



RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2016

10:00 A.M. MDT

PLACE: Rio Grande Council of Governments
8037 Lockheed, Ste. 100
El Paso, TX 79925

PRESIDING: ***Mr. Art Fierro***
President, RGCOG

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR: ***Annette Gutierrez***

A G E N D A

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON July 22, 2016

ADMINISTRATION

1. **Assessment of Health Effects of Pesticide Exposure in Relation to Parkinson's Disease, by John Hamilton**

Ms. Gutierrez will introduce Mr. John Hamilton to the Board. Mr. Hamilton will discuss the risk factors of pesticide exposure in relation to Parkinson's disease.

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM; NO ACTION IS REQUIRED

2. **RGCOG FY 17 Holiday Schedule , by Annette Gutierrez**

Board of Directors' approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule as presented for FY 17.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

3. **Appoint a Nominations Committee for Fiscal Year 2017, by Annette Gutierrez**

Board of Directors' approval is requested to form a Nominations Committee comprised of at least three members from the Board of Directors appointed by the President to elect new officers and directors for FY 17.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

4. **Proposed Budget for FY 17, by Annette Gutierrez**

Board of Directors' acceptance and recommendation to the general membership is requested for adoption of the Proposed Budget for FY17 (October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017).

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

REGIONAL SERVICES

5. **RGCOG Interlocal Agreement , by Marisa Quintanilla**

Board of Directors' approval is requested to allow the RGCOG to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with El Paso County, by and through the El Paso County Sheriff's Department.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

6. **RGCOG: El Paso County Dispute Resolution Center, by Marisa Quintanilla**

The El Paso County Dispute Resolution Center is celebrating 28 years of service for the community.

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM; NO ACTION IS REQUIRED

7. **RGCOG: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Bylaws, by Cynthia Mendez**

Board of Directors' approval is requested on the submittal of the revised Solid Waste Advisory Committee's Bylaw through Resolution.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

8. **RGCOG: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Roster, by Cynthia Mendez**

Board of Directors' approval is requested on the submittal of the updated Solid Waste Advisory Committee's Roster through Resolution.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

9. **RGCOG: FY 2017 Solid Waste Application Timeline, by Cynthia Mendez**

Ms. Mendez will provide the Board with the FY 2017 Solid Waste application timeline.

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM; NO ACTION IS REQUIRED

10. **United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development: Public Information Coordinator/Office of Community Development, by Marisa Quintanilla**

Ms. Quintanilla will introduce Mr. Ernie Watson, who will discuss and disseminate information regarding grant opportunities and programs offered by the USDA Rural Development.

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM; NO ACTION IS REQUIRED

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

11. Memorandum of Understanding – Housing Authority of the City of El Paso, by Yvette Lugo

Board of Directors' approval is requested to allow the Rio Grande Council of Governments to sign two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso.

DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AS NEEDED

12. Aging to Perfection Expo 2016, by Yvette Lugo

The Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging will be hosting its 17th Annual Aging to Perfection Expo on September 7, 2016 at the El Paso Convention Center.

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM; NO ACTION IS REQUIRED

ADMINISTRATION

13. Renewal of employment contract for Executive Director, by Annette Gutierrez

Board of Directors' approval is requested for the renewal of employment contract with the Executive Director, Annette Gutierrez.

The RGCOG Board of Directors may retire into Executive Session, pursuant to Section 551.074, Government Code, VTCA, Personnel Matters, related to the renewal of the employment contract of the Executive Director of the Rio Grande Council of Governments.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 8/2/2016 - Attended two seminars given by El Paso County which consisted of "Workplace Bullying for Supervisors" and "Discrimination and Sexual Harassment"
- 8/9/2016 - Presented on the Texas Community Development Program to San Elizario's Mayor Maya Sanchez and City Council Members

- Presented a schedule of activities and meetings of the Rio Grande Council of Governments to the following member governments:
 - 8/15/2016 – Jeff Davis County, County Judge Jeannette Duer and Commissioners Court
 - 8/16/2016 – Town of Horizon City, Mayor Ruben Mendoza and City Council Members
 - 8/18/2016 - City of Socorro, Mayor Jesus Ruiz and City Council Members
 - 8/22/2016 - Town of Anthony, Mayor Martin Lerma and City Council Members
 - 8/23/2016 - Presidio County, County Judge Cinderela Guevara and Commissioners Court

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 Annual General Membership meeting on Friday, September 9, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Marriott El Paso at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT