



MINUTES

Board Meeting
Silver City Town Annex
1203 N. Hudson, Silver City, NM 88061
June 27, 2024
10:30 am

Members Present

Aaron Sera	City of Deming	Deming, NM
Randy Hernandez	Grant County	Silver City, NM
Christie Ann Harvey	Luna County	Deming, NM
Lori Ortiz	Town of Hurley	Hurley, NM
Alan Berg	Tyrone WWA	Tyrone, NM
Alex Brown	Town of Silver City	Silver City, NM
William Hawkins	Silver Schools	Silver City, NM
Carlos Romero	NM Tech/Playas Training Center	Playas, NM
Johnny Coburn	Casas Adobes MDWCA	Mimbres, NM

Others Present

Priscilla Lucero	SWNMCOG	Silver City, NM
Gabriel Ortega	SWNMCOG	Silver City, NM
Cerisse Grijalva	SWNMCOG	Silver City, NM
Raeya Hernandez	SWNMCOG	Silver City, NM
Darlene McBride	Town of Hurley	Hurley, NM
Geoffrey Rawling	NM Bureau of Geology	Socorro, NM
Maya Clifford		

Members Not Present

Hilda Keller	Village of Reserve	Reserve, NM
Phillip Skinner	Village of Columbus	Columbus, NM
Joseph Shepard	WNMU	Silver City, NM
Gilbert Cruz	Hanover MDWCA	Hanover, NM
Ron Belanger	Arenas Valley MDWCA	Arenas Valley, NM
Tom Lovett	New Model Ditch Assoc.	Viriden, NM
Lynn Jones	Rosedale MDWCA	Silver City, NM
Gerald Moss	Rancho Grande MDWCA	Reserve, NM
Diana Jiron	Lake Roberts MDWCA	Lake Roberts, NM
Dora Gonzales	SW Solid Waste Authority	Silver City, NM
Shelia Hudman	Village of Santa Clara	Santa Clara, NM
Armando Aguilera	Grant County SWCD	Silver City, NM
Linda Farnsworth	City of Lordsburg	Lordsburg, NM
Jacob Bigler	Village of Viriden	Viriden, NM
Tisha Green	Hidalgo County	Lordsburg, NM



- approval of the contribution rate. Christie Ann Harvey made the motion to approve Resolution #COG 23-24-10 Updating the PERA Contribution Rate, Alex Brown seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- F. Approval/Disapproval Resolution #COG 23-24-11 SWRTPO FY25-FY26 Regional Work Program. Priscilla explained that this is just the annual agreement for the New Mexico Department of Transportation and this was just a renewal. Cerisse explained that the agreement is for 2 years, and is a outline of tasks and budget. William Hawkins made the motion to approve Resolution #COG 23-24-11 SWRTPO FY25-FY26 Regional Work Program, Lori Ortiz seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- G. Approval/Disapproval Agreement with Grant County Beat for FY 2024-2025. Priscilla explained that this is the annual agreement to do legal notices to the Grant County Beat for the amount of \$250 and some change. Will Hawkins made the motion to approve Agreement with Grant County Beat for FY 2024-2025, Alex Brown seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- H. Approval/Disapproval Agreement with Carney Foy for Accounting Services for FY 2024-2025. Priscilla explained that there was an increase in accounting fees because the COG would be receiving 1.28 million in funding for non-profit groups. Alex Brown made the motion to approve Agreement with Carney Foy for Accounting Services for FY 2024-2025, Randy Hernandez seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- I. Approval/Disapproval of the 2022-990 Tax Form. Priscilla explained that this is our tax form for our non-profit status. Christie Ann Harvey made the motion to approve the 2022-990 Tax Form, William Hawkins seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- J. Approval/Disapproval Agreement with Electronic Store Fronts. Priscilla explained that Electronic Store Fronts is the consulting group that handles the COG website and any issues with emails or IT. Alex Brown made the motion to approve the Agreement with Electronic Store Fronts, Christie Ann Harvey seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- K. Approval/Disapproval of the new rates of Employee Health Benefits Fund. Priscilla explained that we agreed to pay the new percentages. Will Hawkins made the motion to approve the new rates of Employee Health Benefits Fund, Lori Ortiz seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.
- L. Approval/Disapproval of Agreements for NMGRO Funds. Priscilla explained that the NMGRO funds is now HB2JR funds which are funds that legislators can allocate and this is the first time the money is coming to the COG based on the language provided by the legislators. She further explained that because of this the COG will have 37 new grant agreements and the COG gets a 10% administration fee. William Hawkins made the motion to approve the Agreement for NMGRO Funds, Alex Brown seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.



Christie Ann Harvey explained that the berm project is ready to begin in Columbus, New Mexico. She further went on to talk about the New Mexico Border Authority choosing a nominee for the Executive Director position.

William Hawkins explained that Silver Schools is going out for the renewal of the SB9.

Alan Berg wanted to thank the COG for facilitating the Tyrone Lift Station project which is now in operation.

XII. Next Regular Board Meeting to be held August 22nd, 2024

XIII. William Hawkins made the motion to adjourn, Alex Brown Seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Sera', written over a horizontal line.

Aaron Sera, Chairman

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Priscilla C. Lucero', written over a horizontal line.

Priscilla Lucero, Secretary