



Capital Projects Committee Meeting

October 12, 2022

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9:30 a.m. to TBD

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call of Committee Members

Roll call of members was taken. Committee members joining via phone/webinar were Chairman Gerald Burke, Gerald Hoehne, Harrison Rommel, Connor Jorgenson, and Harold Trujillo.

3. Approval of Agenda

Member Hoehne noted that agenda item 7 had been withdrawn by NMT and motioned to amend the agenda to remove item 7.

Chairman Burke moved to approve the agenda, Member Hoehne seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

4. Announcements:

a. **Next Capital Projects Committee Meeting will be held on November 9, 2022**

5. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2022 Capital Projects Committee Meeting

Chairman Burke asked for comments on the minutes. No comments made.

Member Hoehne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Chairman Burke.

Motion passed. (5-0)

Projects to be reviewed

6. New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired – \$1,300,000

Installation of New Playground

Presenters: Patricia Beecher, Superintendent, NMSBVI; Margie Macias, Director of Institutional Support Services, NMSBVI

Chairman Burke introduced Superintendent Beecher who introduced her team members and then presented the project to the committee as outlined in the submittal. Chairman Burke asked for questions. He clarified that the \$1.3 million in funding locks in the



playground equipment so it will not be delayed with respect to any additional funding. Superintendent Beecher assured the committee that that was the case.

Chairman Burke moved for approval of the request for submittal to Cabinet Secretary Rodriguez and on to the State Board of Finance. Member Rommel seconded the motion.

The motion passed (5-0).

~~7. New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology – \$491,857~~

~~Institute for Complex Additive Systems Analysis – Secure Facility Upgrade~~

Presenters: Dr. Stephen Wells, President, NM Tech; Dr. Cleve McDaniel, Vice President of Finance and Administration, NM Tech; Carlos Romero, Associate Vice President for Research, NM Tech; Alex Garcia, Director of Capital Projects, NM Tech

8. University of New Mexico – \$4,254,498

Comprehensive Cancer Center - TomoTherapy Machine Replacement

Presenters: Dr. Garnett Stokes, President, UNM; Dr. Alan Tomkinson, Interim Director & CEO, UNM CCC; Joseph Wrobel, Chief Budget & Facilities Officer, UNM HSC; Rodney Martinez, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, UNM CCC; Steward Livsie, Manager of Maintenance and Construction, UNM CCC

Chairman Burke introduced President Stokes thanked the committee and presented the project to the committee as outlined in the submittal. She then introduced Dr. Alan Tomkinson who introduced the team and asked for questions.

Chairman Burke asked if they had two other machines that were like the one being replaced.

Dr. Tomkinson explained that they have two linear accelerators which are similar but older model. This is a more sophisticated machine that will be enabling them to bring in more high-tech radiation delivery to patients.

Chairman Burke inquired when this would be in, and Steward Livsie responded by the end of June 2023. Chairman Burke also asked if, considering inflation, if they had enough money for the proposal.

Mr. Livsie replied that they did.

Dr. Tomkinson explained that this is part of a larger expansion.

Member Rommel asked about the revenue from the old accelerator.



Mr. Livsie answered that they are investigating how to best dispose of the machine. He explained the difficulties of finding a buyer for an old machine and acknowledged they don't have a definitive answer yet.

Chairman Burke asked for other questions, and there were none.

Member Hoehne moved for approval of the request for submittal to Cabinet Secretary Rodriguez and on to the State Board of Finance. Member Trujillo seconded the motion.

The motion passed (5-0).

9. New Mexico State University – \$1,761,168

Agricultural Extension Service: Installation of Statewide Weather Stations

Presenters: Dr. Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor, NMSU; Ruth Johnston, Vice Chancellor and Chief Operations Officer, NMSU; Heather Watenpaugh, University Architect, NMSU; Robert Herrera, Executive Director, Project Development and Engineering, NMSU

Vice Chancellor Johnston thanked the committee and introduced University Architect Heather Watenpaugh. She presented the project to the committee as outlined in the submittal.

Chairman Burke asked how many of these stations were in Las Cruces.

Ms. Watenpaugh explained that there is a website, weather.nmsu.edu, where you can see the physical locations of the weather stations that have been installed.

Chairman Burke wanted to know what the plan was for the \$160k 'leftover'.

Ms. Watenpaugh said they would have to get back to the committee on the remaining funding.

Member Hoehne said that they had asked, and not heard back, about the leftover funds. He also agreed that they should find out how it will be used.

Chairman Burke asked for other questions, and there were none.

Chairman Burke moved for approval of the request for submittal to Cabinet Secretary Rodriguez and on to the State Board of Finance with the contingency that the committee receives a response regarding the \$160k by the coming Wednesday.

Member Trujillo seconded the motion.

The motion passed (5-0).



10. New Mexico State University – \$1,300,000

Clayton Agricultural Science Center – Feed Mill Renovation

Presenters: Dr. Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor, NMSU; Ruth Johnston, Vice Chancellor and Chief Operations Officer, NMSU; Heather Watenpaugh, University Architect, NMSU; Robert Herrera, Executive Director, Project Development and Engineering, NMSU

Ms. Watenpaugh presented the project to the committee as outlined in the submittal. Chairman Burke asked for questions.

Chairman Burke asked about safety features that were not in place during a prior incident.

Ms. Watenpaugh was not aware of any incident but assured the committee that modernizing the feed mill and making it more efficient will improve the safety of the entire facility.

Executive Director Herrera explained that a lot of safety measures will be taken into consideration when implementing the new upgrades inside the facility.

Chairman Burke asked for other questions, and there were none.

Member Hoehne moved for approval of the request for submittal to Cabinet Secretary Rodriguez and on to the State Board of Finance.

Member Rommel seconded the motion.

The motion passed (5-0).

11. New Mexico State University – \$1,750,000

Artificial Turf Replacement – Aggie Memorial Stadium

Presenters: Dr. Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor, NMSU; Ruth Johnston, Vice Chancellor and Chief Operations Officer, NMSU; Heather Watenpaugh, University Architect, NMSU; Robert Herrera, Executive Director, Project Development and Engineering, NMSU

Ms. Watenpaugh presented the project to the committee as outlined in the submittal.

Chairman Burke asked about the lifespan of artificial turf.

Ms. Watenpaugh responded that it is typically 8-10 years.

Member Hoehne commented that this is the standard for other artificial turf replacements.



Member Trujillo inquired about how energy intensive this project is and if that energy can be harvested and stored for other uses on campus.

Ms. Watenpaugh replied that she is unaware of how to harvest this energy.

Chairman Burke asked for other questions.

Member Jorgenson wanted to know if the cooling systems will lengthen the lifespan of the turf.

Ms. Watenpaugh answered that the lifespan is still 8-10 years.

Chairman Burke moved for approval of the request for submittal to Cabinet Secretary Rodriguez and on to the State Board of Finance.

Member Hoehne seconded the motion.

The motion passed (5-0).

12. Adjourn

Chairman Burke adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.