

**EASTERN PLAINS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

**10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

Union County Administrative Building, 200 Court Street, Clayton, NM 88415

<https://zoom.us/j/99295785060?pwd=ZDlwckpMZHhaR0kvcHpneXVwcXFmQT09>

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MEETING ID: 992 9578 5060

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**Minutes**

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STATE YOUR NAME WHEN SPEAKING OR MAKING A MOTION.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roman Garcia at 10:00 am.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico Flag**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Fidel Madrid, Curry County; Roman Garcia, Town of Vaughn; Dallas Baker, Village of Melrose; Brian Fortner, Quay County; Cynthia Lee, Village of San Jon; Clay Kiesling, Union County; Brandy Thompson, Union County; Russel Lee, Town of Clayton; Ernest Sanchez, Town of Clayton; Jonathan Valdez, Village of Des Moines; Wade Holdeman, Fort Sumner Irrigation District.

**BOARD MEMBERS ZOOM:**

Robert Thornton, Curry County; Helen Casaus, City of Clovis; Debbie Zamora, City of Clovis; Meadow Forget, Village of Melrose; Kenny Flores, City of Santa Rosa; Heather Dostie, City of Santa Rosa;

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Sandy Chancey, Director; Vincent Soule, Deputy Director; Ray Mondragon, Government Specialist; Branden Goebel, Grant Specialist; Julie Surina, Regional Planner; Celia Kirkland, Program Director; Alanna Hurt, Office Manager.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**-June 5, 2024**

**MOTION:** That the 6-5-24 Agenda be approved as is.

**FIRST:** Cynthia Lee

**SECOND:** Clay Kiesling

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**-April 10, 2024**

**MOTION:** That the 4-10-24 Minutes be approved as is.

**FIRST:** Clay Kiesling

**SECOND:** Jonathan Valdez

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**-Ms. Launa Waller, CEO, Plateau**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**-Financials**

EPCOG presented a budget that had line items both over and under budget; Sandy clarified that EPCOG would finalize a budget adjustment to carry the surplus over to the overdrawn items. Jose Guzman, EPCOG's Staff Accountant with FWB, stated he does not anticipate any issues with the upcoming FY2023-24 Audit. EPCOG will be able to use Fox-Garcia for 2 more audits.

**MOTION:** That the 6-5-24 Financials be approved as is.

**FIRST:** Cynthia Lee

**SECOND:** Clay Kiesling

**-Approval of FY25 Budget**

Sandy presented a copy of our budget and discussed the addition of Grow Funds to our budget. It will need to be split over 2 years. Alanna Hurt will begin training with Jose Guzman to assist with bookkeeping. EPCOG will contract with an attorney and procurement specialists to assist with Grow Funds as well as to help better serve EPCOG's municipalities. Adjustments have been made to better reflect the needs of the 2023-24 budget.

**MOTION:** That the FY25 Budget be approved as is.

**FIRST:** Ernest Sanchez

**SECOND:** Jonathan Valdez

**NEW BUSINESS**

**-Approval of FY 2025 Annual Work Plan**

The FY 2025 Annual Work Plan attached.

**MOTION:** That the FY25 Annual Work Plan be approved as is.

**FIRST:** Jonathan Valdez

**SECOND:** Clay Kiesling

**-Approval of FY25 Cost Allocation Plan**

The FY25 Cost Allocation Plan attached.

**MOTION:** That the FY25 Cost Allocation Plan be approved as is.

**FIRST:** Cynthia Lee

**SECOND:** Johnathan Valdez

**-Approval of 2024-2025 Open Meetings Resolution**

The Open Meetings Resolution is attached.

**MOTION:** That the 2024-2025 Open Meetings Resolution be approved as is.

**FIRST:** Cynthia Lee

**SECOND:** Clay Kiesling

**-Approval of Resolution R-6-07-2023 - ICIP FY 2026-2030**

**MOTION:** That the R-6-07-2023 - ICIP FY 2026-2030 be approved as is.

**FIRST:** Clay Kiesling

**SECOND:** Cynthia Lee

**-Election of 2024-25 Officers (Open for Nominees)**

Currently serving EPCOG's Board of Directors are: Roman Garcia, Chairman; Cynthia Lee, Vice Chairman; Leona Powell, Treasurer; Sandy Chancey, Secretary.

**MOTION:** That the board retain the FY2023-2024 officers to serve for FY2024-25.

**FIRST:** Brian Fortner

**SECOND:** Ernest Sanchez

**DIRECTOR'S & STAFF REPORT**

**-PowerPoint presentation is attached.**

**CRY FROM THE WILDERNESS AWARD PRESENTATION**

This years Cry From The Wilderness award was present to Wade Holdman from Fort Sumner Irrigation District.

**COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**COMMENTS – Public Comment for which no action will be taken. (State name and organization affiliation.)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING**

**Lunch Provided by:**

**Plateau**

