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Member-at-Large  
Colonel (Retired) James T. Keefner, Member-at-Large  
Theresa V. Martinez, Executive Director

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1                   ITEM NO. 1:   CALL TO ORDER

2           MG NAVA:   Good morning, everyone.   I will be  
3 calling the State Armory Board to order at 10:06.

4                   ITEM NO. 2:   INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

5           MG NAVA:   There are no guests I understand  
6 this morning.

7                   ITEM NO. 3:   INVOCATION

8           MG NAVA:   Sergeant Major Torres, would you  
9 please give us the invocation.

10                   (Invocation.)

11           MG NAVA:   Thank you, Sergeant Major.

12                   ITEM NO. 4:   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

13           MG NAVA:   Okay.   Wherever you're at, stand up  
14 because Sergeant Major Cantrell is going to lead us in  
15 the Pledge of Allegiance.

16                   (Pledge of Allegiance.)

17           MG NAVA:   Thank you, Sergeant Major Cantrell.

18                   ITEM NO. 5:   ROLL CALL

19           MG NAVA:   Mr. Burney, if you would, please  
20 conduct the roll call.

21           MR. BURNEY:   Yes, sir.   Chairman Major  
22 General Kenneth Nava.

23           MG NAVA:   Here.

24           MR. BURNEY:   Executive Director Ms. Theresa  
25 Martinez.

1 MS. MARTINEZ: Good morning, everyone. Here.

2 MR. BURNEY: Chief of Staff Colonel Nathaniel  
3 Carper.

4 COL CARPER: Here.

5 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major  
6 Robbie Cantrell.

7 CSM CANTRELL: Here.

8 MR. BURNEY: (Retired) Command Sergeant Major  
9 John Torres.

10 CSM (R) TORRES: Here.

11 MR. BURNEY: (Retired) Colonel James Keefner.

12 COL (R) KEEFNER: Here.

13 MR. BURNEY: (Retired) Major Mark Gonzales.

14 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Here.

15 MR. BURNEY: Assistant Attorney General  
16 Joseph Dworak.

17 MR. DWORAK: Here.

18 MG NAVA: Thank you, Mr. Burney.

19 ITEM NO. 6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20 MG NAVA: Okay. Everyone should have a copy  
21 of the agenda.

22 BOARD MEMBER: I make a motion to approve the  
23 agenda.

24 BOARD MEMBER: Second.

25 MG NAVA: We have a motion and a second to

1 approve the agenda. All in favor say aye.

2 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

3 MG NAVA: Anyone opposed say nay.

4 (No response.)

5 MG NAVA: Please let the record reflect that  
6 the agenda passed unanimously.

7 ITEM NO. 7: APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 25, 2020, MINUTES

8 MG NAVA: So we have again the June 25, 2020,  
9 minutes that have been sent out. I'm sure everybody  
10 has had an opportunity to look at it. Again Jan does  
11 a wonderful job of transcribing our meeting exactly so  
12 there shouldn't be any issues about it. I would  
13 accept a motion to approve the minutes as published.

14 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Sir, I make the motion to  
15 accept the minutes as published, sir.

16 MG NAVA: Okay. A motion by Mark Gonzales.  
17 Do I have a second?

18 COL CARPER: Second.

19 MG NAVA: Seconded by Colonel Carper. Any  
20 further discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 MG NAVA: All in favor say aye.

23 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

24 MG NAVA: Anyone opposed say nay.

25 (No response.)

1           MG NAVA: Please let the record reflect that  
2 the minutes from the June 25 meeting passed  
3 unanimously.

4                           ITEM NO. 8: NEW BUSINESS

5           MG NAVA: Moving to new business, item 8A,  
6 short term extension for the Department of Health.  
7 Ms. Sonya Carrasco-Trujillo.

8           MS. CARRASCO-TRUJILLO: Good morning, sir,  
9 Members of the Board. This MOU between the Department  
10 of Military Affairs and the Department of Health is  
11 exactly the same as the one that was approved at the  
12 last regular meeting, I believe that it was in June.

13                   This extension hopefully will get us through  
14 the end of this cooperative agreement. And the  
15 additional time will take us through the end of the  
16 calendar year. To date I don't have any information  
17 that we will be extending past that point.

18                   So what we did again was we had the two  
19 cabinet secretaries, two cabinet officials, sign their  
20 document and sign the agreement between the two. And  
21 we're asking the Board today to ratify this agreement.

22           MG NAVA: Thank you, Sonya. I do have some  
23 more insight from Jason Cornwell, who is the Acting  
24 Secretary for the Department of Health. Again there  
25 is a vacancy that exists because Secretary Kathy

1 Kunkel has decided to retire. And the governor's  
2 staff is actively looking at who will eventually  
3 replace her.

4 But in the meantime, Jason is running the  
5 department. He has indicated to me that they would  
6 like to stay through into the middle of next year time  
7 frame. And I believe the time frame is going to be  
8 around June of next year.

9 What I would ask is that the Board just know  
10 that in the back of your mind and that we proceed as  
11 Ms. Carrasco-Trujillo is recommending. Let's get  
12 through the end of this calendar year.

13 And then maybe, in a future State Armory  
14 Board meeting, we can get that final agreement in  
15 place that takes them to the end of their time at the  
16 Espanola Armory.

17 Again what they are using the Armory for is  
18 the storage of the federal medical set equipment that  
19 was in Farmington and Gallup. They will also use it  
20 to help store some of the equipment in Gibson at the  
21 point that that equipment is no longer needed.

22 They are not using it to store PPE that is  
23 being used throughout the State of New Mexico. The  
24 PPE which is currently being held at the 615th  
25 Battalion's drill hall is going to be moving to Expo

1 New Mexico here soon. And so that operation will be  
2 moving to Expo New Mexico and off of our complex.

3 So again what I'm asking the Board to please  
4 consider is proceed with what Ms. Carrasco-Trujillo is  
5 recommending, allowing me to sign with the Secretary  
6 of Health or the Acting Secretary of Health to get us  
7 through the end of this calendar year, and then know  
8 that at least one more time we'll talk about this and  
9 get them through the final month that they will  
10 require assistance.

11 MS. MARTINEZ: Sir, this is Theresa. I move  
12 to ratify the memorandum of understanding between the  
13 Department of Health and the New Mexico National  
14 Guard, allowing you to sign on behalf of the Board.

15 MG NAVA: Thank you, Theresa. We have a  
16 motion on the floor. Do I have a second?

17 COL (R) KEEFNER: I second that.

18 MG NAVA: Seconded by Jim Keefner. And Mark  
19 Gonzales was just a little bit too slow. So any  
20 further discussion or questions about this matter?

21 (No response.)

22 MG NAVA: Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

23 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

24 MG NAVA: Anyone opposed please say nay.

25 (No response.)

1           MG NAVA: So please let the record reflect  
2 that we have passed this. And, Theresa, if you can  
3 have that thing prepared so I can sign it, that would  
4 be excellent.

5           MS. MARTINEZ: Yes, sir.

6           MG NAVA: Very good. Okay. So the next  
7 topic we briefly discussed at our last meeting was the  
8 Onate Training Center name change recommendations. So  
9 let me just kind of preface this by saying I think we  
10 had a very good discussion last time and we had  
11 several different recommendations.

12           I think that the easiest course of action  
13 here -- again it's not required that we change the  
14 name of our complex. However, it is a distraction, if  
15 you will, when I have the media and other folks  
16 continually asking about this.

17           There are members of the New Mexico National  
18 Guard from our Native American communities that very  
19 much would like to see this name changed because of  
20 their own personal beliefs. That has been made very  
21 clear to the previous adjutant general and to myself.

22           I think the easiest thing is that we exist in  
23 the State of New Mexico. And as you look at a trend,  
24 what happens at a lot of installations is that they  
25 are named for the location that they exist. And it

1 would be a minor change, it would be very simple to  
2 say the Santa Fe Training Center as opposed to the  
3 Onate Training Center; the Santa Fe Headquarters  
4 Complex as opposed to the Onate Training Complex.

5 Not included in this discussion and not part  
6 of our agenda obviously, but we are not talking about  
7 the statue that exists outside of our facility. I  
8 have no intention of letting that statue move  
9 anywhere.

10 What I do want to do is have some seminars,  
11 some adult discussions about the good and bad of Don  
12 Juan de Onate that existed. All of these characters  
13 of history have good and bad about them.

