

**APPROVED MINUTES
of the
SECOND MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**July 8, 2009
Mimbres Valley Special Events Center
2300 E. Pine St.
Deming**

**July 9, 2009: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Mimbres Valley Special Events Center
Deming**

**July 9: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Marina Del Sur
Elephant Butte**

**July 10, 2009
City Hall
103 Water St.
Elephant Butte**

The second meeting of the Economic and Rural Development (ERD) Committee was called to order by Senator Bernadette M. Sanchez, chair, at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at the Mimbres Valley Special Events Center in Deming, New Mexico.

Present

Sen. Bernadette M. Sanchez, Chair
Rep. Mary Helen Garcia, Vice Chair (7/8)
Rep. Andrew J. Barreras
Sen. Mark Boitano
Rep. Ernest H. Chavez
Rep. Nora Espinoza
Sen. Mary Jane M. Garcia
Rep. William J. Gray
Rep. Diane Miller Hamilton
Sen. Clinton D. Harden, Jr. (7/8-7/9)
Sen. Timothy M. Keller
Sen. Howie C. Morales (7/8-7/9)
Sen. George K. Munoz (7/8)
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella

Absent

Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom

Advisory Members

Sen. Rod Adair
Rep. Nathan P. Cote (7/9)
Sen. Dianna J. Duran
Rep. John A. Heaton
Rep. Sandra D. Jeff (7/8-7/9)
Sen. Richard C. Martinez
Rep. Rodolpho "Rudy" S. Martinez (7/8-7/9)
Rep. Andy Nuñez
Rep. Shirley A. Tyler
Rep. Richard D. Vigil (7/9)

Sen. Sue Wilson Beffort
Rep. Zachary J. Cook
Sen. Carroll H. Leavell
Rep. James Roger Madalena
Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm
Sen. John M. Sapien

Guest Legislators

Rep. Dona G. Irwin (7/8-7/9)

(Attendance dates are noted for those members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Kate Ferlic
Sandy Mitchell
Aldis Philipbar

Guests

The guest list is in the original meeting file.

Wednesday, July 8

Representative Irwin served as a guest chair.

Deming: Facing the Future

Mayor Andres Z. Silva, City of Deming, began by stating that things are happening in Deming. He referred to some year-to-date figures, saying that the sales tax was at -4.5% and that unemployment for Luna County was at 17.7%. He said that 162 building permits had been issued, but that many people are not building new buildings, just remodeling them. He pointed out the new StarMax facility that includes theaters, an arcade, a bowling alley and miniature golf. He also discussed the Cedar Three Project, an extension of the Frontage Road. He said that a new Hampton Inn would be opening in September as well as a new McDonald's. He added that Wal-Mart is looking to invest \$1 million in its existing facility and that the new owner of the Deming Truck Terminal is looking at using it as an RV stop.

John Sutherland, Luna County manager, said that the assessment of community need is short term. He referred to a study conducted by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research that showed that the population increased by 30% in Luna County until tapering off in 2000.