Special Meeting Minutes

Northeast Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NERTPO) Hosted by the Eastern Plains Council of Governments

ONLINE

June 8th, 2021

10:00 a.m.

# Meeting Attendees

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| **Present/Absent** | **Name** | **Entity** | **Voting/Alternate** |
| Present  | Jason Phillips | City of Raton | Alternate |
| Present  | Scott Berry | City of Raton | Voting Member |
| Present  | Heather Dostie | City of Santa Rosa | Voting Member |
| Present  | Bret E. Wier | Colfax County | Voting Member |
| Present  | Robert Thompson | Colfax County | Alternate |
| Present  | Monica Abeyta | Guadalupe County | Voting Member |
| Present  | Jennifer Baca | Harding County | Voting Member |
| Present  | Larry Moore | Quay County | Voting Member |
| Present  | Gerald Garcia | San Miguel County | Alternate |
| Present  | Samuel Blea | Town of Springer | Voting Member |
| Present  | Clay Kiesling | Union County | Voting Member |
| Present  | Shawn Jeffrey - Vice-Chair | Village of Cimarron  | Voting Member |
| Present  | Richard Cordova-Chair | Village of Eagle Nest | Voting Member |
| Present  | Matthew Baca | Village of Roy | Alternate |
| Present  | Cynthia Lee | Village of San Jon | Voting Member |
| Present  | Daniel Gurule | City of Las Vegas | Voting Member |
| Present  | Ralph Lopez | City of Tucumcari | Alternate |
| Present  | Ken Flores | Guadalupe County | Alternate |
| Present  | Terry Martinez | Mora County | Voting Member |
| Present  | Arnold Lopez | San Miguel County | Voting Member |
| Present  | Ernest Sanchez | Town of Clayton | Alternate |
| Present  | Ferron Lucero | Town of Clayton | Voting Member |
| Present  | Danny Laumbach | Village of Roy | Voting Member |
| Absent | Daniel Zamora | Quay County | Alternate |
| Present | Sarah Arias | Town of Springer | Alternate |
| Absent | Sandy Garcia | Village of Angel Fire | Alternate |
| Present | Karen Gates | Village of Maxwell | Voting Member |
| Absent | Vacant | City of Las Vegas | Alternate |
| Absent | Vacant | City of Santa Rosa | Alternate |
| Absent | Vicki Strand | City of Tucumcari | Voting Member |
| Absent | Pedro Laumbach | Harding County | Alternate |
| Absent | Vacant | Mora County | Alternate |
| Absent | Angie Gonzales | Union County | Alternate |
| Absent | Jay Mitchell | Village of Angel Fire | Voting Member |
| Absent | Renee Ledoux | Village of Cimarron  | Alternate |
| Absent | Lee Dixon | Village of Des Moines | Voting Member |
| Absent | Scott Warner | Village of Des Moines | Alternate |
| Absent | Mary Berglund | Village of Eagle Nest | Alternate |
| Absent | Diane Brown  | Village of Folsom | Voting Member |
| Absent | Mike Schoonover | Village of Folsom | Alternate |
| Absent | Lynn Wiseman | Village of Grenville | Alternate |
| Absent | Mignon Saddoris | Village of Grenville | Voting Member |
| Absent | Anita Allen | Village of House | Voting Member |
| Absent | Sherwin W. Martin | Village of House | Alternate |
| Absent | Russell Feerer | Village of Logan | Alternate |
| Absent | Scott Parnell | Village of Logan | Voting Member |
| Absent | Joanna Taylor | Village of Maxwell | Alternate |
| Absent | Connie Cook | Village of Mosquero | Alternate |
| Absent | Daniela Johnson | Village of Mosquero | Voting Member |
| Absent | Telesfor Benavidez | Village of Pecos | Voting Member |
| Absent | Vacant | Village of Pecos | Alternate |
| Absent | Wade Lane | Village of San Jon | Alternate |
| Absent | Laudente Quintana | Village of Wagon Mound | Voting Member |
| Absent | Nora Sanchez | Village of Wagon Mound | Alternate |

**Planners, NMDOT, and State Agencies**

Raul Rodriguez III – Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG)

Paul Sittig– North Central NM Economic Development District (NCNMEDD)

Vincent M Soule – EPCOG

Joseph Moriarty, AICP – NMDOT Planning Division

Samantha Sandoval – NMDOT District 4

John Herrera – NMDOT District 4 Engineer

James Gallegos – NMDOT District 4 Engineer

Beth Shatz – Santa Rosa Stantec Engineer

Richard Runyun – Dennis Engineering Company

George Dodge Jr. – NMDOT Director of Local Government Relations

Lesah R. Sedillo – NCNMEDD

Bert Thomas – Bohannan Huston

Temarah Barela – San Miguel County Interim County Manager

Maria Gilvarry – Utilities Director, City of Las Vegas.

# Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Cordova.

# Pledge of Allegiance/New Mexico State Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shawn Jeffrey, Cimarron, and the salute to the New Mexico State Flag was led by Shawn Jeffrey, Cimarron.

# Welcome

Chairman Cordova welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and noted that in July we will likely be meeting in person, at a location to be selected.

Individual introductions were conducted by all in attendance.

# Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Jason Philips, City of Raton.

Second: Vice Chair Shawn Jeffries, Village of Cimarron.

Roll call:

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| **Entity** | **Representative** | **Vote** |
| San Miguel County | Arnold Lopez | Yes |
| City of Las Vegas | Daniel Gurule | Yes |
| Mora County |  | Yes |
| Colfax County | Bret E. Wier | Yes |
| City of Raton | Jason Phillips | Yes |
| Village of Cimarron | Shawn Jeffrey | Yes |
| Village of Angel Fire | Sandy Garcia | Yes |
| Village of Roy | Matthew Baca | Yes |
| Quay County | Larry Moore | Yes |
| City of Tucumcari | Ralph Lopez | Yes |
| Town of Clayton | Ferron Lucero | Yes |
| Union County | Clay Kiesling | Yes |
| City of Santa Rosa | Heather Dostie | Yes |
| Guadalupe County | Ken Flores | Yes  |
| Town of Springer | Samuel Blea | Yes |
| Village of Eagle Nest | Richard Cordova | Yes |
| Village of Maxwell | Joanna Taylor | Yes |

Harding County, Villages of Mosquero, House, Des Moines, Pecos, Folsom, Grenville, Logan, and Wagon Mound were absent. Motion carries.

1. **Approval of Minutes** (March-EPCOG <Zoom>)

Motion to approve the minutes as presented: Clay Kiesling, Union County

Second: Jason Phillips, City of Raton

Roll call:

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| San Miguel County | Arnold Lopez | Yes |
| City of Las Vegas | Daniel Gurule | Yes |
| Mora County |  | Yes |
| Colfax County | Bret E. Wier | Yes |
| City of Raton | Jason Phillps | Yes |
| Village of Cimarron | Shawn Jeffrey | Yes |
| Village of Angel Fire | Sandy Garcia | Yes |
| Village of Roy | Matthew Baca | Yes |
| Quay County | Larry Moore | Yes |
| City of Tucumcari | Ralph Lopez | Yes |
| Town of Clayton | Ferron Lucero | Yes |
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With all present voting in the affirmative, motion carries.

# Transportation Project Fund (TPF) – Rating and Ranking

# The members presented their projects for Rating and Ranking to fellow members in alphabetical order. All members were allowed five (5) minutes to present their projects as outlined by the NERTPO Planners. The presentations consisted of PowerPoint presentations that aided the member to stay on track and focused. This process was separated into 3 different groups with breaks in between and time to rate the projects with a google document provided by Planners. The projects were also separated into 36 road projects and 6 bridge projects. Chairman Cordova withdrew the San Mateo/Spyglass project. Final list of presented projects:

