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NEW MEXICO STATE ARMORY BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2019
1:36 p.m.
Taos National Guard Armory
1145 State Road 570
Rancho De Taos, New Mexico 87557

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BOARD MEMBERS

Major General Kenneth A. Nava, Chairman
Command Sergeant Major Jerry H. Garcia, State Command
Sergeant Major, Secretary
Colonel Daniel M. Stark, Commission Officer
Major (Retired) Mark F. Gonzales, Member-at-Large
Command Sergeant Major (Retired) John B. Torres,
Member-at-Large
Theresa V. Martinez, Executive Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Colonel (Retired) James T. Keefner, Member-at-Large

ALSO PRESENT

Lawrence Montano, Deputy Director
Miguel Lozano, Esq.

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1 ITEM NO. 5: ROLL CALL

2 MG NAVA: We're on the record again. It's
3 1:36 p.m. We're at No. 5 on our agenda items, roll
4 call for the State Armory Board.

5 Mr. Marty Burney, would you please conduct
6 the roll call.

7 MR. BURNEY: Yes, sir. The Adjutant General
8 Major General Kenneth Nava.

9 MG NAVA: Here.

10 MR. BURNEY: Colonel Daniel Stark, Chief of
11 Staff.

12 COL STARK: Present.

13 MR. BURNEY: Colonel (Retired) Jim Keefner is
14 excused. Major (Retired) Mark Gonzales.

15 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Here.

16 MR. BURNEY: Command Sergeant Major Jerry
17 Garcia.

18 CSM GARCIA: Here.

19 MR. BURNEY: State Command Sergeant Major
20 (Retired) John Torres.

21 CSM (R) TORRES: Here.

22 MR. BURNEY: Executive Director Theresa
23 Martinez.

24 MS. MARTINEZ: Present.

25 MR. BURNEY: Assistant Attorney General

1 Miguel Lozano.

2 MR. LOZANO: Present.

3 MG NAVA: Okay. Thank you, Marty.

4 ITEM NO. 6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5 MG NAVA: Everybody has in front of you a
6 copy of the agenda. I'm sure everyone has had an
7 opportunity to take a look at it. I would accept a
8 motion to approve the agenda as published.

9 CSM GARCIA: So moved.

10 MAJ (RETIRED) GONZALES: Second.

11 MG NAVA: I have a motion and a second. Any
12 discussion? All in favor say aye.

13 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

14 MG NAVA: Anybody opposed? The agenda is
15 approved as published.

16 ITEM NO. 7: APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2019, MINUTES

17 MG NAVA: You also have a copy of the
18 October 4, 2019, meeting minutes. I'm sure that you
19 all have had an opportunity to review those meeting
20 minutes. They are verbatim so there shouldn't be a
21 lot of discussion about whether they're accurate or
22 not.

23 I will accept a motion to approve the minutes
24 as published.

25 COL STARK: Sir, I would like to move that we

1 accept the minutes as published.

2 CSM GARCIA: Second.

3 MG NAVA: I have a motion and a second. Any
4 discussion? All in favor say aye.

5 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

6 MG NAVA: Anybody opposed? The ayes have it.

7 ITEM NO. 8: NEW BUSINESS

8 MG NAVA: Item No. 8, new business. We have
9 Ms. Samantha Tubbs, our museum director, who would
10 like to talk to us about rental of the New Mexico
11 Military Museum. You have a presentation on your
12 tablets there, a power point presentation.

13 MS. TUBBS: There are two major requests that
14 we have right now for usage of this space. And
15 they're both pretty detailed on when they want the
16 dates and what they would be doing each of those days.

17 The first request is actually for a
18 theatrical production using our stage and sound
19 equipment, lights, all of that. And they gave a
20 really good timeline. I also have the Stage Santa Fe.

21 From both requests there are a lot of people
22 I think coming together to make these things happen.
23 But these are the primary points of contact.

24 The second request is kind of like science
25 lectures, talks. It's going to be also using the same

1 campus that CCA uses. And they kind of want to do
2 this together.

3 I am for personally both of these things
4 occurring. I think it's a good revenue stream. They
5 don't necessarily go against anything we're trying to
6 do.

7 The only thing I want to be able to tell
8 these people is that your requests have been heard,
9 they're either approved or denied, and this is what
10 it's going take to make this happen.

11 MG NAVA: Okay. So because they're longer
12 term, they would be with the State Armory Board; is
13 that right?

14 MS. MARTINEZ: Well, sir, because the museum
15 doesn't have a Local Armory Board, they would all be
16 State Armory Board leases. So I was going to make a
17 motion to allow Samantha the authority to accept the
18 requests and vet them.

