

**Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO)**

**Tuesday August 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Hosted by the Village of Bosque Farms**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Russell Walkup called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Walkup asked Mayor Griego to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves. The following individuals were in attendance:

Russell Walkup, Mayor, Village of Bosque Farms  
Gayle Jones, Clerk/Administrator, Village of Bosque Farms  
Joseph Bizzell, Commissioner, Valencia County  
Danny Monette, Manager, Valencia County  
Jeremias Silva, Project Manager/Grant Coordinator, Valencia County  
Gerard Saiz, Commissioner, Valencia County  
David Hyder, Commission, Valencia County  
Charles Griego, Mayor, Village of Los Lunas  
Gregory Martin, Administrator, Village of Los Lunas  
Marty Moore, Manager, City of Rio Communities  
Peggy Gutjahr, Councilor, City of Rio Communities  
Ronita Wood, Councilor, Village of Bosque Farms  
Bryan Burks, Councilor, Village of Bosque Farms  
Bill Kennedy, Mayor Pro Tem, Village of Bosque Farms  
Rick Goshorn, Councilor, Village of Bosque Farms

**VALENCIA COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jeremias Silva, Project Manager/Grant Coordinator for Valencia County stated that Valencia County would like to find out how the other entities in Valencia County propose to use their American Rescue Funding so that efforts aren't duplicated. There could be opportunities for collaborative projects.

Danny Monette, Valencia County Manager, stated that he and Andrew Salas, Belen City Manager met with Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District today to discuss the flooding

in Valencia County. They have set another meeting for September 9, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. at the Transportation Center in Los Lunas. They would like to have as many elected officials as possible attend that meeting.

**4. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the last VALEO Meeting on December 1, 2020 hosted virtually by the Village of Los Lunas were sent out prior to the meeting. Mayor Walkup asked everyone to review the minutes and provide comments prior to them being posted on the Valencia County website.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Overview of the UNM Workforce Training Center Project**

Mayor Walkup introduced Councilor Rick Goshorn, Director, Business Operation of UNM Valencia Campus.

Councilor Goshorn discussed the following factors that supported the UNM Workforce Training Center Project:

- Legislature's support of the economic impact to Valencia County
- The projected population growth in Valencia County in the next twenty years
- The projected economic growth of Los Lunas and Belen

Councilor Goshorn discussed the programs that will be included based on employer surveys UNM-VC conducted prior to project funding and the proposed curriculum that will be offered at the Workforce Training Center.

Councilor Goshorn finished the presentation by giving an overview of the timeline of the project.

Mayor Walkup opened the floor for any other comments or discussion.

**6. NEXT MEETING:**

Mayor Walkup stated that the next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2021 and will be hosted by Valencia County.

**7. ADJOURN:**

Mayor Walkup adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

(Minutes prepared by Bosque Farms Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones)