REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES

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DRAFT Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2019
Taoseno Room, Town of Taos Council Chambers, 120 Civic Plaza Drive, Taos, NM 87571
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

A. Call to order – Chair Henry Roybal called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.

B. Confirmation of Quorum
Attendees: Chair Henry Roybal, Vice-chair Darien Fernandez, Treasurer Peter Ives, Alternate Sara Scott for Secretary David Izraelevitz, Board member Tom Blankenhorn.
Absent: Board member Leo Jaramillo - excused; Board member Mayor Javier Sanchez excused, Board member Governor Ron Lovato, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo excused; Jemez Pueblo representative excused. Quorum was established.

C. Approval of Agenda
Requested change by Vice-chair Fernandez, to include a presentation under Board Comments by Rose Reza. Executive Director Vasquez stated the Treasurer's report is under Tab 3. Motion to approve agenda with changes by Treasurer Ives, second by Board member Tom Blankenhorn. Motion carried with changes.

D. Approval of Minutes
a. Approval of minutes for July 12, 2019. Motion to approve minutes by Treasurer Ives, and a Second by Alternate Sara Scott. Motion carried.
b. Approval of minutes for July 22, 2019, Executive Committee meeting and attachments. Motion to approve by Vice-chair Fernandez, Second by Alternate Sara Scott. Treasurer Ives abstained. Motion carried.

E. Public Comment
Gretchen Morse – Read a letter to be submitted for the record and summarized as follows: Ms. Morse reviewed the establishment and mission of the RCLC and its ongoing fiscal policy improvements and transparency efforts. Their concern is that the JPA does not distinguish the efforts in developing nonnuclear projects and LANL’s primary mission.
Joseph Bigley- continued to read letter: Summarized – RCLC Board represents their constituents and should take a stand on pit production in writing.
Erich Kuershner – Presented concerns at the January 2019 retreat but felt they were not included in JPA. RCLC should have a standing committee of citizens that could have a real impact into the process. Do nuclear weapons make us better off or not?
Molly Whitney Nieman – Summarized – Need of clear documentation by site-wide EIS. Provide LANL’s pit production and site plans. Any candidate that opposes pit production go on record.
Kay Matthews – Read letter – Summarized – JPA language should be changed
Susan Trujillo – Primary interest should be the cleanup and safety of the community. Mentioned the treaty of prohibition of nuclear weapons. Coalition should support non-weapons related research.
F. Treasurers Report

1. Invoices for review and possible approval. Treasurer Ives stated that he reviewed the following invoices submitted: Invoice from CPLC, New Mexico, Inc., for $15,297.68, dated July 31, 2019, for the monthly RCLC approved service agreement. The tracking sheet details the monthly billable activities.

2. Invoice from Zlotnick Laws and Sandoval PC (ZLS) for $934.82, dated July 31, 2019, for approved contracted services in connection with setup of the RCLC financials in Quickbooks and posting prior year transactions.

3. Invoice from the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) for $950.00 for the annual membership renewal.

Treasurer Ives motioned for approval for payment of the invoices. Second by Vice-chair Fernandez with discussion. Vice-chair Fernandez asked Treasurer Ives if they were appropriate for payment. Treasurer Ives said they were and recommended approval. Alternate Scott asked if the invoices were within the scope and within budget and if the ECA dues are standard dues. Treasurer Ives stated that all are within the scope of services and budget approved. Chair Roybal asked for any other discussion, hearing none, motion passed.

Treasurer Ives recommended the presentation under Item G. b. from Zlotnick Laws and Sandoval PC (ZLS) accounting firm be heard at this time. Chair Roybal approved.

Rick Sandoval, from ZLS stated the prepared financial statements are based on the recording scope the State Auditor recommends. This format will be the format they will be submitting going forward. The June 30, 2019 report was prepared in agreement with the fiscal agent, Los Alamos County. In the packet is the accountant compilation report, consisting of the balance sheet; statement of revenues and expenditures; and the budget and actuals report. Statement of revenue and activity provided by the fiscal agent, Los Alamos County. He noted that in the accountant’s compilation report letter, the middle paragraph stating: "Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." This may sound negative; however, he explained that there is much text that goes along with the financial statements detailing the policies and procedures of the specific entity. Chair called for questions. Treasurer Ives recommended a budget adjustment to correct the actual fund balance and be placed on the agenda for approval next month.

G. Discussion/Action Items

1. Presentation by Paul Black and Tom Stockton of Neptune regarding their Community Values Project and DOE-EM’s stakeholder engagement effort. Introduction by Doug Hintze, Manager of DOE-EM Los Alamos Field Office. This project was created because Neptune was not doing a good job of including stakeholder participation. Their job is to do the legacy cleanup, defined as any waste created prior to 1999. They have had community meetings in northern New Mexico and will continue with more meetings, workshops and technical meetings to explain and educate the public on their efforts. The have created a two-way engagement model, to engage stakeholders in decision-making. By engaging different stakeholders and understanding their value systems, concerns, objectives, ensures good decisions are being made. They develop options with the science and engineers. They have developed software to evaluate, measure,
and track input from the stakeholders is available for the public to review. They mentioned their shared information will be made bilingual in the future. They followed up on questions from the board and the public. Chair Roybal thanked the presenters for their time and efforts.

At this time, Chair Roybal requested Vice-chair Fernandez’s guest, Rose Reza to present to the board. Vice-chair Fernandez introduced Ms. Reza’s involvement in economic development and training in the Taos area. In strategizing with group of citizens from Taos, a project was created called HIVE (internet vocations and education). They traveled to Florida and presented their ideas and won $100,000 through a “Shark Tank” type of competition.

Ms. Reza talked about the project called “minds that move us”. They developed an education model that can be duplicated to serve the underserved youth. Their model won. She spoke about her role as project manager of this community-wide initiative and her team of partners such as educators, business development managers, entrepreneurial coaches. The command center site will be located at Kit Carson. The grand opening of this training center will be in August 2020. She asked N3B, DOE, LANL for a match to invest in this initiative. This training includes, college technical degree program, co-work, and the entrepreneurial incubator.

2. Presentation by Rick Sandoval, with Zlotnick Laws and Sandoval PC - - moved to the Treasurer’s report (last under item F)

3. Executive Director’s update

   The accountant firm selected have completed their six-year audit report and have submitted their report to the RCLC for review. The report will be submitted to the Office of State Auditor (OSA). After OSA review and approval, it will released to the public.

   On July 24, 2019, he attended the Northern NM CAB meeting and reached out to their board and staff on collaboration for more public outreach efforts.

   On July 23, 2019, a draft revised JPA was submitted to the Taos Town Council, and a vote is scheduled for the August 27, 2019 meeting. On July 30, Los Alamos County voted to adopt the new language of the amended JPA. Legal Counsel search is underway. RCLC has received two bids and is awaiting one more.

   Executive Director Vasquez attended the LANL subcontractor forum. Over 600 people attended where prospective subcontractors and related businesses heard of future business opportunities and sessions to help local firms develop the skill set necessary to bid on complex contracts.

   Upcoming events: On August 22, the Environmental Management Los Alamos field office (EM-LA) and its contractor N3B will hold the fourth forum on the legacy cleanup will be held at the Santa Fe Community College at 5:30 p.m.

   The 2019 National Cleanup Workshop is scheduled for September 10-12, 2019, in Alexandria, Virginia. RCLC staff and available RCLC Board members plan to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet with the new EM leadership and continue to build the relationships and contacts to aid in
achieving our mission. Chair called for questions. Alternate Councilor Scott asked about what type of community outreach with the CAB members. Executive Director stated that he is working with the CAB director to work on developing a retreat and combining resources. Alternate Councilor Scott asked how the LANL contractor forum intersects with the RCLC goals. Executive Director stated that the RCLC has two stated missions. One is to try to increase cleanup funding and cleanup efforts and the second one is economic development.

H. Board Comments
Chair Roybal asked if there were any announcements. Hearing none, he closed this item.

I. Adjournment
Chair Roybal called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Treasurer Ives. Second by Alternate Sarah Scott. Meeting ending time 3:48 p.m.

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