14 And so I'd like to have discussions centered  
15 at our museum facilitated by my new command historian,  
16 Florian Waitl, and our museum director. So let's have  
17 discussions about it. But he had a part in our  
18 history. And so that statue is not going anywhere.

19 Board Members, please give me your thoughts  
20 on the name of this facility being the Santa Fe  
21 Training Center as opposed to the Onate Training  
22 Center. And we'll go around and I'll ask that  
23 everybody please just give me your thoughts on this.  
24 So we'll start with Sergeant Major Torres.

25 CSM (R) TORRES: I'm okay with Santa Fe

1 Training Center, I'm fine with that.

2 MG NAVA: Thank you, Sergeant Major. Colonel  
3 Keefner.

4 COL (R) KEEFNER: I'm fine with it as well.

5 MG NAVA: Thank you, sir. Major Gonzales.

6 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Yes, sir. Well, you know  
7 what I recommended last month. I'll go with whatever  
8 the majority of the Board goes with.

9 But the only reason I brought up the Bataan  
10 thing the last time we met, sir, was because it's hard  
11 to find names that people aren't going to oppose. And  
12 I don't think anyone would have opposed the Bataan  
13 veterans at all because they are part of our history.

14 MG NAVA: They are. And I love our Bataan  
15 veterans. And at every opportunity we'll continue to  
16 honor them. The street is named Bataan Avenue, our  
17 billeting operation is the Bataan Inn.

18 I think that again there are other parts of  
19 our history, you know, the Rough Riders, the 804 Tank  
20 Destroyers, the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, there  
21 are others as well that have these storied parts of  
22 our history.

23 So I think this can be as generic as  
24 possible. Santa Fe is the name of the city. I don't  
25 think that, even with all different potential things

1 that are out there, there's any chance that the City  
2 of Santa Fe is going to be changed, the name will be  
3 changed. And so our complex should be pretty safe  
4 from here going forward.

5 So that's my two cents on that, Mark. I  
6 appreciate your input. Theresa.

7 MS. MARTINEZ: Good morning, sir. Good  
8 morning, rest of the Board Members and everyone on the  
9 line.

10 I know I wasn't on the conversation last time  
11 because I was interviewing. So other than reading the  
12 minutes, that's when I saw that you guys were talking  
13 about naming it the Santa Fe. My recommendation would  
14 be why can't we be as simple and generic as the New  
15 Mexico National Guard Headquarters.

16 MG NAVA: Could be. New Mexico National  
17 Guard Training Center. That's where we are.

18 MS. MARTINEZ: Yeah. And we don't have to  
19 pick any name. That's who we are. We are the New  
20 Mexico National Guard Headquarters.

21 MG NAVA: This is why you should have been in  
22 the last meeting there, Ms. Martinez.

23 MS. MARTINEZ: Well, sir, I was interviewing  
24 for your HR manager.

25 MG NAVA: Very good. And you did very well

1 with that. That's good. Colonel Carper, your  
2 thoughts on it.

3 COL CARPER: Sure. You make some great  
4 points. (Inaudible.)

5 MG NAVA: I think that most of it is  
6 administrative in nature. There are documents that  
7 exist in our G9 world that refer to this as the Onate  
8 Training Complex. And we just have to kind of work  
9 through those. I don't think it's that big a deal.  
10 Okay. Thank you. Sergeant Major.

11 CSM CANTRELL: Great point. But I will say  
12 where is going to be our transition to Kirtland on the  
13 majority of our training? Like the RPI. (Inaudible.)  
14 But we do have a transition plan (inaudible) in  
15 Kirtland. So would that become the New Mexico  
16 Training Center? I'm kind of going with the Santa Fe  
17 Training Center.

18 MG NAVA: All right. Appreciate it. Okay.  
19 So it sounds like we have some discussion here about  
20 the New Mexico National Guard Training Complex,  
21 because that's what it's referred to as, the training  
22 complex.

23 It is the New Mexico National Guard  
24 Headquarters already. That's true. But really, from  
25 a visible standpoint, what we're talking about is the

1 front entry control point. When you drive in here,  
2 what is that going to say? Does it say Onate or does  
3 it say Santa Fe or does it say New Mexico National  
4 Guard.

5 So, Theresa, that's a really good point. I  
6 think that makes it even more generic, which is okay.

7 To Sergeant Major Cantrell's point, when the  
8 New Mexico National Guard has a presence at Kirtland  
9 Air Force Base and we establish that as a training  
10 center, that will become the new New Mexico National  
11 Guard Training Center at Kirtland Air Force Base.

12 And then this will still be a training  
13 center. It probably will take a different flavor on  
14 to look a little bit different. But it still would be  
15 here in Santa Fe.

16 So I think Santa Fe Training Complex. And  
17 then, when it's no longer a training complex or when  
18 it's adjusted, Santa Fe says where it's at. So that's  
19 my two cents on it.

20 So it sounds like we have two courses of  
21 action, two things that we're considering. One is  
22 Santa Fe and one is New Mexico National Guard. So  
23 I'll go back around one more time. And so of those  
24 two choices, tell me which one you prefer. Sergeant  
25 Major Torres.

1           CSM (R) TORRES: Okay. And as I thought  
2 about the New Mexico Training Center, we do have other  
3 training centers throughout the State. So being a  
4 headquarters, as the training center, it's just part  
5 of other training centers.

6           But we wanted to make it a little bit unique.  
7 So to me, now that they say New Mexico Training  
8 Center, as people drive through on the interstate,  
9 they're going to see it as a training center versus a  
10 headquarters.

11           And I think, if people are driving by the  
12 highway, by the freeway, by saying New Mexico Training  
13 Center, it probably gives us a little bit more of an  
14 oomph. Just Santa Fe Training Center is going to be  
15 probably something small versus New Mexico, it's  
16 something bigger.

17           MG NAVA: So would you be okay with New  
18 Mexico National Guard Training Center, Sergeant Major?

19           CSM (R) TORRES: Yes. Because knowing we  
20 have other training centers, yes. I would go with New  
21 Mexico Training Center, yes.

22           MG NAVA: Okay. Colonel Keefner. Jim, are  
23 you still with us?

24           COL (R) KEEFNER: Yes, I am. Would you  
25 please give me the exact wording of both of our

1 choices again.

2 MG NAVA: New Mexico National Guard or Santa  
3 Fe.

4 COL (R) KEEFNER: Okay. I'll go with New  
5 Mexico National Guard.

6 MG NAVA: New Mexico National Guard. Okay.  
7 Thank you. Mark.

8 MAJ (R) GONZALES: I'll go with everybody  
9 else, sir, New Mexico National Guard.

10 MG NAVA: Okay. Theresa.

11 MS. MARTINEZ: New Mexico National Guard,  
12 sir.

13 MG NAVA: Thank you. Colonel Carper.

14 COL CARPER: I like the branding of New  
15 Mexico National Guard, sir.

16 MG NAVA: All right. Sergeant Major.

17 CSM CANTRELL: Yes, sir, New Mexico National  
18 Guard.

19 MG NAVA: All right. I would entertain a  
20 motion from this group to change the official name of  
21 this complex to the New Mexico National Guard Training  
22 Complex. Do I have a motion?

23 MAJ (R) GONZALES: I will make that motion,  
24 sir.

25 MG NAVA: Thank you. Mark Gonzales makes the

1 motion. Do I have a second?

2 CSM (R) TORRES: I will second. Sergeant  
3 Major.

4 MG NAVA: Sergeant Major seconds it. Any  
5 other discussion on this matter?

6 (No response.)

7 MG NAVA: Okay. Hearing none, all in favor  
8 say aye.

9 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

10 MG NAVA: Anyone opposed say nay.

11 (No response.)

12 MG NAVA: Okay. So let the record reflect  
13 that on this date we changed the official name of this  
14 complex to the New Mexico National Guard Training  
15 Complex.

16 That will require some work by our G9 team to  
17 actually get the signage changed and change the  
18 official documents as required. The various things  
19 that are out there that require changing, change them  
20 accordingly. Okay. Thank you. I appreciate that.

21 Moving to item 8C, the interconnection  
22 agreement with El Paso Electric. Staff Sergeant Ward.

23 SSG WARD: All right, sir. So this agreement  
24 is for the new Las Cruces Readiness Center that we're  
25 building. We're installing some solar panels in the

1 parking area with some electric vehicle chargers.

2           This agreement pertains to that portion of  
3 the facility. And for us to be able to have that tied  
4 back into the building, we have to sign this agreement  
5 with El Paso Electric. And a little clarification on  
6 that.

7           As the solar panels charge the electric  
8 vehicle charging stations, there will be excess  
9 electricity that runs back into the system. And we're  
10 just agreeing that the utility company is not going to  
11 be paying us for that extra electricity that we're  
12 putting back into the system.

13           And as part of this, if we don't sign this,  
14 we will not be able to get our electric transformer  
15 installed on the site. So we won't be able to have  
16 power until we sign an agreement for this, sir.

17           MG NAVA: I guess, Sergeant Ward, what's  
18 controversial about this. I guess I really don't even  
19 understand. We need electricity, right?

20           SSG WARD: Yes, sir. It's just a formality  
21 at this point really. We have to agree that we're  
22 going to allow them to take that electricity back into  
23 El Paso Electric and disburse it, if there's excess  
24 not being used by the building.

25           Typically anything excess from that solar

1 array that we're going to do is going to be used up by  
2 the building anyway. But it's the same kind of  
3 agreement that we have with all of our solar utilities  
4 across the State.

5 MG NAVA: Mr. Dworak, do you have anything to  
6 say about this agreement, have you had an opportunity  
7 to see it?

8 MR. DWORAK: Yes, General Nava. I looked at  
9 the agreement. I think the only thing that caught my  
10 attention is that there is an indemnification clause,  
11 requiring that the State indemnify the other party.

12 Legally the State can't indemnify because  
13 it's an unspecified liability. So it's unenforceable.  
14 Best case would be for the agreement to have that  
15 struck. I think you all can still approve it, but it  
16 should be asked that it be struck. Worst case, if  
17 it's signed, it's just unenforceable because the State  
18 cannot indemnify another party.

19 MG NAVA: All right. I appreciate that.  
20 Board Members, what questions do you have of Sergeant  
21 Ward?

22 (No response.)

23 MG NAVA: So it sounds like our  
24 recommendation and what I would ask is for a motion to  
25 approve this interconnection agreement with El Paso

1 Electric, but with the preference that we go back to  
2 El Paso Electric and ask them to strike that  
3 indemnification clause that was pointed out by  
4 Mr. Dworak; and if they simply will not do that, that  
5 we sign that knowing again that it's an unenforceable  
6 part of the agreement.

7 Is that kind of what you were getting after  
8 there, Mr. Dworak?

9 MR. DWORAK: General Nava, that's correct.

10 MG NAVA: All right. So again can I have a  
11 motion from a Board Member to approve this  
12 interconnection agreement with El Paso Electric with  
13 the preference to El Paso Electric that they strike  
14 that indemnification clause.

15 MS. MARTINEZ: So moved, sir.

16 MG NAVA: We have a motion by Theresa.

17 COL CARPER: Second.

18 MG NAVA: Seconded by Colonel Carper. So a  
19 motion and a second. Any further discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 MG NAVA: Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

22 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

23 MG NAVA: Anyone opposed please say nay.

24 (No response.)

25 MG NAVA: Please let the record reflect that

1 that passed unanimously.

2 Moving to item 8D, G9 update brief. Captain  
3 Ruiz.

4 CPT RUIZ: Good morning, Major General Nava,  
5 Members of the Board. The following requires no vote,  
6 it's just for the State Armory Board's situational  
7 awareness.

8 So I will begin with the projects completed  
9 in calendar year '20. We completed 12 projects, all  
10 of which were 50/50, for a total of \$1.65 million in  
11 State share money. Total dollars of that was \$3.35  
12 million total.

13 MG NAVA: Captain Ruiz, do you have a  
14 presentation that you're referring to or no?

15 CPT RUIZ: No. I have no presentation, sir.

16 MG NAVA: Will you do me a favor. So  
17 continue briefing. But I would like you to -- well,  
18 it's going to come out in the minutes.

19 So do me a favor. Future G9 presentations,  
20 have one or two slides that the Board Members can  
21 refer to. Because you brief so much information, that  
22 way they have something that they can refer to. Okay.

23 CPT RUIZ: Yes, sir.

24 MG NAVA: Okay. Very good.

25 CPT RUIZ: So the total dollars spent in

1 calendar year '20 was 3.35 million. The most notable  
2 projects out of that 12 were the JFHQ windows, JFHQ  
3 stucco, and the concepts we have at the Rio Rancho  
4 Readiness Center.

5 So to close out FY20, we have two pending  
6 projects and three active projects, for a total of  
7 446,000 for the 50/50. And the total dollars spent is  
8 861,000. The most notable project of the pending and  
9 active list would be the Santa Fe JOC.

10 MG NAVA: Do me a favor, Captain Ruiz.  
11 Explain to the Board Members just what you are doing  
12 with the Santa Fe JOC.

13 CPT RUIZ: So in the Santa Fe JOC, we're  
14 expanding our joint operations center to allow better  
15 accessibility and better space and more secure space  
16 for the soldiers to work during any type of operation  
17 where the JOC would be necessary.

18 We're making all the necessary  
19 standardizations for security. And we're getting all  
20 the audio and visual needs or whatever, all the audio  
21 and visual items that they would ever need to conduct  
22 an operation.

23 MG NAVA: Very good. So for the Board  
24 Members who are familiar with our current joint  
25 operations center, that small area, that will be

1 repurposed. And then we will be moving in and doing  
2 some adjusting of walls and whatnot.

3 But basically the plans area that's adjacent  
4 to the vault, that will become kind of the heart of  
5 where the JOC is centered. Okay. Captain Ruiz, what  
6 else you got?

7 CPT RUIZ: Moving on to FY21, we have six NGB  
8 funded projects, four of which are 50/50 projects, for  
9 a total of 1.4 million. There's two 100 percent  
10 federal projects, for a total of 394,500. Total  
11 dollars funded by NGB was 1.81 million.

12 We are hoping to receive more money as the  
13 time allows. However, this is the first wave of money  
14 that will be kicked down for FY21. Of that money for  
15 50/50, the most notable would be for the Gallup. We  
16 received 559,000 for Gallup.

17 That leads me into my next point. Gallup has  
18 500,000 of capital outlay funds. And now they have  
19 another 559,000 of federal share. With the State  
20 match, that would equal roughly \$1.6 million for  
21 Gallup.

22 And the projects that are planned for Gallup  
23 would be civil engineering surveys. We're going to  
24 implement the plan, upgrade the restrooms and the  
25 drainage, the fire alarm system, electrical system

1 upgrade. And that funding allows you to redo the  
2 exterior windows and doors and repaint flash and  
3 restucco the building.

4 MG NAVA: Can you tell me what's going on  
5 with the museum?

6 CPT RUIZ: The museum, we have seven projects  
7 slated for 500,000. That's to finish the basement,  
8 replace fencing, fixing an on ramp for 88  
9 accessibility. That will be 500,000.

10 And also within that there's going to be an  
11 energy analysis conducted. And there's \$200,000 saved  
12 for electrical. And that's going to implement the  
13 recommendations and the findings of the energy  
14 analysis.

15 MG NAVA: Very good.

16 CPT RUIZ: And as far as the IFR, we are  
17 working with the NGB IFR team to get the IFR  
18 completed. And that will be accomplished with  
19 100 percent federal funds.

20 MG NAVA: And when do you anticipate that the  
21 IFR, and that's indoor firing range, when do you  
22 anticipate that the IFR mitigation will be complete?

23 CPT RUIZ: I can't give you a hard date on  
24 the completion. I just know that it's going to start  
25 happening after the federal fiscal year starts off.

1 We will provide a better timeline as we receive one,  
2 sir.

3 MG NAVA: Okay. Very good. Remember, my  
4 goal is to have that done before I finish my term as  
5 adjutant general. So you better get on that there,  
6 Captain Ruiz. You only have two years left. We've  
7 been dealing with this thing for two years already.

8 CPT RUIZ: Roger, sir. We'll make sure it  
9 gets done.

10 MG NAVA: All right. Very good. Board  
11 Members, what questions do you have for Captain Ruiz?

12 CPT RUIZ: I have one more thing, sir.

13 MG NAVA: Go ahead. Sorry about that.

14 CPT RUIZ: No problem, sir. The last is Rio  
15 Rancho land acquisition. If you refer to the two  
16 documents I provided.

17 MG NAVA: Stand by. That's the next item on  
18 the agenda. Anybody have any questions for Captain  
19 Ruiz on his G9 updates?

20 (No response.)

