

NEW MEXICO WATER DIALOGUE-----Minutes of the Meeting, October 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 by Vice President Aaron Chavez. Other board members present were Eileen Dodds, Conci Bokum, John Brown, Jeffrey Samson, and Patrick McCarthy. Joining by phone were Dael Goodman, Gary Esslinger, Alex Puglisi, John Leeper, and Jason John.

Announcements: 1) Representative Melanie Stansbury will hold a “Listening Session” at NM Tech on October 24th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at the Macey Center aimed at improving New Mexico’s approaches to water management. The public is invited. Following this will be the New Mexico Water Data Workshop, hosted by the NM Bureau of Geology, also open to the public.

2) The WRRRI Conference will be held the first weekend in November at the Pueblo of Pojoaque. Please see WRRRI website for details.

Approval of the Agenda: Added under “Administrative Tasks” is a discussion of the newsletter. The agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of the September Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of the Financial Statements (August 2019): It was moved and seconded to approve the August financials as presented. Motion carried.

26th Annual Statewide Meeting—January 9, 2020:

- 1) **Registration Costs:** The 2019 meeting had income of approximately \$5400.00, with expenses of \$4500.00. Other expenses incurred this year, including the website costs, have generated a net negative cash-flow. It was decided to raise fees for the 2020 annual meeting to increase needed funding. New fees were suggested as follows:

Members, \$55.00 until 12/16/19, \$60.00 until 1/6/20.

Non-members, \$ 65.00 until 1/6/20.

Everyone, \$70.00 after 1/6/20, or at the door.

Become an individual member, \$20.00

Become an organization member, \$50.00

It was moved and seconded to accept these new costs for the annual meeting and for membership in the Water Dialogue. Motion carried.

- 2) **Meeting Organization:** We have employed the Rio Grande Agricultural Land Trust (RGALT) to administer registration for the annual meeting. Their charge for the event is \$1000.00, and that amount has been covered by an outside donation.

They have agreed to provide two people to cover sign-in at the table and name tags for attendees.

They will provide a website link when it is ready, and Jeffrey will set up a “Register Now” connection on our website. Conci has agreed to handle all mail-in check payments for registration.

Eileen will do the “Registration is Open” mass-mailing to our e-mail list when registration information is finalized.

Facilitator: Lucy will be facilitating in 2020 for the last time. She will be training Virginia Pointeau as her replacement. We discussed presenting Lucy with a water-related framed photograph in appreciation for all her work with the WD over the years. Patrick and Aaron agreed to look thru their archives for an appropriate photograph.

The IPCC provides the projector and microphones we use for a fee, and would also offer a recording device (used by Kathy Grassel when she writes the summary of the annual meeting) should we choose to rent it from them. Conci will contact Kathy to see if she has an adequate device and the IPCC as to what they may have. It was discussed that it may be less expensive over time if we purchased our own recorder. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of a recorder for up to \$300.00 if it is warranted. Motion carried.

Notice for Public Distribution: In addition to e-mail notification of the annual meeting, Conci agreed to contact John Fleck for mention on his blog, and also the Green Fire Times for the same notification.

Theme and Topics: After much discussion, the following draft agenda was approved:

BUILDING WATER RESILIENCE FOR NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-8:45	Welcome by Jason John
8:45-10:00	Keynote Speakers (2), David Gutzler and Melynda Harm-Benson (confirmed)
10:00-10:20	Break
10:20-11:30	Panel I Science-Based Planning for Resilience
11:30-12:00	Representative Melanie Stansbury
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Lucy –Board nominations
1:15-3:15	Panel 2 Resilient Water Management in Practice
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-4:15	ISC Director Rolf Schmidt-Petersen
4:15-4:30	Comments from the Floor
4:40	Adjourn

Panel speakers will be added as they confirm. Conci will ask John Fleck and Stacy Timmons to speak in Panel 1. She will also contact Representative Stansbury, Paula Garcia (Panel 2), and Rolf Schmidt Petersen.

Gary will ask Phil King to speak in Panel 2.

Patrick will ask Holly Richter for Panel 2. If one of our preferred speakers for Panel 2 declines, he will ask Adrian Oglesby to fill in, as he has already volunteered.

Aaron will ask Daryl Vigil to speak in Panel 2.

Alex said he would talk to Sharon Hausam about other ideas for speakers from the pueblos. We agreed to select speakers by e-mail.

Administrative Tasks:

- 1) Website Update: Rose has finished with all recommended changes, and the website is updated. We still need to provide content updates, and Sharon has suggested some minor changes that will

be done. It was decided we should all visit the website, review it, and offer comments to Dael and Jeffrey. Rose asked for a contact person in case problems develop in the future. Dael agreed to be that person, and Jeffrey will act as backup. Dael will notify all board members to review the website and make comments by a date she will set.

- 2) Funding Requests: Conci reported submitting the McCune grant request by the required deadline, and McCune will decide their awards by late January. The request to the Healy Foundation was also completed. Cecilia from the Rio Grande Land Trust will be asked to provide assistance with the Healy request.
Other funding will be solicited from advertising, as was done last year.
- 3) Newsletter: The fall issue of the newsletter will remain in the same format as before and sent via e-mail to our list. Patrick agreed to ask Sandra Postel for an article for the front page to tie in to the annual meeting's theme of "Resilience". Jason will provide his column, "Message from the President". Draft articles will be due by October 25th. In the future, there will be a change in the newsletter format to more closely match the web page, and to conform to an e-mail format.

Board Member Updates: None

Our next meeting was set for November 14th at 10:00 at the Wood offices.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:20.

** Action items are shown in red.