

New Mexico Land Grant Council (NMLGC)
Regular Council Meeting
September 9th 2011 10:00 am
Southwest Hispanic Research Institute
University of New Mexico
1829 Sigma Chi Road, N.E.
Albuquerque, NM

Minutes (FINAL)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Call to order Roll Call

Council Chair Juan Sánchez called the meeting to order at approximately 10:13am. Roll of the Council was taken: Council Members Juan Sánchez, Rita Padilla-Gutierrez, Leonard Martinez, and were present; Council members Lee Maestas and Macario Griego were absent.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez moved with a second by Council Member Leonard Martinez that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the August 19, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Leonard Martinez moved with a second by Council Member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez to approve the Minutes from the August 19, 2011 Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Attendees

Dr. Manuel Garcia y Griego (UNM Land Grants Studies Program), Gilbert Ferrán (Abiquiu Land Grant and NM Land Grant Consejo Chair), Arturo Archuleta (arrived late, UNM Land Grant Studies Program), Anna Rael-DeLay (Sen. Tom Udall's Office), Cathy Sánchez (UNM Land Grants Studies Program).

Discussion and Action on External Funding and Budgeting

EDA Grant Update

Council Chair Juan Sánchez opened discussion about a recent meeting with the Executive Director of North Central New Mexico Economic Development District, (NCNMEDD) Tim Armer. The meeting was also attended by Council member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez. The purpose of the meeting was to confirm a working relationship between the New Mexico Land Grant Council and the NCNMEDD, specifically with the EDA Grant process. Mr. Armer confirmed that the NCNMEDD would be willing to administer the grant for the Council. Council Chair Juan Sánchez explained that the NCNMEDD would receive about 3 – 5 % of the grant for administration; the deadline is October 1 (although it is actually a revolving deadline as long as funds remained

earmarked). Council Chair Juan Sánchez stated that the NM Land Grant Council would ask for \$100, 000 – \$150,000.

Council member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez added that Executive Director Armer was complimentary and impressed with the Council's activities. Council member Leonard Martinez asked who would be the contact person for the Department of Commerce. Council Chair Juan Sánchez explained that once the grant application is received, he would appoint someone to work with North Central City of Governments and the Council on this endeavor.

USDA Funding for Set Aside for Land Grants

Council Chair Juan Sánchez states that the “set aside draft” was approved during the last Council meeting on August 19, 2011. The draft was sent to both Senators and feedback is expected soon.

Council member Leonard Martinez discussed some outcomes from a meeting with Aaron Trujillo concerning the cemetery and boundary details on (currently designated) Forest Service property. Council member Leonard Martinez said two focal points surfaced (1) the size of land requested by the *merced* (two acres) and (2) the old access bridge that has been washed away, making the cemetery nearly impossible without assessable four-wheel-drive vehicles. Council member Leonard Martinez inserted that Rio Arriba County has expressed a willingness to assist with this issue for improved access.

Council Chair Juan Sánchez suggested the Council invite James Melonas, USDA, Forest Service to next Council meeting as a first step before meeting with Corbin Newman, Regional Forester, USDA. The purpose would be to review the cemetery issue in San Joaquin del Río de Chama Gilbert Ferrán agreed and stressed that the Council needed to have a plan before the meeting. Council Member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez expressed agreement and also added the importance of being precise about what the *merced* wants.

Dr. Garcia y Griego stated that a “management plan” would be helpful and the Council can help San Joaquin del Río de Chama with a plan on how returned parcels of land can be used by the community.

Mr. Aaron Trujillo also asked who will “carry set aside” when U. S. Senator Jeff Bingaman retires. Dr. Garcia y Griego explained that co-sponsorship of Senate Bills like this is common but it would be good if Anna Rael-DeLay of U.S. Senator Tom Udall's Office could look into this matter. Ms. Rael-DeLay agreed to contact Jeanette in the Washington D.C. office to follow-up.

Discussion and Action on State and Federal Legislation

State Legislation

Council Chair Juan Sánchez briefly reported about items of discussion in the Cebolleta Interim Committee Meeting and announced that the next Interim Committee Meeting would be on October 17th and 18th at the Cañón de Carnué Land Grant Hall.

Discussion and Action on Mapping and Technical Assistance Project

Dr. Garcia y Griego explained that the mapping project as previously described should be completed by September 30, 2011. Jason Jaramillo will review each case and technical notes with other staff members. Maps and technical notes will be provided to land grants in a variety of formats. Dr. Garcia y Griego stated that this work will continue with UNM students beyond Sept 30, 2011 including research with archival materials and microfilm from Santa Fe. The \$30,000 UNM budget will cover some of these expenses. UNM Land Grant Studies Program also purchased GPS equipment; Truchas and Abiquiu are priorities. The first phase would be to get GPS coordinates and finally survey historical boundaries. Council member Leonard Martinez supports the GPS strategy and offers his horses to get into some of the more difficult areas.

WEBSITE update

After several meetings with web designer – content will include a variety of information, including the latest publications: The Land Grant Guidebook, Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty, GAO Reports. Additional information will include information on the different land grant board members and heirs, the New Mexico Land Grant Council meetings, agendas and minutes. Forty photographs are available to be included in the website. Legislative updates and links to local Land Grants with websites will also be added.

Land Grant Seals

Arturo Archuleta shared with Council ten land grant seals that have been completed to date. Since it is required by statute, the Council decided to order ten more for the remaining land grants that had not responded with ideas or artwork. The ten additional seals can mirror the San Antonio de las Huertas seal since it has the most basic design.

Seal for the NM Land Grant Council

The idea of a seal for the Council was also discussed and members thought it was a positive idea. Council member Leonard Martinez moved with a second by Council member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez to submit an additional order for a Council seal.

Lastly, Dr. Garcia y Griego announced that the land grant legal conference that was originally planned for September was postponed at least until November 2011.

Public Comments

(There were no comments at this point of the agenda.)

Other Business

Council Chair Juan Sánchez reminded everyone about the NM Land Grant Consejo Meeting in Cebolleta on Sept 17 10:00am and the ICIP's are due on September 30, 2011.

Council member Leonard Martinez announced the hiring of the new U.S. Forest Service Ranger for the Carson National Forest (Central Office in Coyote). A meeting will be scheduled and the MOU will be on agenda. Gilbert Ferrán (Abiquiu Land Grant) and Council Chair Juan Sánchez offered to accompany Council member Leonard Martinez.

Council member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez announced the event of the Tomé Fiestas over the weekend and invited all to attend.

Date for next Council meeting

Next Meeting will be scheduled for October 14, 2011 at 10:00am at the University of New Mexico's Southwest Hispanic Research Institute, 1829 Sigma Chi Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

Adjournment

Council member Leonard Martinez moved with a second by Council member Rita Padilla-Gutierrez to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. The NMLGC adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Chair

Date