

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**MAY 3, 2023**

*Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031*

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Gerard Saiz, Chairman	
Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair	
Morris Sparkman, Member	
Troy Richardson, Member	
Joseph Bizzell, Member	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance, County Attorney	Dave Pato, County Attorney
Mike Milam, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

- 1) **The meeting was called to order by Chairman Saiz at 5:06 PM**
- 2) **Mr. Brenna led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chairman Saiz stated that Commissioner Richardson is running late for tonight's meeting.

**3) Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Bizzell. Roll call vote. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Sparkman voted yes. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**4) Approval of Minutes: *April 19, 2023- Budget Meeting*  
*April 19, 2023- Public Hearing/Business Meeting***

Commissioner Bizzell moved for approval of the 4/19/23 budget meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Aragon. Roll call vote. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Sparkman abstained as he was not present for that meeting. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Aragon moved for approval of the 4/23/23 public hearing minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Bizzell. Roll call vote. Commissioner Bizzell voted yes. Commissioner Sparkman abstained as he was not present for that meeting. Commissioner Aragon voted yes. Chairman Saiz voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Samantha Tate commented on the cannabis farm going in at 7 Peace in Belen, the well being drilled is a domestic one house well. A cannabis farm should not be established in a rural neighborhood with children nor behind a church.

Ramon Baca commented on the cannabis farm being built near Immaculate Conception church. The farm is way under the required distance of 300 ft. from the church and the water table issue is not being taken seriously.

*Commissioner Richardson arrived at 5:13PM.*

**DISCUSSION (NON-ACTION) ITEM(S):**

**5) Commissioners, Committees and Reports.**

Mr. Monette reported that union negotiations are still ongoing; also he along with Commissioner Aragon will not present for the May 17<sup>th</sup> commission meeting as they will be attending the NACO WIR conference.

Commissioner Richardson reported that last Wednesday night he and Commissioner Aragon met with farmers that are trying to organize a water user's association to help advocate for famers with the MRGCD. He requested that any water users/irrigators/concerned people attend the MRGCD board meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.