funds.

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>Status</b>
Camino Real RUA	Design lift station	Expiring JPA between DA County and Sunland Park	\$267,027	Pending City of Sunland Park approval 12/5/2023
Camino Real RUA	Design improvements for Sunland Park WWTP Ph. 2	Expiring JPA between DA County and Sunland Park	\$267,027	Pending City of Sunland Park approval 12/5/2023
Town of Carrizozo	Design improvements to surface water treatment plant	USDA Consent	\$310,360	Closing date scheduled: 12/22/2023
Chamberino MDWCA	Design/construct 3,200lf waterlines	USDA Consent	\$636,500	Pending update from USDA
Dona Ana MDWCA	Construct/rehab lift station and force main	USDA Consent	\$910,000	Closing date scheduled: 12/29/2023
Malaga MDWCA	Design upgrades to water system	USDA Consent	\$174,176	Anticipated consent by February 1, 2024.
Village of Reserve	Design/construct water metering/disinfection bldg.	USDA Consent	\$454,546	Anticipated consent by December 1, 2023.
Timberon WSD	Design/construct targeted leaking line replacements	USDA Consent	\$454,546	Entity returned funds
Village of Tularosa	Plan/design well siting for new well	USDA Consent	\$315,311	Closing date scheduled: 12/29/2023
<b>Pending Unsecured funding Total</b>			<b>\$3,789,493 = Approx. 10% of available funding</b>	

All eight projects presented, with the exception of Timberon WSD (CIF-5796), are either scheduled for closing or have been given deadlines to meet the required RTP items to begin the closing process. If these eight projects cannot meet their deadlines and cannot secure the 2022 funds to move the projects forward, staff will recommend that the funds be rescinded at the March 2024 Colonias Infrastructure Board meeting.

**Informational Only.**

**5. Determination on Returned/Rescinded Colonias Funds.**

**5.1** Ms. Quintana presented a recommendation regarding the returned funding from the 2022/2023 cycles. Timberon WSD are returning both their 2022 and 2023 funds, totaling 1,136,364.

2022 Set-Aside (5% + unawarded balance)	\$1,936,687
Village of Cloudcroft returned funds (2)	\$505,000
Town of Hurley returned funds	\$99,300
Timberon WSD returned funds	\$454,546
<b>Proposed Balance</b>	<b>\$2,995,533</b>
2023 Set-Aside unawarded balance	\$115,000
Timberon WSD returned funds	\$681,818
<b>Proposed Balance</b>	<b>\$796,818</b>

Staff recommends the 2022 returned funds from Timberon WSD be added to the set-aside for construction cost overruns for the 2022 Colonias awardees and the 2023 returned funds from Timberon WSD be added to the set-aside for construction cost overruns for the 2023 Colonias awardees.

**Member Deal moved, seconded by Member Baca-Argabright, for approval of agenda item 5.1. The motion passed 6-0.**

**6. Next Board Meeting.**

- March 12, 2024, Village of Ruidoso
- April 15-16, 2024, City of Anthony (*project presentations*)
- May 16, 2024, City of Deming (*2024 award determination*)

**7. Public Comment.**

**8. Adjournment.** Member Dow moved, seconded by Member Deal for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Secretary

03 / 13 / 2024

Date