19 And then we'll work through Sonya and the
20 A.G.'s Office and myself to get them ready for
21 signature by you or me to allow these rentals to
22 happen until we have all of the other partnerships in
23 place.

24 MG NAVA: Okay. So will we be able to do
25 stuff in between meetings?

1 MR. LOZANO: So all that the Board needs to
2 do is authorize and approve the usage.

3 MG NAVA: Okay. That would be fantastic. So
4 again we have a new museum director. We're trying to
5 get things going in the museum. Mig, you've looked at
6 both of these things, you don't see any major
7 conflicts.

8 You will be the keeper of the master calendar
9 of the museum, correct?

10 MS. TUBBS: Yes.

11 MG NAVA: I would ask you, not related to
12 this, but please put a mark between June 7th and the
13 11th, just kind of block that out. That is when I
14 will be hosting the Adjutants General Association of
15 the United States here. And we will do something at
16 the museum. So we'll get something more specific to
17 you so you can get that taken care of.

18 Samantha, thank you for bringing this to us.

19 So Ms. Martinez has a motion.

20 COL STARK: Second.

21 MR. LOZANO: I think it needs to be a sitting
22 member. She can recommend the motion and then a
23 sitting member can move and second.

24 MG NAVA: So try to state the pieces that
25 you're looking at and Dan can make the motion.

1 MS. MARTINEZ: So I recommend that you move
2 that Samantha has the authority to accept the requests
3 and vet them and enter into an agreement with my
4 signature or the president of the State Armory Board's
5 signature with the companies that she has presented.

6 COL STARK: I would like to move what Theresa
7 said.

8 MAJ (R) GONZALES: I will second.

9 MG NAVA: We have a motion and a second. Any
10 discussion? All in favor say aye.

11 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

12 MG NAVA: Anybody opposed? All right.
13 Excellent.

14 So, Samantha, it looks like we're going to
15 start doing some rentals of the museum. That's great.

16 Next we have approval of the Las Cruces
17 easement for water. Ms. Seyal, are you going to give
18 us a presentation on that?

19 MS. SEYAL: I am. So good afternoon. You
20 may recall that you approved an electrical easement in
21 Las Cruces at the MILCON site previously. And now we
22 have a water easement that needs to go through.

23 This water easement cannot be signed and
24 completed until we have evaluation of the easement.
25 But what I am seeking is State Armory Board approval

1 to move forward with that valuation and the eventual
2 easement, because we will need that in order to move
3 forward with the military construction project.

4 So the language is here. It's fairly
5 straightforward. I don't know if you can see that on
6 your screens. There we go.

7 MG NAVA: Mr. Lozano, have you had a chance
8 to look at this?

9 MR. LOZANO: Yes, Major General. I've looked
10 at it. I don't have any major changes.

11 MG NAVA: Okay. So the idea here is that
12 we're going to just proceed, but we still need to get
13 an estimate and valuation?

14 MS. SEYAL: Correct. We can't finalize it
15 until we have that valuation per your recommendations
16 I believe. Is that correct?

17 MR. LOZANO: Yes.

18 MS. SEYAL: But we will get that fairly
19 quickly. And so what we would like is the State
20 Armory Board's approval of the easement once we have
21 that valuation so that we can continue with the
22 construction. If not, we would have to wait until the
23 next Armory Board.

24 MG NAVA: Can I ask a question related but
25 not exactly the same? So did we get the electrical

1 easement taken care of?

2 MS. GONZALES: It's signed. But we did not
3 know prior to signature --

4 MG NAVA: So we've got to get the estimate?

5 MS. GONZALES: Correct. And we did get from
6 Sonya in the last couple of days the name of a point
7 of contact who would come in and perform those.

8 MG NAVA: Okay. So a necessary easement for
9 the construction of our Las Cruces facility.

10 COL STARK: Can we do that without knowing
11 the actual dollar amount or can we assume that, if
12 it's within scale or scope, that it is acceptable?

13 MR. LOZANO: So yes, you can. What we need
14 to ensure is that the dollar amount is under the State
15 Board of Finance threshold. Once that's done, then
16 they can move forward on it.

17 Regardless, this Board can approve it in
18 concept. And they'll either move forward with State
19 Board of Finance approval or move forward if they are
20 able to without.

