# *COUNTY OF LINCOLN*

**New Mexico**
***Special Meeting***
**Board of County Commissioners**

**Jackie Powell**, Chair
**Preston Stone**, Vice Chair

**Kathryn Minter**, Member
**Mark Doth,** Member
**Dallas Draper**, Member

**Minutes**
**Wednesday, August 14, 2013**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 4:00 PM on August 14, 2013 in the in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Powell called the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 4:02:24 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

**Roll Call.**
**Present:** Chair Powell, Commissioner Minter, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Draper.
**Absent:** Commissioner Doth.

Others present included Nita Taylor, County Manager; Alan Morel, County Attorney; and Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

a. Pledge – U.S.A. Flag – Commissioner Minter
b. Salute – N.M. Flag – Commissioner Draper

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Acceptance of the Agenda and authorized the Chair to move items as necessary.
**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Draper, **Seconded by** Commissioner Minter.
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).
**Yes:** Chair Powell, Commissioner Minter, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Draper.
**Absent:** Commissioner Doth.

**5. Lincoln County Commission Comments regarding NM Water Trust Board's Proposed Amendments to Water Project Fund Project Management Policies by Resolution 2013-9**

Ms. Taylor presented Resolution 2013-9 as a request for the extension of the comment period for proposed NM Water Trust Board changes to Project Management Policies or in the alternative as a request to reject all of the proposed changes.

Ms. Taylor stated on August 6, 2013 the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District informed members of the proposed changes. Ms. Taylor stated the comment deadline for the changes was August 15, 2013 necessitating the Special Meeting. Ms. Taylor stated the deadline left insufficient time for the County to research and prepare comments.

Ms. Taylor stated requests for an extension of the deadline were also forthcoming from several other agencies including the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, and current County Commissioner and former Water Trust Board Member Preston Stone acting individually.

Ms. Taylor informed while some of the changes were clean up language there were potentially substantive changes which would impact applicants for funding. Ms. Taylor noted several particular proposed changes seemed to shift the deference from state government and related

political subdivisions such as counties and municipalities to state agencies and departments such as the Office of the State Engineer.

Ms. Taylor commented other language changes such as the requirement for an Asset Management Plan were burdensome for smaller entity applicants such as the Nogal Water Association.

**Motion:** Adopt Resolution 2013-9, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Draper, **Seconded by** Commissioner Stone.
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).
**Yes:** Chair Powell, Commissioner Minter, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Draper.
**Absent:** Commissioner Doth.

Ms. Taylor informed she had also contacted Senator Phil Griego regarding the proposed changes. Ms. Taylor stated Senator Griego planned to hand deliver a letter to the State Engineer's Office requesting an extension of the comment period.

Commissioner Stone stated the Water Trust Board did not initiate the proposed changes but rather the State Engineer. Commissioner Stone noted the State Engineer had introduced legislation with similar language during the last legislative session which did not pass. Commissioner Stone expressed concern about small entities being able to comply with the proposed changes.

Debra Ingle, Executive Director for the Region I Rural Water Association stated the NM Rural Water group was meeting in Taos this weekend and she would convey the concerns of the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Ingle stated the Association had also requested an extension of the comment period.

**SEE EXHIBIT A**: Copy of Resolution 2013-9 is attached hereto in reference thereto made a part hereof.

**6. Signing of Official Documents**

**7. Next Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 4:17:39 PM.

County of Lincoln
Board of County Commissioners

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Mark Doth, Member

Dallas Draper, Member

Kathryn Minter, Member

ATTEST:

Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk

September 17, 2013
Date Approved

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