

Meeting Minutes  
 Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO)  
 Hosted by Village of Eagle Nest  
 Eagle Nest Community Center  
 151 Willow Creek Drive  
 Eagle Nest, NM 87718  
 March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 10:00 a.m.



**Meeting Attendees**

Present/Absent	Name	Entity	Voting/Alternate
Present	Arnold Lopez	San Miguel County	Alternate
Present	Morris Madrid	San Miguel County	Voting Member
Present	Landon Newton	Colfax County	Voting Member
Present	Robert Thompson	Colfax County	Alternate
Present	Scott Berry	City of Raton	Voting Member
Present	Jason Phillips	City of Raton	Alternate
Present	Shawn Jeffrey	Village of Cimarron	Voting Member
Present	Chuck Howe	Village of Angel Fire	Voting Member
Present	Rick Tafoya	Village of Angel Fire	Alternate
Present	Walter Hall	Union County	Voting Member
Present	Sam Blea	Town of Springer	Alternate
Present	Richard Cordova	Village of Eagle Nest	Voting Member
Present	Mary Berglund	Village of Eagle Nest	Alternate
Absent	Daniel Gurule	City of Las Vegas	Voting Member
Absent	Veronica Gentry	City of Las Vegas	Alternate
Absent	Paula Garcia	Mora County	Voting Member
Absent	George Trujillo	Mora County	Alternate
Absent	Renee Ledoux	Village of Cimarron	Alternate
Absent	Robert E. Aragon	Harding County	Voting Member
Absent	James Maestas	Harding County	Alternate
Absent	Vanita Menapace	Village of Mosquero	Voting Member
Absent	Connie Clark	Village of Mosquero	Alternate
Absent	Donna Sue Milson	Village of Roy	Voting Member
Absent	Dorothy Hazen	Village of Roy	Alternate
Absent	Anita Allen	Village of House	Voting Member
Absent	Sherwin W. Martin	Village of House	Alternate
Absent	Larry Moore	Quay County	Voting Member
Absent	Richard Primrose	Quay County	Alternate
Absent	Cynthia Lee	Village of San Jon	Voting Member
Absent	Wade Lane	Village of San Jon	Alternate
Absent	Vicki Strand	City of Tucumcari	Voting Member
Absent	Ralph Lopez	City of Tucumcari	Alternate
Absent	Ferron Lucero	Town of Clayton	Voting Member
Absent	Tony Naranjo	Town of Clayton	Alternate

Absent	Angie Gonzales	Union County	Alternate
Absent	Lee Dixon	Village of Des Moines	Voting Member
Absent	Scott Warner	Village of Des Moines	Alternate
Absent	None	Village of Pecos	Voting Member
Absent	None	Village of Pecos	Alternate
Absent	Diane Brown	Village of Folsom	Voting Member
Absent	Mike Schoonover	Village of Folsom	Alternate
Absent	Mignon Saddoris	Village of Grenville	Voting Member
Absent	Lynn Wiseman	Village of Grenville	Alternate
Absent	Larry Wallin	Village of Logan	Voting Member
Absent	Russell Feerer	Village of Logan	Alternate
Absent	Timothy P. Dodge	City of Santa Rosa	Voting Member
Absent	Danica Gonzales	City of Santa Rosa	Alternate
Absent	Monica Abeyta	Guadalupe County	Voting Member
Absent	Ken Flores	Guadalupe County	Alternate
Absent	Boe Lopez	Town of Springer	Voting Member
Absent	Don Flynn	Village of Maxwell	Voting Member
Absent	Joanna Taylor	Village of Maxwell	Alternate
Absent	Laudente Quintana	Village of Wagon Mound	Voting Member
Absent	Nora Sanchez	Village of Wagon Mound	Alternate



**New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and Planners**

- Heather Sandoval – District IV Assistant Engineer
- John Herrera – Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) Coordinator for District IV
- Dennis T. Salazar – NERTPO Planner/Program Manager for the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)
- Vincent M. Soule – NERTPO Planner/Program Manager for the Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)

**Guests**

- Sandra Garcia - Village of Angel Fire
- David Shivers - Village of Logan
- Barry Bass - Village of Logan
- Richard Runyon - Dennis Engineering Co.

**I. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:11 AM by Mayor of Eagle Nest, Chairman Richard Cordova.



## II. Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the New Mexico State Flag was led by Vice-Chairman Chuck Howe.

## III. Welcome

Chairman Cordova welcomed everyone to Village of Eagle Nest. Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance.

## IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Walter Hall – Union County  
Second: Landon Newton – Colfax County  
No opposition was voiced.  
Motion carried.

## V. Approval of Minutes (January 24, 2018- NCNMEDD)

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Morris Madrid – San Miguel County  
Second: Robert Thompson – Colfax County  
No opposition was voiced.  
Motion carried.

## VI. Approval of Minutes (February 28, 2018 – Santa Rosa, NM)

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Walter Hall – Union County  
Second: Morris Madrid – San Miguel County  
No opposition was voiced.  
Motion carried.