21 MG NAVA: Okay. Hearing none, thank you  
22 there, Captain Ruiz.

23 ITEM NO. 9: OLD BUSINESS:

24 MG NAVA: Moving to item 9A, update on the  
25 Rio Rancho Hawk Site land purchase. Go for it.

1           CPT RUIZ: This also does not require a vote,  
2 sir. Just to let you know.

3           So what you see in what I provided was the  
4 Hawk proposal provided by AMREP Southwest, Inc. It  
5 kind of gives you a basic understanding of what is  
6 going to happen with this acquisition.

7           If you look at the map I provided, it's the  
8 RR Tract 17 Rev, if you're looking at the dotted line,  
9 that was a cul-de-sac. They are no longer putting in  
10 Patriot Road to include a cul-de-sac.

11           So they're going to replat that section so  
12 that way we don't have a semi-circle cut out of our  
13 land. And the price is going to be anticipated to be  
14 approximately \$4,304 for 0.054 acres of land. So it's  
15 going to take the total price from 750,000 to roughly  
16 755,000, give or take.

17           MG NAVA: For that semi-circle?

18           CPT RUIZ: Yes.

19           MG NAVA: Well, tell them to keep it.

20           CPT RUIZ: Okay.

21           MG NAVA: It doesn't matter to us. We still  
22 have the fence line, right?

23           CPT RUIZ: Well, we would have the circle  
24 part of the fence line. What I did was I created this  
25 image to show what it would look like and then the

1 dotted line of what it would look like if we don't  
2 take the circle. I'm not sure if they're going to  
3 want to sell the land without doing the replat. I'm  
4 not sure. That's a question I could ask.

5 MG NAVA: They're going to piss away \$750,000  
6 for \$4,000? I don't think so.

7 COL RUIZ: I doubt that.

8 MG NAVA: So if they were being good partners  
9 to us -- and again we've been working on this for  
10 years to get this done -- you would think that they  
11 would replat the land and give us our semi-circle. I  
12 don't know. That's my emotional response to this.  
13 Board Members, what do you think?

14 COL CARPER: Yeah. I agree. (Inaudible.)

15 MG NAVA: So Colonel Carper is saying that he  
16 agrees that it would be nice to be replatted without  
17 any additional cost. Other Board Members? Sergeant  
18 Major Cantrell agrees with that?

19 COL (R) KEEFNER: Keefner agrees as well.

20 MS. MARTINEZ: I also agree, sir.

21 CSM (R) TORRES: Sergeant Major Torres  
22 agrees.

23 MG NAVA: Captain Ruiz, who has been talking  
24 with AMREP?

25 CPT RUIZ: It has been me, sir.

1           MG NAVA: What do you think, what do you  
2 think they're going to say when you go tell them that  
3 the State Armory Board says to keep their semi-circle?

4           CPT RUIZ: Honestly, sir, I have no idea.  
5 But I'm willing to give it a shot.

6           MG NAVA: Okay. So let's do this. Let's  
7 send you back to go try to negotiate. You kind of  
8 hear the State Armory Board's take on it. And if you  
9 run into a problem, come back and say, hey, look, they  
10 really don't want to sell it unless you replat this  
11 and they get their semi-circle out of our land. And I  
12 don't see that happening, but maybe it will. So can  
13 you do that?

14          CPT RUIZ: Yes, absolutely.

15          MG NAVA: All right. Very good. Board  
16 Members, what other questions do you have for the good  
17 captain here? My question is, if I haven't just  
18 derailed you here just a little bit, what is your  
19 timeline here on making all this stuff happen?

20          CPT RUIZ: Well, they would like this  
21 agreement back by a week from today, on the 24th. And  
22 then once that happens, I believe there's 60 days to  
23 close on the property and do all the things.

24                 So we have 30 days to do a response to this  
25 proposal. It was distributed on August 24. So the 30

1 days would be September 24. I can go back and give  
2 them the thoughts expressed at this Board meeting and  
3 we can go from there.

4 MG NAVA: Yeah. When we originally went  
5 after this, did we know that that little cul-de-sac  
6 was there?

7 CPT RUIZ: Yes, sir. Potentially, yes. We  
8 knew it was there and that's the way they were  
9 developing the land to look. However, with us only  
10 purchasing that one section, they thought it would be  
11 best to just square it off.

