

## **New Mexico Spaceport Authority**

October 5, 2010  
1780 E. University Avenue  
Educational Services Building Room 1  
Las Cruces, NM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Woods at 10:00PM.

Roll call was taken with eight members present: quorum confirmed.

Guests and officials present included: Rick Homans, NMSA Executive Director; Chad Rabon, NMSA; Lou Gomez, NMSA; Aaron Prescott, NMSA; Bill Gutman, NMSA; Belinda Lucero, NMSA; Josh Cantrell, NMSA; Jimmy Capps, Sierra Electric

### **Members Present:**

Ben Woods (Chairman)  
Pat Beckett  
Jerry Stagner  
Toots Green  
Gary Whitehead  
Kent Evans  
Casey Luna  
Eric Vasquez-Designee (conference call)

### **Introductions: Chairman Ben Woods**

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Director Luna moved to approve the modified agenda; to move agenda item 8 up on the list of items. Director Stagner seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: Director Becket moved to approve the NMSA Board minutes of August 20, 2010 and Director Evans

**Sierra Electric Cooperative-issues related to the development of permanent power to Spaceport America (Discussion Item); Presentation by SEC General Manager Jimmy Capps (Discussion Item); Discussion and action on SEC request that NMSA authorize Tri-State Generation and Transmission to own, operate and maintain the high voltage portion of the Frontier Substation (Action Item)**

Rick introduced Jimmy Capps and gave a short briefing on SEC issues. Jimmy Capps stated he is looking forward to serving Spaceport America. NERC regulations have increased; now require bulk energy systems and stricter

regulations for safety. NERC takes ownership of lines and equipment operating above 100,000 volts. SEC desires to transfer ownership and maintain operation to TriState. Ben Woods motioned to authorize NMSA to approve transfer of ownership. Director Stagner moved to approve with notation that there would be additional costs. Director Evans seconded the motion. Director Whitehead would like the language to reflect transfer of State Property. Motion amended, and unanimously approved.

**Update on status of Sun Zia alternative energy transmission project and consideration of Resolution expressing general NMSA support for the project (Action Item)**

Bill Gutman reported on the aspects of the resolution in establishing support of Board to proceed with becoming a coop agency. Chair Ben Woods read the resolution to all, motioned to approve resolution. Director Stagner moved to approve, Director Luna seconded the motion, motion carried.

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**Report from Interim Executive Director Rick Homans (Discussion Item)**

Provided new pictures of the site, discussed the .02% federal funding. ISPCS will be Oct 20-21, 2010; Encouraged all to attend. Runway dedication event well on its way as far as planning. 750 people have already signed up. NASA reauthorization passed congress. WSMR MOU in progress, quarterly meetings with WSMR, FAA has been established. Phase I-final steps, Phase II-begin soon, Operational, and Visitor & Facilities process beginning to take place. Will bring in a person to oversee all procurement-General Services, Protective Services and Technical Services. Mark Lautman contract to support local contract opportunities. Deputy Director Resumes, have received 20-25 applications so far. Will start review process. Special meeting in Oct-Nov. to review NMFA bond issue. Will also have a SARSD meeting for bond issue review. FY12 submitted flat budget, eliminated expansion. Will bring back for Board approval. Pre-op planning, RFP awarded to Procurement Solutions, working on finalizing project. VG forum will be coming up, bring 75 accredited space agents to Southern NM. Will draft liability legislation and bring back to board for consideration. All of the applications in place for off site power. Agreements have signed for the Southern road. Doña Ana county proceeding with design and engineering. Contract to be put into place for tours.

**MOA between NMSA and the Office of Archaeological Studies (Action Item)**

Josh Cantrell is in the final stages of drafting the MOA. Will satisfy compliance requirements to the agreement and mitigation. Rick Homans requested approval to move forward to enter into the MOA. Chairman Woods motioned to authorize NMSA to move forward and allow two signatures- Executive Director and Director Pat Beckett. Director Whitehead moved to approve, Director Stagner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

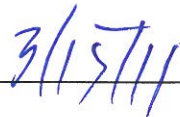
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**No action taken**

**Public Comment and Next Meeting**

**Adjourn**

Director Luna moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Green seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Approved:   
Richard Holdridge, Chairman

Date:   
3/15/11