



Flood Recovery Task Force Agenda
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
City Hall - Mike Mathews Conference Room
Roswell City Hall 425 N. Richardson
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Chair: Chris Cortez
Vice Chair: Brian Houghtlain
Members: Mike Espiritu, Gordon Patton, Michael Sanchez
Non-Voting Member: Jon Hitchcock
Staff Liaison: Lee M. Rogers

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 regular Flood Task Force Meeting

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. FEMA Project Tracker
2. Financial Plan
3. Substantial Damage Claims
4. Drainage Study

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADJOURN

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AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

Flood Recovery Task Force

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Meeting Date: 06/17/2026

COMMITTEE:

CONTACT:

CHAIR:

ACTION REQUESTED:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BACKGROUND:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

LEGAL REVIEW:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Attachments

Draft Minutes

Flood Recovery Task Force Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 10:00 AM
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425 North Richardson
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Chair: Chris Cortez

Vice Chair: Brian Houghtalin

Committee Members: Mike Espiritu, Gordon Patton

Non-Voting Member: Jon Hitchcock

Staff Liaison: Mac Rogers

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M. by Chris Cortez

ROLL CALL

Members present: Brian Houghtalin, Chris Cortez, Gordon Patton, John Hitchcock, Mike Espiritu

Members absent: **NONE**

Staff present: Amalia Martinez, Angela Garcia, Caroline Brooks, Hess Yntema, Mac Rogers, Zach Scott

Online Guests: Deb Gallagher, DRS, Jeb McPherson, DRS, 2 Guests, VRV

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Member Mike Espiritu made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Gordon Patton was the second.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Member Gordon Patton made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2026, Flood Recovery Task Force meeting. Member Brian Houghtalin was the second.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Member Mike Espiritu made a motion to appoint Member Chris Cortez as Chair. Member Brian Houghtalin was the second. Chair Chris Cortez made the motion to appoint Member Brian Houghtalin as Vice Chair. Member Mike Espiritu was the second.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

NON-ACTION ITEMS

FEMA Project Tracker – Ms. Gallagher, DRS, appeared via GoTo, discussed FEMA Projects,

1 providing an overview of the FEMA process and the progress the city has made to date. The
2 overview included a detailed breakdown of obligated project costs and key milestone dates.

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4 Financial Plan – Mr. Rogers discussed the financial plan presenting, GRT revenues collected to
5 date. Discussed timeline for selling flood-recovery bonds to fund needed repairs. Discussed
6 potential ordinances to issue bonds to stay on track through NMFA’s loan process.

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8 FEMA Substantial Damage Claims –Mr. McPherson, DRS, appeared via GoTo, discussed
9 significant damage claims, 50% rule projects, and project time extensions. Discussed the
10 Convention Center & Museum. Repair versus replacement options were discussed. Mitigation
11 options and key actions that need to be taken were discussed.

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13 Drainage Study – Mr. Rogers stated that a hydrologist provided by NM DHSEM has analyzed
14 portions of the data and mapped a 100-year event layered with other data to provide more
15 accurate information. Chair Chris Cortez presented a GIS map of the 100-year flood plain
16 showing damage inventory and the existing national flood layer. Discussed for sale city owned
17 properties in the flood plain zone as areas where flood mitigation structures could be placed.
18 Discussed other city owned properties where flood mitigation structures could be placed;
19 drainage study needed.

20 21 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

22 23 **ADJOURN**

24 The meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.