

New Mexico Spaceport Authority
Special Meeting
November 13, 2009
NM Spaceport Authority Office
Las Cruces, NM

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fred Mondragón. Roll call was taken with all members present. Quorum confirmed.

Officials and guests present included: Steve Landeene, NMSA, Mary Ann Myers, NMSA, NMSA, Steve Amland, NMSA, and Sandra Franco, NMBA.

Members Present:

Fred Mondragón
Ben Woods
Jim Manatt
Toots Green
Casey Luna
Kent Evans
Gary Whitehead
Eric Vasquez – Lt. Gov. Designee (by phone)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Director Green, second by Director Evans, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Chair Mondragón commented on the meeting and tour of last week was amazing.

Action Item: Approval for Notice of Award on Spaceport Internal Roads Contract: Mr. Landeene reported there were five bids submitted at the bid opening held last Friday. Apparent low bidder was CMC Construction a local company with a base bid of \$2.87 million plus an alternate of \$135,400 which came in lower than the DMJM/AECOM estimate. The alternate is to pave a public parking area. The Selection committee did their review and Gerald Martin is recommending CMC as the internal road provider. Director Manatt asked if the review and submittal are in compliance with procurement and Mr. Landeene responded that was correct. Director Woods moved for the approval for the Notice of Award to CME Construction, second by Director Whitehead, motion carried

Action Item: Approval for Authorization of the Executive Director to finalize and execute an Amendment to Sierra Electric Agreement modifying the placement of all constructed distribution lines as underground lines. Mr. Landeene stated a very simple amendment has been created to state the above ground line which is part of the NMSA owned facility agreed to go underground. Sierra Electric requested that within the existing electric service agreement language be identified and where that language should be

changed. This is a draft as Sierra Electric has not reviewed. Mr. Landeene briefed the members on the location of the line to go under ground. Director Woods asked to verify that we are asking Sierra Electric to put additional 5 miles of high voltage line underground and the estimate cost, delta increased cost to add that from aerial to underground is approximately \$1,4M. Mr. Landeene confirmed that is the estimated cost provided and NMSA has not received the details. Mr. Woods requested Mr. Landeene explain the benefits that would accrue to the region, community and Spaceport to take this off site electric from aerial to underground. Mr. Landeene stated there are many benefits one is the view shed for the El Camino Real, more importantly for the Spaceport is we have a single line and electric power lines up in the air, can be damaged by lightning strikes, weather birds and other things that can cause issues and impact our durability of power. Putting it under ground being NMSA owns the facility is estimated to lower the maintenance cost and interruption of power. Director Woods asked if there has been any indication by Sierra Electric as to the impact this will have to the delivery of power to the site, are they saying they are going to do it in the same time frame. Mr. Landeene stated one meeting they had with Sierra's engineer on this project, underground was discussed several months back and that very question was asked, and he stated no delay because of the material lead time they were already ordering underground wire anyhow. Mr. Landeene stated he wants to go formally and get this issue approved and this is the urgency to get this addendum so there is no confusion of above and underground and ordering of material, etc. Director Woods moved for approval of the requested action which grants the executive director of the Spaceport Authority and staff the authority to negotiate resolution of amendment 3 with Sierra Electric, second by Director Evans. The Chair asked for discussion and Director Whitehead asked about Item 3 of the agreement stating a figure of \$1.45M and asked if that was a limit, not to exceed or come back for approval of anything higher than that. Mr. Landeene stated the \$1.45 is Sierra Electric's estimate which would not exceed, and if there is any material change Mr. Landeene would bring it back to the board. Motion carried.

The Chair requested Mr. Landeene comment on the Best Performing cities and Las Cruces was identified and came in as number nine in the country for best performing. The Spaceport project along with NMSU Aerospace engineering, were highlighted along with White Sands Missile Range and our aerospace job creation was listed as the reason why Las Cruces made the list. This was great recognition to New Mexico and Las Cruces and the Spaceport for helping to contribute New Mexico's future.

Motion to adjourn by Director Green, second by Director Whitehead Manatt, motion carried.

Approved:

Fred Mondragón, Chairman

Date: _____