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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
3 **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
4 **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
6 **6:00PM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 06:03 pm.

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12 **II. ROLL CALL**

13 Valerie Vigil, Village Clerk, called roll; Quorum was present.

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15 **Governing Body Present**

16 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

17 Councilman Jason Gonzalez

18 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

19 Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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21 **Governing Body Absent**

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23 **Others present were:**

24 Sharon Nicholson, Library Director

25 Robert Romero, Village of Questa Lobbyist

26 Gabe Herrera, Chevron

27 Ms. Cindy Guld, Chevron

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29 **Those present virtually were:**

30 Chris DeFillippo, Village Attorney

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32 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

33 Gabe Herrera, Chevron

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35 Mayor Ortega asked for a moment of silence to honor community members that have passed.

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37 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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39 **Motion:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

40 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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42 Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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44 **V. PRESENTATIONS**

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46 **A)** Robert Romero, Village of Questa Lobbyist:

47 Mr. Romero presented on the House and Senate bills that would affect municipalities and the current status
48 of each bill. He informed the Council of the Capital Outlay that was funded to the Village of Questa. The
49 Village of Questa received \$125,000.00 for Library Improvements, \$75,000.00 for a Vac Truck for Public
50 Works, and \$40,000.00 for the Skate/Pump Track.

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B) Chevron Mine Update, Gabe Herrera and Ms. Cindy Guld

Mr. Herrera and Ms. Guld showed a wonderful presentation on a slide show to the Council and Meeting attendees that clearly shows the process that Chevron Mine is taking to clean up the left-over areas from when the Mine was open. They showed pictures and went over stats of the efforts put forth by Chevron Mine.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A) USDA- Congressional Direct Spending; Village of Questa Public Library Improvement Grant.
Mrs. Valerie Vigil, Chief Procurement Officer for the Village of Questa presented the USDA Grant for Library Improvements. This grant is part of Congressional Direct Spending and has been awarded to the Village of Questa in the amount of \$175,000.00. One of the application requirements is having a public hearing to inform the community members of funding within the Village of Questa. Public Hearing began at 07:09 pm and ended at 07:12 pm. No one spoke during the public hearing, Ms. Sharon Nicholson, Village of Questa Library Director spoke to the Council about some her concerns for the Library Improvements including roofing and other fixtures and thanked everyone. This funding will be used for improvements in the "old" section of the Library for roofing, flooring, and windows.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 07:13 pm

ATTEST:

Valerie Vigil

Valerie Vigil, Clerk



APPROVED:

[Handwritten Signature]

John Anthony Ortega, Mayor