## VII. Discussion: NMDOT District IV Updates: (Heather Sandoval and John Herrera, NMDOT)

Ms. Heather Sandoval gave a brief update including items related to FY-19 LGRF Funding, expecting numbers by the end of April or start of May. Ms. Sandoval update included questions from members in their respective communities and overall updates from the month of February in D-4

Mr. John Herrera gave a brief update including items related to the Disbursement Closeouts needing to be sent to Herrera and updates with questions from members in their respective communities, Mr. Herrera also gave a complete update from the month of February in D-4

An update was given about the Logan Bridge Project, per Ms. Heather Sandoval the Project is on schedule and will take over 2 years to complete, at approximately \$22 Million.



**VIII. Approval of Request to Use NERTO Image:** (Mary Libby Campbell -Northeast Regional Tourism Bird Trails)

Ms. Campbell was unable to attend the meeting. Planner Vincent M. Soule gave a brief update to the Board regarding the request by Ms. Campbell to use the NERTPO Image.

Motion to approve: Shawn Jeffrey – Village of Cimarron

Second: Landon Newton – Colfax County

No opposition was voiced.

Motion carried.

**IX. Discussion RTIPR Future Process:** (NERTPO Members and Planners)

NERTPO Planners Dennis T. Salazar and Vincent M. Soule gave a brief update to Members regarding the RTIPR Process and what is expected. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque where NMDOT will be conducting a joint meeting with NMDOT, RTPO Program Managers and MPO Program.

This meeting will give Dennis and Vincent an opportunity to gauge the process. The planners mentioned that there is no guarantee for funding, also a possibility it may not happen anytime soon, but requesting of members to start preparing for the process so we can all hit the ground running when the time comes.

The Planners stated that after the meeting with NMDOT hopefully there will be a better time frame to relay back to the members and those interested.

Chairman Cordova opened the floor for any questions and comments.

This will be an ongoing process and more information will be relayed.

**X. Discussion:** Project Status Updates (Local Government Members)

Discussion from the various NERTPO Membership as to what is happening in their respective communities.

Morris Madrid from San Miguel County inquired about the “Blue Bus” NCRTD.

Planner Dennis advised Mr. Madrid that he will get in touch with NCRTD Staff and see if they can give him a call, the possibility of even getting an NCRTD Staff member to come to one of our future meetings to discuss their process in running the “Blue Bus”.

Shawn Jeffrey- Village of Cimarron gave a brief update about the \$358K Loan Grant for Water Distribution Lines and RFP Water/Wastewater in addition to other updates.

Commissioner Landon Newton gave an update on the \$16 Million Tiger Grant that was awarded to Colfax County. Tiger Grants are very hard to get and require a lot of work. Commissioner Newton advised they are very appreciative for the Tiger Grant.

Vice Chair Chuck Howe gave a brief update in regards to the Village of Angel Fire and Walter Hall gave updates on Union County.



**XI. NERTPO Planners/Program Managers Report:** (Vincent M. Soule and Dennis T. Salazar)

Dennis T. Salazar gave the Board an update on the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that NCNMEDD is currently under. Salazar provided the Board with February financial information amongst a written update from NCNMEDD Community Development Director Eric Ghahate. There were questions and statements given by Board Members wanting to ensure that our Transportation Funding is safe for NERTPO and requesting more detailed information from Mr. Ghahate for the next report. Mr. Salazar complied and advised he will be in contact with Mr. Ghahate to ensure that the information relayed is more detailed and a more thorough written report is given for future meetings. Salazar also advised that he will relay the Board Members wishes to send Chairman Cordova a written report and Financial Information prior to the meeting.

Vincent M. Soule advised the Board that we will be finding out specific questions directly from NMDOT at our Joint MPO/RTPO Meeting for clarification on various questions and concerns asked on how the RTPO will move forward in the future relating to various project requests.

Mr. Soule also advised the Board that we have a new Interim NMDOT/NERTPO Liaison, his name is David Nelson. Our former NMDOT/NERTPO Liaison Somie Chavez has left NMDOT.

Mr. Soule and Mr. Salazar gave a brief presentation on the RTPONM.ORG Website and changes that have been made to ensure better communication. Mr. Soule also let the Board know that we have created an e-mail for better back and forth communication. The e-mail address is [northeast@rtponm.org](mailto:northeast@rtponm.org), we will be sending information in Newsletter Format and this will also be an opportunity to centralize contact information. Mr. Soule also advised that the American Planning Association Conference will be in New Orleans from April 21<sup>st</sup> thru April 24<sup>th</sup> and he plans to attend.

**XII. New Business:**

NERTPO Planners announced that on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a NMDOT Transportation Board Meeting in Raton, the meeting will be held at 8:30 AM at the Raton Patrol Yard. With communication from the Board it is decided that in July our NERTPO Board Meeting will be held after the NMDOT Meeting. The plan is to start on NERTPO Board Meeting at 1pm. There were no other suggestions for items.

**Meeting Locations:**

- ❖ April 25, 2018: Village of Angel Fire
- ❖ May23, 2018: Village of Mosquero
- ❖ June 27, 2018: Village of Cimarron
- ❖ \*July 19, 2018: City of Raton (After NMDOT Meeting)

**XIII. Adjournment**

With there being no further business to discuss Chairman Cordova called for adjournment. Chairman Cordova-Village of Eagle Nest making the motion and Landon Newton 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. Meeting Adjourned at 11:31 AM.