

New Mexico Finance Authority
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Minutes of Colonias Infrastructure Board Meeting
May 16, 2024
1275 E. Pine Street, Deming, New Mexico 88030

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
Marquita Russel (via zoom)	CEO, NM Finance Authority
Rebecca Dow	Appointee, Minority Leader House of Representatives
Wesley Billingsley	Designee, NM Dept. of Finance and Administration
Steven Deal	Designee, NM Environment Dept.
Jose Luis Segura	Appointee, Speaker of the House Representatives

Non-Voting Members Present:

Richard Garcia (via zoom)	Designee, NM Counties
Jay Armijo	South Central Council of Governments

Voting Members Absent:

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Isidro Hernandez	NM Mortgage Finance Authority
Priscilla Lucero	Southwest NM Council of Governments
Dora Batista	Southeastern NMED District

Finance Authority Staff:

Angela Quintana	Kryshana Madrid (via zoom)
Cherise Martinez (via zoom)	Patricia Griego (via zoom)
Dan Opperman (via zoom)	Sharon Romero
Fernando Martinez (via zoom)	Michael Vonderheide

Guests:

Alan Berg	Tyrone Water
Angie Gonzales	City of T or C
Cerissa Grijalva	SWNMCOG
Christina Garcia	City of Sunland Park
David Bailey	Luna County
Dusti Conover	City of Lordsburg
Espy Holguin	LRGWWA
Eve Holguin	Wilson & Co.
Frank Madrid	City of Lordsburg
George Esqueda	Stantec
Hector Rangel	City of Sunland Park
Ivan Rodriguez	Wilson & Co
John Ojinaga	City of Bayard

Kristina Ortiz	USDA-RPN
Karen Nichols	LRGPWWA
Lisa Campbell	Stantec
Loren Cushman	Catron Co.
Martha Salas	City of Bayard
Martin Lopez	LRGPWWA
Nora Oliver	Bohannon Huston
Patricia Charles	LRGWWA
Peter Pena	Town of Silver City
Randy Hernandez	Grant County
Robert Esqueda	Town of Silver City
Rolf Hechler	City of T or C
Wesley Hall	Stantec
Windia Cassy	City of Deming

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Chair Mary Kay Papen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Agenda. Member Steven Deal moved, seconded by Member Rebecca Dow, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.**
3. **Approval of Board Minutes.**
 - 3.1 **Member Deal moved, seconded by Member Dow to approve the April 15 and 16, 2024, board minutes. The motion passed 7 - 0.**
4. **Approval of 2024 Colonias Infrastructure Fund Awards.**
 - 4.1 Ms. Angela Quintana presented the funding recommendations for the 2024 CIF application cycle. Staff proposed 31 projects be recommended for funding. The recommended list provides funding to the projects in the order in which they are prioritized and is based on available funding, compliance requirements and project readiness. The projects were reviewed and scored using the current established criteria by the technical team comprised of staff from NMDOT, NMED, OSE and NMFA.

Below is a breakout and amounts for the 2024 CIF funding considerations:

14	Water Infrastructure Projects	\$23,848,759
10	Wastewater Infrastructure Projects	\$10,856,791
2	Flood Prevention Projects	\$3,960,000
5	Roads/Drainage Projects	\$3,815,500
31	Total Recommended Amount	\$42,481,050

The following applicants are recommended for a phased amount based on their submitted project budgets:

Applicant	Requested Amount	Recommended Amounts	Recommended Scope
CIF-6432 Town of Mesilla	\$5,216,000	\$609,292	Design, surveying, land acquisition ROW
CIF-6417 Dona Ana County	\$4,015,181	\$500,000	Design only
CIF-6429 LRGPWWA	\$4,268,675	\$404,003	Design, ROW, land acquisition
CIF-6442 City of Truth or Consequences	\$1,250,000	\$305,400	Design only

Due to the delay in securing the design funds for the proposed project, construction, staff recommends that Camino Real Regional Utility Authority’s application be deferred for funding consideration until September.

On April 15, 2024, the CIB approved seven policy waivers and four regulatory waivers. Currently, three of the four regulatory waivers (7 applications total) will not become compliant until after the CIB makes its funding decision on May 16, 2024:

Applicant	Project	Requested Amount	Compliance
Water Infrastructure			
City of Deming	Copper Tin waterline replacement	\$500,000	State Audit Rule
Wastewater Infrastructure			
City of Deming	Poplar Oak St. sanitary sewer	\$1,732,000	State Audit Rule
City of Deming	WWTP Improvements	\$3,000,095	State Audit Rule
Roads/Drainage Infrastructure			
Grant County	Little Walnut rd. improvements Ph. II	\$6,863,400	State Audit Rule
Grant County	Ridge Rd. improvements Ph. II	\$2,343,214	State Audit Rule
Grant County	Arenas Valley Rd. improve. Ph. II	\$3,918,390	State Audit Rule
Catron County	Beaverhead road/drainage improve.	\$1,999,160	State Audit Rule

State Audit Rule/Executive Order 2013-006 requires that recipients of state funding comply with the State Audit Rule at the time the funding is certified. For the CIB, this certification will occur at the May 16, 2024, Board meeting. If additional funds are available, staff recommends that funding decisions be postponed on these seven applications until the September meeting. Ms. Quintana presented the spreadsheet by project type of the 31 projects recommended for funding.

The Project Review Committee has reviewed the recommendations and concurs with staff’s recommendations as presented.

Member Deal moved, seconded by Member Janice Baca-Argabright, to approve item 4.1. The motion passed 7 -0.

5. Approval of Certification of Re-Allocated Severance Tax Revenue Bond Proceeds to an Alternative Qualified Project(s).

5.1 Mr. Dan Opperman presented the Resolution of Certification of Re-Allocated Severance Tax Revenue Bond Proceeds to Alternative Qualified Projects.

Member Deal moved, seconded by Member Jose Luis Segura, for approval of agenda item 5.1. The motion passed 7 - 0.

6. Approval of Resolution, Notification and Certification of Need of Severance Tax Revenue Bonds for Qualified Projects.

6.1 Mr. Opperman presented the Resolution, Notification, and Certification of Need for Issuance of Severance Tax Revenue Bonds for Qualified Projects.

Member Deal moved, seconded by Member Wesley Billingsley, for approval of agenda item 6.1. The motion passed 7-0.

7. Next Board Meeting. August/September 2024 in Santa Fe.

8. Public Comment. Different communities spoke in appreciation of the Board’s commitment to the Colonias program and thanked them for the awarding decisions.

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Margaret R. Muhl

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Secretary

Date