# Roadway applications

# Angel Fire-Country Club Dr., St. Andrews

# Angel Fire-North Vail

# Cimarron-Jefferson St. & 11th St.

# Clayton-Beech St.

# Clayton-Love’s Truck Center Perimeter

# Clayton-Wilson Street

# Colfax County-Bartlett Mesa Subdivision

# Colfax County-York Canyon Subdivision

# Eagle Nest-Willow Creek Dr., South Tomboy Dr., Lake Ave.

# Las Vegas-El Creston Circle

# Las Vegas- Hot Springs Blvd.

# Las Vegas-Legion Dr.

# Las Vegas- Silva, McRae, Dolores

# Las Vegas-South Pacific

# Las Vegas-University Ave.

# Maxwell-Tenaja Ave. Improvements

# Mora County-A005 Monte Aplanado Rd

# Mora County-A030 El Alto

# Mora County-A031 Camino Del Medio

# Mora County-B015 Tramperos Rd

# Mora County-C011 Buna Vista Rd

# Mora County-C031 Canada Ancha Rd

# Mora County-C035 Kruse Rd

# Raton-Frontage Road

# Raton-Sugarite Ave

# Roy-3rd Street improvements

# Roy-Roosevelt Street improvements

# San Miguel County- 3 County Roads

# San Miguel County- CR B51A

# San Miguel County- 3 more County Roads

# Santa Rosa-5th Street reconstruction

# Santa Rosa-Pecos Ave design only

# Santa Rosa-Reilly Road improvements

# Springer-3rd St and Colbert

# Tucumcari-Barnes/Gamble St

# Bridge applications:

# 1. Colfax County-Blosser Gap Bridge

# 2. Colfax County -Tinaja Crossing

# 3. Guadalupe County -Bar Y box culverts

# 4. Guadalupe County -Colonias Road Bridge Rehab

# 5. Guadalupe County -Los Novios Road box culverts

# 6. Quay County-Historic Bridge Replacement

# The presentation and ranking process took about 7 hours. After the three rounds of ranking projects, Paul and Raul compiled the scores and presented the initial rating and ranking to the members. They noted that they would soon be uploading the completed applications to the NMDOT FTP site, along with the ranking information from NERTPO members. The list of ranked TPF applications will be presented to NERTPO members at the next regular NERTPO meeting for final review and approval.

# Raul provided a rough timeline for the NMDOT review process: Clarissa Martinez will start work on a spreadsheet between June 14-16th. District Engineer and Environmental Department will submit final comments and PFF’s between July 15-20th. The Transportation Commission will hold a meeting to vote and assess all projects from July-August. Letters of Award will be sent out beginning the week of September 6th, 2021.

1. **Discussion: NERTPO Planners/Program Manager Reports –** (NERTPO Planners)

Raul updated the members concerning the TPF applications and uploading all of the finished applications to the NMDOT FTP site. Uploading all finished PFF’S into one folder so there is no mess unlike other RTPOs. We will also include the RTIPR as supplemental information for the ranking of the 42 projects. After TPF deadline is called on the 15th of June Planners will begin to focus on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and also language drawn for the Resolution for our bylaws and meetings fixed date and time. We will start accepting applications for the 3 Federally called funding programs for TAP, RTP, and CMAQ. Applications for these programs can be found on the RTPO website and Paul or Raul can send them to you if you would like to reach out for them. Guides and supplemental material may also be found on the RTPO website and can be distributed by the NERTPO Planners. Reviews and processes will be like TPF processes and Planners will schedule meetings with the Local Public Agencies to discuss projects and request more information. Raul advised about the EPCOG Annual Board meeting being held on June 9th, 2021, in person, at the Civic Center at 10am. Also, Raul updated members regarding another training email he will be working on to send to the members. Raul Advised about the National Infrastructure Plan that is being discussed on the National level.

Paul Sittig noted that his recent focus was also on reviewing TPF applications and preparing for this rating and ranking meeting.

Lesah Sedillo updated the members about NCNMEDD’s Quality Assurance Reviews (QAR) and FFY21Q2 are posted to the RTPO website. Raul interjected and said that EPCOG’s is as well. She also advised about the member’s ICIP’s plans coming up in July and August. Plan now for next year and make sure your projects are included into the ICIP or Comprehensive Plans.

# Discussion: NMDOT District IV Update – (Mr. James M. Gallegos, PE – District IV Engineer and NMDOT staff)

# Paul Sittig updated members that Samantha Sandoval and John Herrera had to leave the zoom meeting early.

# Raul reminded everyone of District 4 sending out plans to everyone to get signed and sent back ASAP.

# Discussion: Project Status Update (Local Government Members)

# Local Government Members updated about local projects and completion status.

# The NMDOT-lead Highway 434 improvement project through Angel Fire has been postponed until the motorcycle rally concludes.

# Colfax County has finished with construction of Gardner Bridge.

# New Business

# General Comments and Announcements from NERTPO members and Public Comment - Gerald Garcia of San Miguel County suggested that they host the August or November NERTPO meeting. Gerald also asked about hybrid virtual and in-person meetings. Bret E. Wier commented on the convenience of Zoom.

* **June 23rd, 2021, Virtual**
1. **Adjournment**

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM.