

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**LA BAJADA RANCH STEERING COMMITTEE**

**March 27, 2014**

This meeting of the Santa Fe County La Bajada Ranch Steering Committee was called to order by Chair Eric Blinman at approximately 4:15 on the above-cited date in the Legal Conference Room, County Administration Building, Santa Fe New Mexico.

A quorum was achieved with the following Board members present:

**Members Present:**

Eric Blinman  
Commissioner Kathy Holian  
Camilla Bustamante  
Claire Fulenwider  
Jay Lazarus  
Peter Weiss

**Member(s) Absent:**

Commissioner Robert Anaya  
Maria DeAnda-Hay  
John Nye  
Paul White

**Staff Present:**

Mark Hogan, Projects & Facilities Director  
Tony Flores, County Manager's Office  
Mia Gallegos, Project & Facilities Staff

**Others Present:**

Dianne Strauss  
Ryan Toups  
Carl Dickens  
J.J. Gonzales

Mr. Hogan announced the resignation of Scott Pittman.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion by Commissioner Holian and second by Mr. Lazarus, the agenda was unanimously approved as published.

**IV. Approval of Minutes: February 27, 2014**

Ms. Fulenwider moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Holian seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**V. Subcommittee Reports**

Ms. Bustamante said she didn't get a chance to meet with the group because she was traveling. Mr. Weiss said Mr. Nye, who wasn't able to attend this meeting has all of the paperwork, basically, a reworking of Ms. Bustamante's initial draft material on criteria.

Ms. Bustamante said they have been incorporating the comments made and are reformatting the diagram. She offered to email the current version to committee members. Mr. Weiss said he felt these are criteria they will be able to "take and run with."

Mr. Lazarus read from the resolution, "The duties and responsibilities of the committee are to a) solicit project proposals for implementation of La Bajada Ranch, evaluate the project proposals submitted for La Bajada Ranch, provide a written report to the BCC with the strengths and weaknesses of each proposal."

There was consensus of the understanding that the BCC would make the final decision. Mr. Hogan said this group will cull it down to a limited number and make recommendations.

Mr. Weiss described how he envisioned a two-step process with the second step being more detailed and perhaps including an environmental impact statement. He was not clear whether this committee would handle the second round.

Chairman Blinman noted he would not be able to attend the next meeting and in order to keep the momentum moving forward he suggested distribution of Mr. Nye's material by email as soon as possible. There was discussion of telephone participation and when a presentation could be made to the BCC.

Turning to the solicitation process, Mr. Weiss said there is a national website where projects are disseminated to a wide variety of planners, etc. Chairman Blinman said there needs to be a major roll-out with news coverage.

Mr. Lazarus asked if there was any further discussion on Ms. DeAnda-Hay's presentation at the previous meeting and if the comments had been incorporated at this point. Chairman Blinman encouraged assembling and distributing the best and current products of the subcommittees on email and having everything ready for the next meeting.

Commissioner Holian said she would work with the County's Public Information Officer in preparation for getting out the solicitation. Ms. Fulenwider recommending "whooping up" the roll-out of the request for ideas in order to generate interest.

A tentative schedule was agreed upon:

- Consolidation of subcommittee materials: Regular meeting: April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Presentation to the BCC as an action item: May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Public roll-out: May 29<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Fulenwider pointed out that the process of solicitation will also have to be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Hogan asked that all the emails be copied to everyone on the committee. He added he will formulate the staff memo for the presentation to the Commission that will accompany the material.

#### **VI. Old Business**

Mr. Hogan stated there have been two letters of interest, one from Ed Moreno, who facilitated a workshop earlier on. He would be the representative of District 5. Elliott Eisner has also submitted a letter; it was unclear what slot he would fill on the committee. Carl Dickens said Mr. Eisner lives in La Cienega and might fit in the development category.

Mr. Weiss asked if there was any interest from the Native American community. Chairman Blinman said he would speak with a representative from the Tesuque Pueblo. Mr. Hogan stated Santo Domingo had originally designated a representative and then decided they didn't want to participate. Mr. Flores said one of the County's constituent liaisons can work on that.

Mr. Hogan indicated the main house remediation is complete and the asbestos sealed over and stabilized. He speculated the heating system is not functional but can be evaluated. A consultant is working on plans to make the foreman's house accessible.

#### **VII. New Business**

None was offered.

#### **VIII. Comments from the Public**

Mr. Dickens said it would be beneficial for the committee to meet Bob Cochrane, the owner of Tres Rios Ranch, formerly the Gallegos Ranch, which is below La Bajada Ranch. Touring his property would give a holistic idea of the area.

J. J. Gonzales suggested Charlie Dorame, former Tesuque Governor, might be interested in serving on the committee.

#### **IX. Comments from the Committee**


None were offered.

- X. Agenda Items: Prepare presentation for BCC, discuss solicitation process
  - A. Time: 3:30
  - B. Date: April 24, 2014
  - C. Location: La Cienega Community Center/Las Golondrinas

XI. Adjournment

Having completed the items on the agenda, Chair Blinman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Approved by:

  
 Eric Blinman, Chair  
 La Bajada Ranch Steering Committee

*Patricia Werge*  
 VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST TO:

  
 GERALDINE SALAZAR  
 COUNTY CLERK

10-28-2014

Respectfully submitted,

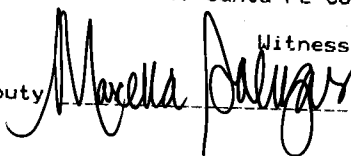
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