

**MINUTES OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY  
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)  
Santa Fe County Administration Complex  
100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.  
Via Webex**

**1. OPENING BUSINESS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) was called to order on the above date at approximately 6:08 p.m. by Chair Rubén Cedeño.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present**

Rubén Cedeño, Chair (District 3)  
Linda Siegel, Vice-Chair (At-Large)  
Jan Cohen (District 5)  
Morika Hensley (At-Large)  
Sandra Madrid Massengill (District 1)  
Chris Mann (District 2)  
Matt Piccarello (District 4)  
Apple Snider (At-Large)

**Members Absent/Excused**

Jean Pike (At-Large)

**Staff Members Present**

Maria Lohmann, Open Space/Trails Planner  
Robert Griego, County Staff  
Peggy Darr, County Staff

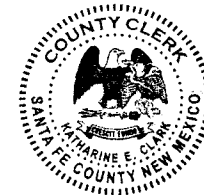
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**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Member Piccarello/Vice-Chair Siegel – unanimous.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. August 4, 2021 expanded Minutes

Vice-Chair Siegel/Member Hensley – unanimous voice vote.

2. Oct 20 201 Draft Minutes

Vice-Chair Siegel/Member Piccarello – unanimous voice vote.

2. **MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

There were no matters of public concern.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Election of Chair and Co-Chair**

**Ms. Lohmann chaired this part of the meeting.**

Chris Mann was introduced as new member from District 2. He moved here full time in 2019, after 30 years in DC working for government and nonprofits on conservation issues. He continues to consult with nonprofits and foundations on environmental security and strategy. He was pleased to join this Board.

That Board members all welcomed him as part of COLTPAC Board.

Ms. Lohmann opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Vice-Chair Siegel nominated Rubén Cedeño to continue as Chair because he is doing a good job. Member Cohen seconded her nomination. There were no other nominations and Ruben Cedeño was elected by unanimous voice vote.

For Vice-Chair, Member Cohen nominated Linda Siegel to serve a second term as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Member Hensley. Linda Siegel was elected by unanimous voice vote as Vice-Chair.

B. **Subcommittee per Resolution 2011-4 for conservation options for Santa Fe County Open Space properties and priorities**

Ms. Lohmann provided a brief background on this issue, which has been discussed for many months. At the October meeting the Board decided to appoint a subcommittee to research the options for conserving open space properties. The Resolution provides for subcommittees to address such issues. The intention of COLTPAC is to advise the BCC on open space matters.

Ms. Lohmann described various methods for preserving open space properties in perpetuity.

Member Cohen said she has been looking into the existing laws to prevent them from being sold or rezoned for another purpose like the property on South Meadows. Such legislation won't be heard in the short session.

Ms. Lohmann Described the parameters for subcommittees which are advisory to the main Committee, who makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners,

She showed a spreadsheet being constructed to use with county properties listed on it that are considered open space and lists what documents we have on each one. There are about 26 properties right now. Some properties have more information than others.

She anticipated the subcommittee would work on each one as properties are put into the matrix.

The Committee briefly discussed how zoning would impact their work.

Member Mann Member Massengill, and Member Piccarello volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Chair Cedeño moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Siegel, to appoint those three members to be the subcommittee. The motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

### **C. Review and Recommendation of Open Space, Trails and Parks 2022 Annual Report and Work Plan**

Ms. Lohmann introduced Peggy Darr, our County resource person, and invited her to talk about her work when Ms. Lohmann got to that point in the Annual Report.

Ms. Lohmann shared her screen as she reviewed the Annual Report and Work Plan for 2022. She identified page numbers as she reported. She commented on the major on-the-ground projects.

Ms. Darr presented the report on Resource Management, including her work on pollinators and beaver management.

Ms. Lohmann commented about on-the-ground projects.

Ms. Lohmann the reviewed educational programming, stewardship, and project development. She noted the County is close to filling the Volunteer Coordinator

position. Thornton Ranch is the big priority for the year. She listed the others: Arroyo Hondo Segment, Santa Fe River Trail segment 2 design and acquisition, Romero Park Phase 2, Chavez property in Chimayó, Little Tesuque Creek trail analysis, Madrid Open Space, and Rail Trail segments 6 & 7.

Ms. Darr talked about the restoration after the Medio Fire in 2020. Ms. Lohmann said the Forest Service funded this project. The Open Space property was purchased to maintain the forest trail there.

There are about 6,600 acres of property and the County doesn't have enough staff to address all environmental needs. We partnered with Rocky Mountain Youth Corps who serve either year-round or for the summer in crews of 6-8 and one crew specialized in chain saw and helped with conifers and pine thinning with a novel approach to protect endangered bird species like the Pinyon Jay and the Forest Service may adopt that method for their forests.

Ms. Darr explained the beaver management projects to prevent flooding and maintain flow. Beavers help store water and increase water tables and allow rivers to run all year long. They also prevent flood damage and prevent wildfires.

#### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **A. Meeting Schedule for 2022**

Ms. Lohmann showed the meeting schedule for 2022 on screen: May 4, August 3, and November 2, plus special meetings on acquisitions.

##### **B. Open Space Project Updates**

In the interest of time, the Committee went to the next item.

##### **C. Potential Applications for County Property Acquisition**

Ms. Lohmann presented two applications for review – one for purchase and the other as a donation of open space property. The Donated property, Ten Little Hills, was shown. It is part of the Cerrillos Hills Network property at Cerrillos Hills State Park. The Park Coalition worked with Ms. Lohmann to complete the application which will be considered at the next meeting. She will send the application out for review prior to the next meeting.

The other application was adjacent to the San Pedro Open space. It will be reviewed in accord with the Resolution 2009-206. Ms. Lohmann has 30 days to review for completeness. The Committee can move to recommend approval or denial to the BCC. And BCC makes the ultimate decision on

acquisition. She is waiting until the applications are complete and will send copies when they are complete. She suggested the Committee might want to visit the properties together, in a special meeting prior to May 4 or to do it during the day on May 4. Mr. Lockridge could be present for that visit.

Member Massengill thought the Committee could complete the forms while at the site. It would depend on how deep we go on the criteria. And would be good for new members to see that beforehand based on the values encompassed.

Ms. Lohmann agreed. And she will talk about the values that make it eligible for acquisition.

**5. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Chair Cedeño requested regarding the conversation on TDR for Staff to provide a status report on the transfers from the past few years and the new one proposed with the Committee for Open Space and the interface.

Ms. Lohmann agreed.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

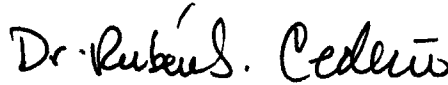
**A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

Ms. Lohmann invited everyone to consider a recommendation on the Annual Report. She intends to present it to the BCC at their meeting February 22. Any support would be welcome.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**


**Member Mann moved, seconded by Siegel to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.**

Approved by:



Rubén Cedeño, Chair

Submitted by:

  
Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.