

**MINUTES
of the
SECOND MEETING
of the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**August 18-19, 2022
Bataan Hall
University of New Mexico-Taos
121 Civic Plaza
Taos**

The second meeting of the Land Grant Committee for the 2022 interim was called to order by Senator Leo Jaramillo, chair, on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 10:16 a.m. at the University of New Mexico (UNM)-Taos.

Present

Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Chair
Rep. Susan K. Herrera, Vice Chair
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia
Rep. Matthew McQueen (8/18)
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez
Rep. Christine Trujillo

Absent

Rep. Rachel A. Black
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. Michael Padilla

Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Sen. Linda M. Lopez (8/18)
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (8/18)
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics (8/18)

Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Harry Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson

Guest Legislator

Rep. Kristina Ortez (8/18)

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Michelle Jaschke, Researcher, LCS
Martin Fischer, Bill Drafter, LCS
Anthony Montoya, Staff Attorney, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Minutes Approval

The committee did not review the minutes for this meeting and they have not been officially approved by the committee.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Thursday, August 18

Welcome and Introductions (10:16 a.m.)

Senator Jaramillo welcomed the committee and asked members, staff and attendees to introduce themselves.

Welcome to UNM-Taos (10:33 a.m.)

Dr. Mary Gutierrez, chancellor, UNM-Taos, welcomed the members of the committee and members of the public to the Taos branch of UNM. Dr. Gutierrez briefly provided an overview of the campus mission statement and the importance of respecting and preserving the land, water and traditional cultures in Taos. Dr. Gutierrez also provided an update on the housing of the Acequia Archives at UNM-Taos.

Arroyo Honda Arriba Land Grant Partition (AHALGP) Status Update (10:37 a.m.)

Joaquín Arguello De Jesús, president, AHALGP, began the presentation by explaining the importance in the community of hearing all voices and presenting collectively. With that in mind, Mr. Arguello De Jesús asked other members of the community and presenters to introduce themselves and their roles in the community. Those present included Miguel Villareal, secretary, AHALGP; Dr. Trish Martinez, treasurer, AHALGP; Francisco Montoya, warden, AHALGP; Elias Espinosa, Jr., vice president, AHALGP; Louie Garcia, member at large, AHALGP; Maria Garcia, youth board mentee, AHALGP; Miguel Garcia, youth board mentee, AHALGP; Isaiah Espinosa, youth board mentee, AHALGP; Orlando Martinez, youth board mentee, AHALGP; Faith Pino, youth board mentee, AHALGP; Herman Torres, former secretary, AHALGP; Art Montoya, former vice president, AHALGP; Larry Montoya, former warden, AHALGP; David Arguello, former president, AHALGP; Dr. Sylvia Rodriguez, commissioner and anthropologist, Acequia de San Antonio; David Garcia, coordinator, Acequia Education and Outreach, New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA); and Judy Torres, executive director, Taos Valley Acequia Association. The presentations covered the history of the AHALGP, the AHALGP board, historical challenges and current efforts to increase youth

participation on the AHALGP board. The presenters also discussed the current acequia management and development. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=8/18/2022&ItemNumber=2>.

Los Vigiles Land Grant Partition: Fire Effects and Status Update (12:24 p.m.)

Eddie Quintana, president, Los Vigiles Land Grant Partition, and Joseph Padilla, board member, Los Vigiles Land Grant Partition, provided an update on the Los Vigiles Land Grant Partition and the effects of the recent wildfires in northern New Mexico. A picture of the fire damage that was presented to the committee can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20081822%20Item%203%20Picture%20of%20Fire%20Effects.pdf>.

Motion for Letter (1:01 p.m.)

A motion was made, duly seconded and without opposition to request that a letter be drafted and sent on behalf of the committee to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, with copies to the congressional delegation and the governor, requesting that urgent action be taken to address the limitations of the water supply for the City of Las Vegas due the historic wildfires in northern New Mexico this year and the effects of those fires on watersheds.

Approval of Minutes (1:09 p.m.)

On a motion made, duly seconded and without opposition, the minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting were approved.

Cerro Negro Forest Council and Taos Valley Watershed Coalition: Community-Based Forest Management (1:10 p.m.)

J.R. Logan, representative, San Cristobal Neighborhood Association; Mr. Arguello; and Lloyd Garcia, representative, Acequia de San Antonio, presented on the forest mayordomo project as a program to promote healthy watersheds, improve forest health and boost the rural workforce. Grace Powell, Carlos Miller and Michael Trujillo, who serve as youth scientific researchers, presented the perspective of youth participants. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20081822%20Item%205%20Cerro%20Negro%20Forest%20Council.pdf>.

Acequia and Land Grant Youth Development Programs (2:26 p.m.)

Anissa Baca, community outreach specialist, Land Grant Council; Chas Robles, director, Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps; Mr. David Garcia; and Emily Arasim, coordinator, Youth Education and Communications, NMAA, discussed various programs available to youth living

within and outside of land grants-mercedes that are focused on teaching and preserving these traditional communities. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LGC&Date=8/18/2022&ItemNumber=6>.

Finalizing the Carson National Forest and Santa Fe National Forest Management Plans: Connections with Forest-Dependent Communities; Watershed and Forest Health Provisions; and Accommodating Youth Conservation Programs (3:33 p.m.)

Andrea Jones, acting deputy forest supervisor, Carson National Forest; Adam Livermore, acting congressional and intergovernmental affairs New Mexico lead, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Southwest Region; Zach Behrens, public affairs officer, Carson National Forest; and Julie Anne Overton, public affairs officer, Santa Fe National Forest, provided an update on the United States Forest Service plan and answered questions regarding receiving and implementing community input. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20081822%20Item%207%20USFS%20Update.pdf>.

Public Comment (4:38 p.m.)

Marcia Gonzales welcomed the committee to the community and provided a brief history of her time in the local community. She touched on the importance of respecting and preserving cultural values.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:04 p.m.

Friday, August 19

Tour of AHALGP (Valdez) (10:00 a.m.)

Committee members met in Valdez and toured numerous sites within the AHALGP.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.