



**NORTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 22, 2021; 3:00 P.M.**

I. Call to Order

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm via video conferencing.

II. Roll Call (Río Arriba County, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara Pueblo, City of Española)

Río Arriba County	Tomás Campos/Chairman, <i>Present</i>
Ohkay Owingeh	Ben Lujan/Vice Chairman, <i>Absent</i>
Santa Clara Pueblo	Bernardino Chavarria/Secretary, <i>Present</i>
Río Arriba County	James Martinez, <i>Present</i>
City of Española	John Ricci, <i>Absent</i>

Staff Members:

Manager	Peter Fuller
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Others:

Operational Consultant	Joe Lewandowski
Board Attorney	Renee Barela-Gutierrez
Río Grande Sun	Will Coburn
Judith Chaddick	Member of the public
Buzz Del-Toy	Member of the public

III. Approval of Agenda – Thursday, April 22, 2021

Board member Campos asked the agenda be amended to include an executive session to discuss limited personnel matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Board Member Martinez; Second by Board Member Chavarria.

Vote Record:

Río Arriba County	Tomás Campos/Chairman, <i>YES</i>
Ohkay Owingeh	Ben Lujan/Vice Chairman, <i>Absent</i>
Santa Clara Pueblo	Bernardino Chavarria/Secretary, <i>YES</i>
Río Arriba County	James Martinez, <i>YES</i>
City of Española	John Ricci, <i>Absent</i>

Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Thursday, March 18, 2021
Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Board Member Chavarria; Second by Board Member Campos.

Vote Record:

Rio Arriba County	Tomás Campos/Chairman, <i>YES</i>
Ohkay Owingeh	Ben Lujan/Vice Chairman, <i>Absent</i>
Santa Clara Pueblo	Bernardino Chavarria/Secretary, <i>YES</i>
Rio Arriba County	James Martinez, <i>YES</i>
City of Española	John Ricci, <i>Absent</i>

Motion passed.

V. Audience Participation/Public

- Judith Chaddick presented her concerns to the Board regarding the purchase and use of an air curtain burner rather than a chipper. She is the chair of the Velarde/Alcalde Fire Wise Community, organized to keep community safe from wildfire.
- Buzz Del-Toy, Vice Chair of Fire Wise, addressed the Board regarding the same issue, highlighting the difference in the emissions between the burner and the chipper. His concern is the possibility of a fire starting because of the use of a burner. He proposed that NCSWA not purchase a burner at this time and asked the Board to reconsider this purchase. He has asked an independent organization to look into the possible purchase of a chipper and will provide details to the Board. There is a possibility that grants might be available for the purchase of a chipper. He has contacted Representative Lujan asking about availability of grants.
- Board Member Martinez thanked the presenters for their participation. He is the County Commissioner representative of Velarde and represents the presenters. He is in favor of purchasing a chipper.
- Board Member Chavarria also thanked the presenters. This is a decision that is not taken lightly and time has been dedicated to making this decision. Another consideration is finances. It is important to have a dedicated green waste area to prevent fire. We can reach a solution that is beneficial for all.
- Consultant Joe Lewandowski addressed the Board and stated that Board Member Lujan should be a part of this conversation as the burner is located on Okay Owingeh property. He recommended tabling this issue as Board Member Lujan is not present at this time.

VI. Financial

A. March Check Report & Open Payables Report

Manager Fuller presented the Reports to the Board. He answered questions from the Board.

B. Resolution 2021-04-001 to approve BAR's for FY 21 expense accounts predicted to exceed budgeted amounts

- Manager Fuller presented a request to increase the budget by the amount of \$359,000 to balance the budget for FY 21. It comes from beginning year cash reserve. This adjustment has been vetted by Ed Fierro.
- Board Member Martinez asked if each line was reviewed and reduced as much as possible. Manager Fuller responded that each line item was reviewed to make sure not to ask for more than will be spent as we move to the end of the fiscal year.
- Board Member Campos asked about specific line items.
- Board Member Chavarria asked that we not make any more changes and that we be confident in the numbers. Adjustments should be done on a regular basis.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-04-001 to approve BAR's for FY 21 as presented made by Board Member Martinez; Second by Board Member Chavarria.

