



GPAMA Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Los Vecinos Community Center in Tijeras

6:20 p.m. Co-chair Stephen Verchinsky called the meeting to order. Francine Cronshaw acted as meeting facilitator.

Self-introductions; quorum called. Stephen reviewed the agenda and added campaigns to discussion.

Em Ward moved to approve the April meeting minutes. Roger Culp seconded. Motion passed.
Treasurer's report: transfer of checking account completed. Paypal issue for donations still pending.

Co-chairs and others participated in Climate March and Water Protectors meetup. Fracking meeting for Sandoval County upcoming. Thrust Energy has already purchased 5,000 acres in Rio Rancho.

Francine Cronshaw reported on the May 15th statewide working group call. Among the highlights were moves to find out how the state web site is doing and when it might be updated.

Motions and actions between monthly meetings: The GPAMA steering committee can circulate recommendations on actions among themselves. There was discussion regarding whether lack of response by any individual would be taken as assent. This was not worked out procedurally.

Bees and Seeds events in Albuquerque—tabling shifts and other details discussed.

Campaigns discussed: air and water protection in Valencia and other counties; PNM rate hikes considered as a possible action. Related to actions were developing possible alliances with other groups, such as 350.org, Food and Water Action Fund, Sierra Club (via a letter?)

Petitions: how GPAMA initiates and approves new petitions sponsored by GPAMA. Francine made a motion that new petition procedures be discussed and approved at the June meeting.

Sarah seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tabling opportunities discussed: Stephen had 4 tickets for the ABQ mayoral debate on May 23. He will be a speaker at the Women's Economic Forum at UNM, an international event to be disseminated via social media. Deadline for registering for upcoming Red & Green Vegfest. Some members donated funds to help out with registration. Possible PERA divestment action upcoming; Stephen will report on June 20th.

It was suggested that we hold a social event on a regular basis and Stephen volunteered to have the first one at his place.

Michal Mudd moved to adjourn the meeting and Em Ward seconded it. Meeting adjourned.