

LA JUNTA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CALL TO ORDER: The Certified Local Government Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 5:26 p.m. in the Power Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nancy Bennett.

Board Members Present

Absent

Nancy Bennett
Trevor Herasingh
Daniel Horton
Randall Roberson
Lily Sweikert

Joe Ayala
Christine Coffield
Toni Madrid

**Subject to approval at the
July 27, 2023
Cert Local Gov't Meeting**

Also present: Cynthia Nieb, Economic/Urban Renewal Director
Angie Bell, NEPA
Ben Zandarski, NEPA

MINUTES: May 25, 2023

Chairperson Bennett asked if there were any corrections or additions to be made to the May 25, 2023 minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Trevor Herasingh, seconded by Lily Sweikert, that the minutes for May 25, 2023 be approved as published. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: May 2023

Beginning Balance	\$14,000.00
Cash Match for Survey on the eastern part of town	(\$5,000.00)
On the Road Conference on August 25th & 26th	(\$9,000.00)
	\$0.00

Chairperson Bennett asked for a motion to accept the financial report. A motion was made by Daniel Horton, seconded by Lily Sweikert that the financial report for May 2023 be approved as given. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Bylaws and Ordinance No. 1579 (Horton):** It is ongoing. I am currently working with the city attorney to draft the language necessary to adjust the plan so that we can move forward accepting the by-laws.
- B. **Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site:** Angie Bell and Ben Zandarski gave a brief overview and answered questions of the board members.

- The National Environment Police Act makes sure the decision makers understand the environmental effects. We're here because of the cultural resources that exist on Pinion Canyon. The army is a very practical and pragmatic agency. There has been some storm damage to some of the homesteads. We're required by law to preserve these buildings. There are many options in doing this. We don't want to be demolishers by neglect. So we look at some of the alternatives to preservation, we do restoration. Can we find another use for these buildings. We came here to try and pick brains of those who are doing this in the community. We want to take a look at all of the ranches. We have 33 complexes on Pinon Canyon.
- The land was first acquired in 1980 and developed from private land. Some of the land was purchased and some of the land was obtain by imminent domain for military trainings.
- Section 110 is a program to preserve cultural and historical resources. Basically, the army was sued, the army won the lawsuit. So, they put out a memorandum that we are going to cease maintenance on historic army buildings that no longer have a mission use. They wanted us to report an adverse effect under Section 106. In their view, and the view of the court, is that Section 110 does not supercede the regulations laid out in Section 106. The program does not need to exceed what's laid out in Section 106.
- We are currently reporting adverse effects for deferred maintenance. We're not trying to figure out what is the best way to give back. How do we deal with the ranches that we have now. What are the appropriate litigations.
- We need to have a conversation with the community that's why we're reaching out beyond our consulting parties to everybody we can find to see what would be appropriate.
- We have a programmatic agreement which allows for daily maintenance with stipulations. Some buildings have been maintained and used.
- We are currently looking into grants.
- Public engagement includes: Section 106, meeting people who are already grouped together who have the knowledge of historical preservation and who are familiar with the laws and rules. Then we'll move to the general public in the form of attending fairs and festivals. We have testimonies from people in the area. And are also working with Senators.
- We're having these meetings because we are realizing that the Pinon Canyon ranches are the buildings we are not using. Right now, the buildings on Ft. Carson are being used.

Cynthia Nieb: I think the board needs time to think about and discuss this information at our next meeting and maybe come up with a statement to provide you.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. CLG Director Comments:

1. **On the Road Conference:** We have added someone who will demonstrate how to repair historic windows out of Las Animas.
2. **United Methodist Church/RF Carnegie Library:** Helping them try to get listed on the register so they can go for a state historical grant.

B. Governing Board Comments:

1. There were no governing board comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Melanie R. Scofield, Secretary

Nancy Bennett, Chairperson