

Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m.  
Eddy County Commission Chambers – 101 W. Greene, Carlsbad, NM 88220

**Board members present:**

Wes Carter (New Board Member-City of Carlsbad)  
John Heaton (Member-City of Carlsbad & Chairman)  
Sam Cobb (Member-City of Hobbs)  
Finn Smith (Member-City of Hobbs) – via video  
Susan Crockett (Member-Eddy County) – via telephone  
Jonathan Sena (Member- Lea County) – via video

**Board members absent:**

Steven McCutcheon (Member-Eddy County)  
Mike Gallagher. (Member-Lea County)

**Administrative staff present:**

Melissa Salcido – (Director of Finance, Carlsbad)  
Denise Madrid Boyea (General Counsel/City of Carlsbad Attorney)

**Also Present:**

Julia Heaton  
Alan Davis  
Nick Maxwell  
Beverly King

**The meeting was called to order by John Heaton.**

**Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.**

**Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 15, 2021.**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2021, was presented. A Motion was made by Mr. Sena to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 2021. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cobb. The vote: Wes Carter for Carlsbad voted yes; Sam Cobb for Hobbs voted yes; Susan Crockett for Eddy

County voted yes; and Jonathan Sena for Lea County voted yes. No one voted no. No one abstained.

**Director/Staff comments:**

Mr. Heaton discussed legislative bills that were presented to the New Mexico Senate and House involving the interim storage of nuclear materials. Both bills never made it to a vote, but will likely be brought up in the future. Mr. Heaton also discussed legislation being introduced in the U.S. Congress by NM Congressional members that would prohibit federal money from being used for an interim storage facility for nuclear waste. Mr. Heaton stated that thirty-nine states have storage problems and he believes those states will not support the proposed federal legislation. Mr. Heaton discussed the lobbying team in Washington D.C. Mr. Sena thanked Mr. Heaton and asked if Holtec is ready for Phase 1. Mr. Heaton stated as soon as Holtec receives its license it should be ready to start the project and the license should be issued by July, 2022.

**Discussion of Financial Report:**

Ms. Melissa Salcido reported on the financials for the period ending December, 2021. Ms. Salcido reported there was a beginning cash balance of \$31,970 and an ending cash balance of \$103,323. ELEA received \$100,000 from member contributions. ELEA is budgeted to receive \$11,000 for the land lease. The expenditures of \$35,810 are \$84,190 favorable to the budget of \$120,000 and 20% below target. During FY22, Ms. Salcido reported the amounts paid to Montgomery & Andrews, WEX Bank, Berkley Insurance Company and Montgomery Agency.

**Approval of Accounts Payable:**

Ms. Salcido discussed the one account payable due to Montgomery & Andrews for lobbying services. Motion was made by Mr. Carter to approve the account payable and due to Montgomery & Andrews. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cobb. The vote: Wes Carter for Carlsbad voted yes; Sam Cobb for Hobbs voted yes; Susan Crockett for Eddy County voted yes; and Jonathan Sena for Lea County voted yes. No one voted no. No one abstained.

**Approval of Open Meeting Resolution for 2022-2023.**

Ms. Madrid Boyea discussed the Open Meeting Act Resolution for 2022. Motion made by Mr. Cobb to approve the Open Meeting Resolution for 2022. Motion

was seconded by Mr. Sena. The vote: Wes Carter for Carlsbad voted yes; Sam Cobb for Hobbs voted yes; Susan Crockett for Eddy County voted yes; and Jonathan Sena for Lea County voted yes. No one voted no. No one abstained.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Maxwell made comments.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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