REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES

City of Espanola – Los Alamos County- Ohkay Owingeh- Pueblo of Jemez – Rio Arriba County – Santa Fe County – City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2019
Española City Hall Council Chambers, 405 N Paseo de Oñate, Española, NM  87532
1:30 pm to 4:45 pm

A. Call to order – Chair Henry Roybal called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

B. Confirmation of Quorum
Attendees: Chair Henry Roybal, Vice-chair Darien Fernandez phoned in, Treasurer Peter Ives phoned in; Secretary David Izraelevitz, Leo Marquez, alternated for Board member Leo Jaramillo. Absent: Board member Mayor Javier Sanchez - excused; Board member Mark Gallegos - excused; Board member Governor Ron Lovato, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo – excused; Jemez Pueblo representative excused. Quorum was established at 1:57 p.m.

C. Approval of Agenda
1. Motion to approve agenda by Secretary Izraelevitz, Second by Alternate Marquez. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Minutes
1. Approval of minutes of March 1, 2019 – Deferred for next meeting.

E. Public Comment
1. Scott Kovak, Nuclear Watch NM – He commented on the Director’s report regarding the consent order subcommittee. He prepared comparison of the two consent orders, which he stated that the 2005 consent order is more enforceable than the 2016 consent order.

At the ECA – High-level Waste discussion meeting in Washington, D.C., he is requesting that RCLC’s position would not be in favor of high-level waste reinterpretation with D.O.E.

F. Treasurers Report
Executive Director Vasquez, with Treasurer Ives permission, presented the budget to the board. He mentioned that since we have established the bank accounts as per the State Auditor and invoices for the annual dues were mailed to the Board government entities. After his review, he recommends to the Board for approval. Secretary Ives motioned to approve the report and the invoices, Board member Sanchez second. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Discussion/Action Items
Executive Director Vasquez requested that since they had a quorum for a short period of time, possible action items should be heard first. So item “a” will be moved to item “d”. Chair Roybal approved the change.

a. Discussion and possible action on RCLC Open Meetings Act resolution for 2019-2020
Executive Director Vasquez suggested that the RCLC should have six meetings per year rather than quarterly meetings. Secretary Izraelevitz mentioned for the open meetings act, the RCLC should have a consistent time and place updated on the website. Chair Roybal suggested that the meetings be hosted in other
places/districts as well. Chair Roybal asked about the bimonthly meetings in the resolution. Executive Director Vasquez stated that it currently states the RCLC meetings are quarterly. Chair Roybal said the resolution needs to be amended to reflect that change. It was agreed that the RCLC meetings be held at the City of Espanola Council Chambers. If the meeting location is changed, it will be posted, as per the open meetings act. Secretary Izraelevitz called for a do pass motion for this resolution. Board member, Marquez second the motion with the agreed changes. Hearing no objection, motion passed.

b. Discussion and possible action on RCLC meeting schedule for 2019-2020.
After much discussion, the attached draft meeting schedule will include two more additional meetings. One on August 16, 2019, and one on October 18, 2019. Secretary Izraelevitz motioned to amend the attached schedule. Marquez seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, amendment passed.

c. Discussion and possible action on authorization to pursue legal counsel for RCLC
Executive Director Vasquez stated that the suggested motion would be to have the Board appoint the Director and other Board members to a committee to develop a job description, solicit the position and come back to the full Board with their recommendation within a two-month period. Secretary Izraelevitz volunteered to work with Executive Director to develop the job description. It was agreed that they would bring the job description back to the Board at the next meeting for review, and possible approval. If approved, then proceed with solicitation.

d. 2020 Census Presentation, Veronica Arzate de Reyes, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau
Ms. Arzate stated that the Census begins on April 1, 2020. She educated the Board on the phases of communication: Phase I – Education Phase 2018-2019; Phase II – Awareness Phase Jan–Feb 2020; Phase III – Motivation March-May 2020; Phase IV April 1, 2020 Census Day; Phase V – Reminder Phase May – July 2020. New Mexico receives Federal funds for programs in the approximate amount of $2.9 billion – Ways to respond are by internet, phone, and paper or in person. A complete count committee (CCC) formation is underway to help encourage participation.
Secretary Izraelevitz thanked her for the presentation. He addressed the board asking to start a conversation about the RCLC’s participation in creating a CCC maybe combining resources to serve the Census Bureau.
Chair Roybal asked if it was possible to open a field census office in the northern part of the state. Ms. Arzate stated that the Governor has allocated 2.5 million to help with the NM Census efforts. No other questions were presented and Chair Roybal thanked the presenters.

e. Executive Director update
Bank Accounts: Executive Director Vasquez stated the bank accounts have been opened at NM Bank and Trust. Fiscal Agent has verified all funds have been transferred.
Auditor: The contracted IPA firm, Kubiak CPA is scheduled to meet with RCLC staff and the fiscal agent to collect all necessary data. It mirrors what the OSA asked for so the process should be smooth and quick.

New Website: The website developer reports that the “sandbox” version of the website should be available for the Board’s review within the next few weeks.

DC Trip prep: The Executive Director and two or three board members are attending the DOE’s reclassification of “high level nuclear waste” round table in Washington DC. Meeting with two congressional delegation members to request reversal of cuts to the cleanup budget.

Partners and Government relations: Presentation to the Town of Taos Council on April 21, 2019, regarding the changes in the RCLC management and the JPA changes.

Meeting with CAB board members on the NMED Consent Order. Executive Director is requesting a study group to address how the DOE and the State of NM define what a final cleanup of legacy waste entails.

Inspector General investigation: An investigation into the internal handling of the grant process is underway. The RCLC is a chartered JPA, within the State of NM and not a DOE administered entity. Continued monitoring of the situation.

RCLC Dues: Invoices have been mailed to all board members for annual dues.

H. Board Comments
Secretary Izrailevitz suggested that during the legislature a special meeting to discuss legislative issues might be necessary. Executive Director suggested a subcommittee be established. Vice-chair Fernandez, Secretary Ives and Executive Director will meet prior to next meeting.

I. Adjournment
Chair Roybal called to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Secretary Izrailevitz. Second by alternate Leo Marquez. Meeting ending time 2:57 p.m.