Vote Record:

Rio Arriba County	Tomás Campos/Chairman, <i>YES</i>
Ohkay Owingeh	Ben Lujan/Vice Chairman, <i>Absent</i>
Santa Clara Pueblo	Bernardino Chavarria/Secretary, <i>YES</i>
Rio Arriba County	James Martinez, <i>YES</i>
City of Española	John Ricci, <i>Absent</i>

Motion passed.

C. Introduction of new Accountant, Cyrus Gray

Mr. Gray was absent. He is working with Mr. Fierro via ZOOM to become familiar with all the financials and reports.

VII. Manager's Report

- Manager Fuller presented the Manager's report.
The surplus vehicle sale is going well. A number of sales have been made. Once all sales are made, the balance will be sold for scrap. There will be another surplus list with additional equipment for sale.
- Community Friday April 30, 2021 NCSWA will be participating with Fire Wise on collection of green waste; NCSWA will also participate in another community clean up on SR 68.

VIII. Director's Business

- Board Member Chavarria did not have a report.
- Board Member Martinez reported that he is a co-sponsor of the clean-up event coming up in May. Looking forward to participating in other clean-up events in the future.
- Board Member Campos asked how staff is aware of home sales, NCSWA can look at County records. Manager Fuller responded that the collection specialist looks at county records regarding property sales and follows up on sales, as well as working with title companies.

IX. Old/New Business

A. Air Curtain Burner – Discussion & Possible Action

Board Member Campos asked how big a chipper is really needed and why the cost of disposal of ash is so great. Joe Lewandowski responded that the size of the chipper needed to handle the amount of waste costs about \$300,000. He is looking into obtaining quotes on a mid-range chipper. On the burner, emissions are kept to a minimum because the burn is so hot and regulations on new equipment are in place which limit emissions. The ash is declared “special waste” because it is burned and the landfill cannot tell what is in the ash. The ash has to go through analytics and go through a special process for disposal.

Motion to table this item made by Member Chavarria; second by Board Member Martinez.

Vote Record:

Rio Arriba County	Tomás Campos/Chairman, <i>YES</i>
Ohkay Owingeh	Ben Lujan/Vice Chairman, <i>Absent</i>
Santa Clara Pueblo	Bernardino Chavarria/Secretary, <i>YES</i>
Rio Arriba County	James Martinez, <i>YES</i>
City of Española	John Ricci, <i>Absent</i>

Motion passed.

B. New Roll-off Truck Purchase – Discussion and Possible Action

\$157,000 was earmarked for Rio Arriba County by the legislature for equipment. The roll off truck will be purchased off state contract. The request before the Board is to approve this purchase and once funds are available, the process can proceed.

Motion to approve the purchase of a roll off truck using the \$157,000 earmarked by the legislature to Rio Arriba County, purchase to be made under state contract and will move forward once the funds are allocated to Rio Arriba County made by Board Member Martinez; second by Board Member Chavarria.

Vote Record:

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Ohkay Owingeh	Ben Lujan/Vice Chairman, <i>Absent</i>
Santa Clara Pueblo	Bernardino Chavarria/Secretary, <i>YES</i>
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Motion passed

C. Truchas Convenience Center – Discussion & Possible Action

Manager Fuller reported that the lease request is still \$3000 per month which NCSWA cannot agree to. The possible action might be to pull out assets and find a new site. He requested there be one more meeting be held with the Land Grant Board to see if an agreement can be made. Joe Lewandowski agreed that one more meeting is a good idea, the relationship between NCSWA and the Land Grant Board is a partnership and

operating the convenience center is a service being provided to fight illegal dumping not a commercial activity. Board Member Martinez stated this is an important convenience center and is important to the community. He is thankful to hear that another meeting will be held and hopefully the parties can come to a reasonable agreement. Board Member Chavarria supports the idea of another meeting. It would be a big loss if the convenience center was removed from that area.

X. Executive Session:

No executive session called; no action taken.

XI. Next Meeting – Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Board Member Martinez; Second by Board Member Chavarria.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Tomás Campos, NCSWA Chairman
Ben Lujan, NCSWA Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Dino Chavarria, NCSWA Secretary