

New Mexico Spaceport Authority

Regular Meeting

February 28, 2011

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901 E. University Ave Suite 965L

Las Cruces, NM 88001

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Holdridge at 11:00 am. Roll call was taken with eight members present, four members by conference call. Quorum confirmed. Officials and guests present included: Belinda Lucero, NMSA, Lou Gomez, NMSA, Sandra Franco, NMSA, Bill Gutman, NMSA, Aaron Prescott, NMSA (phone), Chad Rabon, NMSA, Wade Jackson, EDD Legal Counsel, Mike Holston, David Wilson, Wilson-Binkley, Jim Hayhoe, John Mills, Rob Spence, Vickie Reynolds, James Webb, Diana Alba, LC Sun News

Members Present:

Rick Holdridge -Chairman

David Buchholtz (conference call)

Jerry Stagner

Scott Krahling

Ben Woods

Irvin Diamond (conference call)

Sid Gutierrez (conference call)

Lt. Governor John Sanchez (conference call)

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Director Diamond moved to approve the agenda, Director Stagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Explanation of circumstances of special meeting:

After a number of interviews by the Governors staff, a recommendation has been issued to approve and appoint a new Executive Director, Christine Anderson. Chairman Holdridge read her background documentation to all; her resume is extensive and strong. He entered a motion to approve her as the Executive Director. Irv Diamond asked if anyone had any contact with Ms. Anderson. Asked if anyone knew her personally and of her background. Sid Gutierrez mentioned that she had been appointed to the Governors review committee assigned to NMSA. Holdridge has also spoken to her extensively. He finds her experience strong. Director Diamond asked if she had dealt with the private sector. Yes, significant, according to Chairman Holdridge. Director Diamond moved to approve the appointment of CA, Director Stagner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Certificate of Incumbency and signatory authority for actions related to Fifth Amendment to Electric Service Agreement with Sierra Eclectic Cooperative

Chairman Holdridge asked for specifics on this issue. Chad Rabon stated that it was of importance to move forward with the signature authority. This is required to move forward with amendment Five. We have a request to move forward to move forward with approval of minutes Oct. 5, 2010. 2010 by SEC in order to move forward. With this agreement. Will allow Director to execute Fifth amendment without Board approval Director Buchholz joined the meeting after approval of Director was executed due to issues with the call in number provided, which caused the delay. Director Buchholz asked if it had been handled in closed session. Director Buchholz requested to know who was present at the time. Vote was unanimous. Record will show he was not present.

Vote to permit signatory approval to Executive Director of Amendment Five. Stagner question At the Oct. 5 meeting, the NMSA approved the transfer of the substation to Tri-State, but not the Fifth Amendment itself. Motion to approve the new certificate of incumbency and October 5th minutes Director Stagner, Seconded by Director Kraehling. Director Buchholz noted that the minutes had not been provided prior to the meeting. Director Buchholz and Director Diamond did not have issues with approval of certificate of incumbency, but did not want to approve minutes, due to the fact they had not been provided to the Board for review. Break up the motion and vote only on certification of incumbency. Minutes are not on this agenda, will approve next week. Actions related to Fifth Amendment, direct New Mexico Spaceport Authority to continue. Vote on the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of 2011 Open Meeting Resolution:

Chairman Holdridge read directly from the resolution-Regular meeting will be held on the last Thursday of the Month, according to "Exhibit A"-Monthly, Chairman questioned if we need meet quarterly or monthly was discussed. Chairman decided to leave it as quarterly, but call regular meetings more frequent or as the Board sees adequate. Director Buchholtz had a technical question. Paragraph 5. reg. and special have to be noted by publication- how is this practical? It might be difficult to meet the requirement. Due to the time frame. Wade Jackson, legal counsel will look into it. Minutes shall reflect that nothing was discussed except what was in the motion in closed session. Generally, as the chairman, he will state that we will go into public session. 8C. Buchholz suggest changing the language. So that it is not questioned. We just have to give the information to the Newspaper at the adequate time frame. Scott Kraehling suggests we postpone action item until next meeting. Pass until next wk. if the statue allow, only allowable when practical.

Motion: Scott Krahlung moved to table item 2011 Open Meetings Resolution. Director Diamond seconded the motion. Motion carried. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting times was brought up by Scott Krahlung, last Thursday works for all. Members agreed.

Public Comment:

Rob Spence asked if there had ever been a Board approved Business plan in place. Ben Woods, suggested staff could answer that question. Chad Rabon stated that the Board had not approved a Business Plan, to his knowledge. Staff is in the process of a creating a draft business plan. Jim Hayhoe complimented the new Board how pleased how was to see the new Board and Executive welcome prior board and new board members. Mike Holston asked if there was a start date for new Executive Director, Chairman stated that it was in the process.

Next Meeting March 8th-NMSU Board of Regents room

Board if you have any specific items for the agenda, contact staff or Rick Holdridge. Director Diamond would like a call in number. Director Diamond – the last Thursday of the third month will there be a meeting in March- Board will contact Sandra for further information.

Motion: Director Diamond moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Krahlung seconded the motion. All in favor Motion carried.

Approved: _____



Chairman, Rick Holdridge

Date: _____

