

**MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2014, BEGINNING AT 1:30 P.M.
AT THE CONCHAS DAM FIRE STATION, CONCHAS DAM, NEW MEXICO**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The special meeting/public hearing was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Chairman Nicolas T. Leger.

Upon a call of the roll by County Manager Les Montoya, all Commissioners were present and a quorum duly established, as follows: Chairman Nicolas T. Leger, Vice Chairman Ron R. Ortega, and Commissioners Marcellino A. Ortiz, Arthur J. Padilla and Gilbert J. B. Sena.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTATION OF NM FLAG

Joined by all in attendance, Commissioners pledged allegiance to the U.S. flag and offered their salutation to the NM state flag.

PURPOSE AND NOTICE

Chairman Leger read the public notice for the special meeting and public hearing, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico, will hold and conduct a special meeting and public hearing on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Conchas Dam, New Mexico, at the Conchas Dame Fire Station.

The public hearing will be held for the purpose of entertaining public comment on the proposed draft oil and gas ordinance and the County's Comprehensive Plan in relation thereto, both of which are posted on the San Miguel County website. At such hearing, the County Commission will entertain public comment and receive information and data which may be presented by interested persons.

After thanking the Conchas Dam Volunteer Fire Department for making the fire station available and for hosting the meeting, Chairman Leger advised all in attendance that each person would be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak, that their names would be called from the sign-in sheet, and that after everyone spoke, if time permitted, the

Commission would entertain further public comment from persons who again desired to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Whereupon, beginning at 1:47 p.m., the following 39 persons addressed the County Commission, and offered their comments relating generally to oil and gas exploration and drilling in San Miguel County, and in the eastern part of the County in particular, and relating to the formulation of a county ordinance relative thereto, and relating to the oil and gas moratorium, and to sundry other matters relating generally to the purpose of the public hearing:

Steven Henke, Harold Daniels, Scott Bidegain, Robert Hall, Jean Estrada, Adam Anderson, Art Romero, Matthew Gonzales, Peggy Mills, Phil Bidegain, Vic Harp, Joe I. Maestas, Ralph Petersen, Ralph Laumbach, Paula Hern, Albert S. Elevario, Michael Romero, Carol Webb, Cooper Glover, Brad Bryant, Abbey Quinn, Mark Wetten, Sam Arnett, Marge Raney, Tara Werner, Robert Werner, Jim Thorpe, Leon Romero, Larry H. Webb, Sonny Chavez, Ralph A. Gonzales, Zi Pensley, Larry Bedford, Diane Lindsay, Ally Sue Wetten, Patricia Minor, Martin Honnegger, Sarah Moore and Roy McMinn.

[A contemporaneous audio recording was made of the entire public hearing, and the public comments made by those in attendance are preserved in said audio recording maintained by the office of the San Miguel County Clerk, and available for inspection and duplication at any time during regular business hours; and all written submissions tendered by any person are received and retained by county staff.]

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

At 3:50 p.m., Chairman Leger asked if there was any person who had not yet spoken, who desired to address the County Commission. No person came forward, and Chairman Leger announced a recess.

At 4:25 p.m., following the recess, Chairman Leger reconvened the public hearing, and all five Commissioners were present.

Chairman Leger again announced the purpose of the public hearing, noting that the public hearing was being held for the purpose of entertaining public comment on the proposed oil and gas ordinance and the County's Comprehensive Plan in relation thereto, then Leger announced that the County Commission would entertain a second round of public comments.

Whereupon, beginning at 4:33 p.m., the following 13 persons again addressed the County Commission and offered their comments relating generally to oil and gas exploration and drilling in San Miguel County, and in the eastern part of the County in particular, and relating to the formulation of a county ordinance relative thereto, and to other matters relating generally to the purpose of the public hearing:

Tara Werner, Vic Harp, Steve Henke, Lazaro Estrada [did not speak previously], Robert Werner, Sarah Moore, Phil Bidegain, Michael Romero, Paula Hern, Larry Bedford, Ralph Gonzales, Ralph Laumbach and Dan Estrada.

Whereupon, at 5:15 p.m., Chairman Leger asked the audience in attendance if they felt anyone not present would arrive later, and the consensus was that new arrivals were unlikely. Chairman Leger then received for the record, a letter dated April 02, 2014, from James H. Franken, Alan G. Franken and Steven R. Franken, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, relating to the oil and gas moratorium, and not objecting to an extension of said moratorium for a period not to exceed 2 years.

At 5:18 p.m., Chairman Leger announced a recess, to further await the arrival of any person who had not yet addressed the Commission.

At 5:31 p.m., Chairman Leger reconvened the public hearing, with all Commissioners still in attendance. Leger then again read the public notice for the special meeting and public hearing.

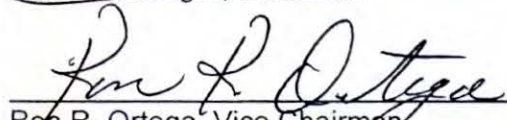
ADJOURNMENT

At 5:33 p.m., Commissioner Padilla moved and Commissioner Sena seconded, that the special meeting and public hearing be adjourned, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote of all County Commissioners.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico, this 13th day of May, 2014, as the minutes of the special meeting and public hearing held by said Board of Commissioners on April 02, 2014, in Conchas Dam, New Mexico.




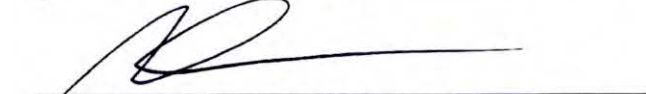
Nicolas T. Leger, Chairman

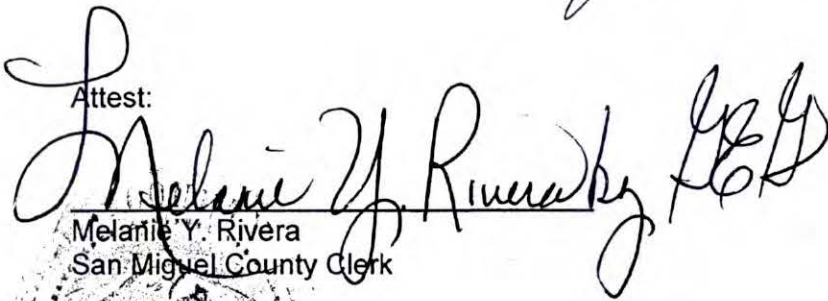


Ron R. Ortega, Vice Chairman


Marcellino A. Ortiz, Member


Arthur J. Padilla, Member


Gilbert J. B. Sena, Member

Attest:

Melanie Y. Rivera
San Miguel County Clerk