21 MG NAVA: All right. So what we're seeking
22 now is a motion to allow the FMO to continue along the
23 lines with this water easement again pending final
24 valuation and determination whether we have to go to
25 the Board of Finance or not. But, nevertheless, they

1 need this for us to continue.

2 COL STARK: Sir, I would like to move that we
3 allow the FMO to proceed with that process as you
4 described.

5 CSM GARCIA: I second.

6 MG NAVA: We have a motion and a second. Any
7 discussion? All in favor say aye.

8 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

9 MG NAVA: Anybody opposed? Okay. Very good.
10 Thank you.

11 MS. SEYAL: Thank you for your consideration.

12 MG NAVA: We are flying through this agenda.
13 That's what I'm talking about.

14 ITEM NO. 9: OLD BUSINESS

15 MG NAVA: We're now going to No. 9, old
16 business.

17 ITEM NO. 10: LAB/SAB BALANCES

18 MG NAVA: We have the Local Armory
19 Board/State Armory Board balances.

20 Mr. Burney, you have given us a power point
21 presentation with these balances?

22 MR. BURNEY: Yes, sir, I have. So these are
23 the LAB balances that I have as of November 18, 2019.

24 Do you want me to read them out?

25 MG NAVA: No. We can look at them. Did

1 anybody not submit their information to you?

2 MR. BURNEY: So the only ones -- if you look
3 at the third slide I guess, the 93rd Brigade, the last
4 one I have from them is August.

5 Sergeant Major is out of state TDY. He's
6 going to get them to me when he gets back next week.
7 So the most current one I have for them is August.

8 And if you look at Roswell's November,
9 underneath the bank statements only, Roswell gave me
10 the bank statements. But they have not provided me
11 with the actual LAB audits.

12 But I was able to get the balance from the
13 bank statement and the receipts I have. I just have
14 not received the audits themselves.

15 MG NAVA: Colonel Stark, if you would help
16 him get that taken care of.

17 COL STARK: Yes, sir.

18 MR. BURNEY: And the final page is the
19 balance.

20 MG NAVA: All right. Very good.

21 ITEM NO. 11: ANNOUNCEMENTS

22 MG NAVA: Going to our next agenda item,
23 announcements. Holy moly. Announcements. All right.

24 So my announcement would be this: Chief
25 Brush and I are getting ready to go visit our troops

1 that are in Poland, Djibouti, and Somalia next week.

2 So keep them and their families in your thoughts and

3 prayers especially during this holiday season.

4 Please take the opportunity to enjoy your
5 families and take a little bit of time off during this
6 holiday season.

7 Please also remember that the holiday season
8 is not necessarily joyous for everybody. There are a
9 lot of people that are dealing with personal grief
10 situations where the holidays actually are a difficult
11 time for them.

12 So please keep an eye out for folks that we
13 work with, people to our left and right, and lend a
14 helping hand if you see somebody that seems like they
15 are in a little bit of depression or a bad place.

16 Again from my wife and me to all of you, a
17 very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And we'll
18 be looking forward to having a very productive 2020.

19 ITEM NO. 12: NEXT MEETING

20 MG NAVA: The next item is to set up our next
21 meeting. So our next meeting is going to be when?

22 March 19. And location? Is there a place that we
23 need to go see that we haven't seen recently?

24 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Can I make a
25 recommendation, sir.

1 MG NAVA: What's your recommendation?

2 MAJ (R) GONZALES: We haven't been down south
3 in awhile. We've been trying to get to Las Cruces for
4 years and I can't remember the last time we were
5 there.

6 MG NAVA: Las Cruces. I don't have a problem
7 with Las Cruces. Anybody have an issue with Las
8 Cruces? I know Colonel Stark doesn't have a problem
9 with Las Cruces.

10 The next meeting will be in Las Cruces on
11 March 19. And the time will be ten o'clock. Is that
12 what we normally do? So 1000 hours, March 19, Las
13 Cruces Armory.

14 ITEM NO. 13: CLOSING REMARKS

15 MG NAVA: Marty.

16 MR. BURNEY: I just want to say happy
17 birthday to DMA, 41st birthday today.

18 MG NAVA: Happy birthday to DMA. Are you
19 sure about that?

20 MR. BURNEY: Yes.

21 MG NAVA: Can I have a motion to adjourn the
22 meeting.

23 COL STARK: Sir, I would like to move that we
24 adjourn the meeting.

25 MAJ (R) GONZALES: Second.

1 MG NAVA: A motion and a second. All in
2 favor say aye.

3 (The Board Members voted unanimously.)

4 MG NAVA: Thank you.

5 (The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.)

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