

New Mexico Spaceport Authority
Special Meeting
October 14, 2009 - 7:30am
NM Spaceport Authority Office – Las Cruces, NM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Mondragón. Roll call was taken with eight members present. Quorum confirmed. Officials and guests present included: Steve Landeene, NMSA, Belinda Lucero, NMSA, Mary Ann Myers, NMSA, Toni Balzano, EDD, Geno Zamora, EDD and Jim Hayhoe.

Members Present:

Fred Mondragón, Chair
Ben Woods
D. Kent Evans
Brent Westmoreland – (conference call)
Gary Whitehead – (conference call)
Toots Green – (conference call)
Jim Manatt – (conference call)
Eric Vasquez – (conference call)

Members Not Present:

NA

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Director Manatt moved to approve the agenda. Director Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

NA

Executive Session:

Chairman Mondragón stated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 10-15-1(H)-(8) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property.

Motion: Director Westmoreland moved to enter into executive session. Director Whitehead seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chair Mondragón	- yes
Director Green	- yes
Director Evans	- yes
Director Whitehead	- yes
Director Manatt	- yes
Director Woods	- yes
Director Westmoreland	- yes

Open Session:

Chairman Mondragón stated no action was taken and the matters discussed in the closed session were limited to the purchase or acquisition of real property.

Motion: Director Manatt moved to return to open session. Director Woods seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Chair Mondragón	- yes
Director Green	- yes
Director Evans	- yes
Director Whitehead	- yes
Director Manatt	- yes
Director Woods	- yes
Director Westmoreland	- yes

Steve Landeene advised a JPA between TorC and New Mexico Spaceport Authority regarding a fire station was discussed. The JPA has been signed by the Mayor of TorC and will await NMSA Board action. The building will be renovated or a new building will be erected to represent the downtown welcome center. He stated it will require County approval for use of the \$500K designated by the NMSA Board for a welcome center. This activity will be for a lease in the amount of \$1.00 a year and the city will contribute \$175K for improvements such as parking.

Geno Zamora stated that the JPA is a government to government agreement in which it is permissible for the state to transfer funds and receive something in exchange such as the use of the property. There is also a recapture provision that allows funds to be returned to the state if the agreement is terminated early.

Director Manatt and Director Whitehead commented on their support of the JPA. Director Woods commented on the importance of filling commitments to the Village of Hatch with the creation of a welcome center since action was taken in 2007.

Adjourn:

Director Westmoreland moved to adjourn. Director Whitehead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approved: _____
Fred Mondragón, Chairman

Date: _____