12 Maybe they thought it was in our best  
13 interests. However, it totally may be that they are  
14 fine with us not taking that semi-circle of land and  
15 they can continue with their approach.

16 MG NAVA: Okay. I think really again the  
17 largest concern that we have is creating a buffer zone  
18 for that Rio Rancho complex. And that semi-circle  
19 does nothing to that buffer zone whatsoever.

20 So go back and go talk to them and see what  
21 they say. If they want to square it off, square it  
22 off. If they don't want to square it off, it doesn't  
23 matter to us. But we have to purchase that land and  
24 that's what we're working with.

25 CPT RUIZ: Yes, sir.

1           MG NAVA: Okay. Very good. Board Members,  
2 any other questions for Captain Ruiz?

3           (No response.)

4           MG NAVA: Captain Ruiz, thank you. Good  
5 work.

6                         ITEM NO. 10: ANNOUNCEMENTS

7           MG NAVA: Moving to item No. 10,  
8 announcements. I don't have any further announcements  
9 other than again thank you all for what you're doing.  
10 I apologize for the inconvenience of doing this  
11 telephonically.

12                         You know, most of my meetings right now are  
13 virtual in nature. And we're using Microsoft Teams  
14 now as the current platform that we're using the most.  
15 Stay flexible. COVID-19 isn't going anywhere anytime  
16 soon. We just kind of have to learn to live with it  
17 and figure things out.

18                         ITEM NO. 11: NEXT MEETING

19           MG NAVA: Mr. Burney, when is our next  
20 meeting going to be?

21           MR. BURNEY: Thursday, December 17, sir.

22           MG NAVA: December 17. I certainly hope that  
23 by then we can start having things in person, but I  
24 have no idea what to do. So let's plan on Santa Fe.  
25 And I would like to do it at the museum, if that's

1 possible.

2 I don't know if we can firm that location up.  
3 We need to get with Samantha Tubbs. By then I  
4 anticipate that we should have our newest exhibit  
5 online there, which would be the Civil War Battle of  
6 Glorietta. That stuff should all be in place by  
7 December even on a split schedule.

8 So I would like the Board to be able to see  
9 that. And if it's possible for us to do it in person,  
10 we'll do it in person. If it's not possible, again  
11 we'll make the call as we get closer to the actual  
12 meeting date.

13 If we need to do it over the telephone, we'll  
14 do it over the telephone again. But that would be my  
15 preference. If we can do it in person, do it in Santa  
16 Fe. Board Members, is that okay?

17 MS. MARTINEZ: Yes, sir.

18 MG NAVA: Okay. Perfect. Okay. So the next  
19 meeting is going to be on December 17 at ten a.m.  
20 tentatively scheduled for the New Mexico Military  
21 History Museum located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. And  
22 if we need to, we'll do it virtually.

23 MR. BURNEY: Sir, again, everything is up in  
24 the air. If we are going to do an in-person, do you  
25 want LAB updates from the units or anything from the

1 LABS?

2 MG NAVA: Yes, I would. Even if we continue  
3 in this virtual format, I still would like the LAB  
4 presentations, Marty. So like, for example, today we  
5 could have done some even if it's virtual.

6 But if we allow them to go too long without  
7 reporting back in, we're going to have a problem long  
8 term. So yes, I would liked those LAB presentations.

9 MR. BURNEY: All right, sir. They are still  
10 submitting their LAB reports. Of course, there's no  
11 income, but they are submitting them.

12 ITEM NO. 12: CLOSING REMARKS:

13 MG NAVA: Right. Okay. Very good. Thank  
14 you.

15 Everyone, thank you for what you're doing.  
16 Please keep it up. Again keep the Baca family and the  
17 Kennedy family in your thoughts and prayers. And  
18 everybody stay safe. If you're sick, stay home.

19 Can I have a motion to adjourn this meeting.

20 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Sir, I'll make that  
21 motion.

22 COL (R) KEEFNER: Second.

23 MG NAVA: I have a motion by Mark and I got a  
24 second by Colonel Keefner. Is that right, Colonel  
25 Keefner?

1 COL (R) KEEFNER: That's correct.

2 MG NAVA: I've got a motion and a second.

3 Any further discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 MG NAVA: Hearing none, all in favor say aye.

6 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

7 MG NAVA: Thank you, everybody. See you next  
8 time.

9 (At 10:50 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.)

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