



18 April 2018
Minutes

Called to order at 1812. Em notetaker. Artie facilitator.

Treasurer report given. Total \$163,59. Questions asked and answered. GPAMA approved \$3.23 payment for *alibi* ad for state convention (GPAMA host).

Glyphosate petition discussion. Stephen and Francine have not connected about duplicates. There was some debate about whether to wrap up signature collection now--estimated 400 signatures--or continue through the Bees & Seeds Festival. SV moved to continue signature collection through Bees & Seeds Festival in May. Motion seconded and passed, 4-1 (Late-arriving member did not vote.).

Move to Amend discussion opened with some background from SV. Some discussion occurred about its background and goals of codifying that personal rights belong only to natural humans and that money is not protected speech. Motion made that GPAMA become an official endorsing organization made, seconded, and passed by consensus. JL thought that GPAMA could have a project to educate the public about this coalition. It was suggested that we individually think about what the project would be. A motion was made, seconded, and passed by consensus that the Move to Amend public education project be the centerpiece of the agenda of the June regular meeting.

Sandoval Oil & Gas County ordinance update--nothing on the calendar meeting-wise. SV talked about raising the issue of the true costs of oil and gas extraction in New Mexico. Need to bring up adverse health effects, e. g., childhood asthma. The question of obtaining sole-source designation was raised. MM suggest getting in touch with an expert in San Antonio, Texas. AA reported that, at the KAFB Jet-fuel Spill Remediation meetings, it was stated that there are multiple aquifers. AA suggested that the tack to take is the pollution of the water irrespective if whether or not the aquifer is sole-source. MM reported that 50% or more of the water (for the population using the water) had to come from the aquifer to be designated sole-source and that, currently, 70% to 80% of ABQ's water is from the San Juan-Chama diversion.

EW shared that there will be national webinar on May 8 at 7:00 p. m. on how to grow the Green Party to increase the pool of candidates and that this resulted from a direct request from New Mexico. The information will be sent to the e-mail list.

EW reported that the graduate student in London who requested that Green Party leaders complete his survey has requested they be return in the next two days. EW, MM, and JL will try to answer the questions and return the survey.

A lengthy discussion regarding the next meeting time and venue occurred, as we had previously decided to try to have the May meeting in Valencia County. Because of a confluence of unexpected circumstances, the May meeting date and venue have not been confirmed. RK will check on the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area facility. AA will check on the city's senior centers. We expect to have an option by the night of April 20th. Meeting adjourned.

The June and July GPAMA meetings will be on the second Thursday, 6:00 p. m. at The Source.