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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
4 **TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021**  
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
6 **6:00PM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS**

9 Mayor Pro – Tem Louise Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

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11 **II. ROLL CALL**

12 Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Attorney and Acting Village Clerk called roll where a quorum was present.

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14 **Those present were:**

- 15 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
- 16 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
- 17 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
- 18 Councilman Charlie Gonzales
- 19 Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
- 20 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- 21 Lynn Skall, QEDF Administrator
- 22 Carl Colonius, Enchanted Circle Trails Association
- 23 Jennifer Gonzales, Parent Concern / Idea

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25 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

26 Mr. Carl Colonias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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28 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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30 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

31 **Second:** Councilman John Ortega

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33 **Roll Call:**

- 34 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
- 35 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES
- 36 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 37 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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39 To approve the agenda as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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41 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting Minutes June 22, 2021  
42 Special Meeting Minutes July 1, 2021

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44 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

45 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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47 **Roll Call:**

- 48 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES
- 49 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES
- 50 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

51 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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53 To approve the June 22, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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55 **Motion:** Councilman John Ortega

56 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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58 **Roll Call:**

59 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

60 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

61 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

62 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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64 To approve the July 1, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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68 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*  
 69 *your issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to address*  
 70 *issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*

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72 Ms. Jennifer Gonzales came in to present an idea of ways that kids can ride horses and prepping for Rodeo.  
 73 She also had an idea of bringing back Fiestas or other events to include Rodeos for kids. This prompted  
 74 conversation and future consideration.

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77 **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

78 **A) Development Fund Update, Ms. Lynn Skall – Director**

79 Ms. Skall gave updates to the following.

- 80 • Funding request for the New Mexico True Campaign

81 There were several questions regarding the funding award and usage that Ms. Skall was able to answer.  
 82 Councilor Gonzales asked for a report to show how the spending of the awarded money would be  
 83 spent and Ms. Skall stated that she would provide.

84 Councilman Jaramillo encourage further conversation addressing some concerns that Councilman  
 85 Gonzales has. Councilman Gonzales stated that there is a lack of transparency, Ms. Skall stated that  
 86 she has requested reports from the Village regarding the funding that the Village has requested of  
 87 QEDF. She also extended the invitation of a QEDF and VOQ Retreat to be held on July 26, 2021, so  
 88 that discussions regarding the initiatives created in years past can be reviewed and assessed.

89 Councilman Ortega requested a copy of the Budget. Councilwoman Gallegos asked that the Veterans  
 90 Healing Field pictures be a part of the New Mexico True Campaign.

91 Councilman Gonzales asked Ms. Skall how the mileage and per diem are going to be taken care of for  
 92 the Retreat. Councilman Jaramillo stated that he believes more conversations between the Village,  
 93 QEDF Board and Attorneys should take place so that there is not disconnect and misunderstandings  
 94 regarding the expenditures of funding that has been given to the Village from QEDF.

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- 96 • QBEN Meeting July 14, 2021

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- 98 • Community Connection Day, Tree Planting Day July 16, 2021

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100 **B)** Enchanted Circle Trails Association, Mr. Carl Colonius -Update and request for support of Resolution  
 101 2021-18 of RTP Application and Maintenance Commitment  
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103 Mr. Colonius presented an update of info for the Enchanted Circle Trails Association. He expressed thanks for  
 104 the funding to support the Trail Association \$3750.00. He gave a little bit of history and background regarding  
 105 the trail. He is proposing the Questa to Red River trail, he is asking for a resolution of support for the trail  
 106 project. He is asking that the Village assist in the responsibility of up keeping of the trail. Councilman Ortega  
 107 asked for a more specific detail of what type of trail maintenance is being requested of the Village. Mr.  
 108 Colonius answered.

109 Mr. DeFillippo had concerns regarding the language in the Resolution and felt that action should not be taken  
 110 to approve Resolution until the language was changed and he was able to review.  
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112 **VIII. ACTION ITEM**

113 **A)** Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-18 – A resolution declaring the intent of  
 114 the Village of Questa to support an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for  
 115 Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024 TAP and RTP funds for the Questa to Red River Trail.  
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117 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

118 **Second:** Councilman John A. Ortega  
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120 **Roll Call:**

121 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
122 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	NO
123 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
124 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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 126 To postpone action on Resolution No. 2021-18 – A resolution declaring the intent of  
 127 the Village of Questa to support an application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for  
 128 Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024 TAP and RTP funds for the Questa to Red River Trail. Majority voted yes.  
 129 Motion carried  
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131 **B)** Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2021-20 - Designating the location of an  
 132 election polling place for the Municipal Officer Election Day to be conducted in 2022.  
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134 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

135 **Second:** Councilman John A. Ortega  
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137 **Roll Call:**

138 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
139 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
140 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
141 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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 143 To approve Resolution No. 2021-20 - Designating Questa Municipal Council Chambers, 2500 Old State Road  
 144 3, Questa, NM 87556 as the location of an election polling place for the Municipal officer Election Day to be  
 145 conducted in 2022. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.  
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150 **IX. FINANCIALS** - Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

151 **A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - FY2021 4th Quarter Local BARs**

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153 **Motion:** Councilman John A. Ortega

154 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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156 **Roll Call:**

157 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

158 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

159 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

160 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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162 To approve FY 2021 4th Quarter Local Bars. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

163 **B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-19 / FY2021 4th Quarter State BARs**

164 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

165 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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167 **Roll Call:**

168 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

169 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

170 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

171 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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173 To approve Resolution No. 2021-19 / FY2021 4th Quarter State BARs . Majority voted yes. Motion carried

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175 **X.) DISCUSSION ITEM**

176 **A) Potential Businesses for Business Park – Mr. DeFillippo**

177 Asked the Council to consider what type of business would the Council like to see at the business park.

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179 **XI. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

180 Mr. DeFillippo gave updates to the following matters:

181 • He is has created an RV Ordinance draft, he had a couple of questions that he presented to the Council.

182 He also recommended that a workshop be held to review the proposed ordinances.

183 • The Llano Ditch Association has asked Mr. DeFillippo to work on their behalf to research for

184 documentation with the State Engineers office. Councilman Jaramillo and the Council didn't believe

185 that it was a good idea for Mr. DeFillippo to do this research unless the Llano Ditch Association will

186 pay him to d this research. It is not the Village of Questa's responsibility to

187 • EPA manager gave an update addressing the scheduled Water Treatment Plant Maintenance and

188 closure. There are also more documents to be available at next meeting.

189 Councilman Ortega has concerns with community members with RV spots being charged increase rates at this

190 time. He would like to look into this further. He questioned enforcement and ordinance support that we

191 currently do not have.

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193 **XII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION**- Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator

194 Ms. Martinez was not present.

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196 **XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

- 197 • Councilman Gonzales was appreciative that the project for Mr. Rael has been completed.
- 198 • Councilman Ortega shared Vida Del Norte’s upcoming events, he will provide more detailed
- 199 information regarding the Back-to-School Event as soon as he has it.

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201 **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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203 **Motion:** Councilman John A. Ortega  
204 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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206 **Roll Call:**

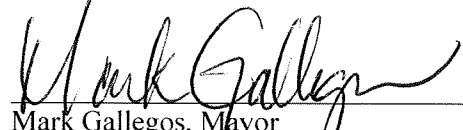
207 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
208 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
209 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
210 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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212 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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214 ATTEST:

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 217 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk  
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APPROVED:

  
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 Mark Gallegos, Mayor

