



## *50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY*

### *GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING*

September 8, 2017  
10:25 A.M. MDT

### *MINUTES*

Member governments of the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) met on Friday, September 8, 2017, at 10:25 a.m., MDT at The Venue at Union Plaza, located at 511 Western Court in El Paso, TX.

#### **HONOR GUARD**

The El Paso County Sheriff's Honor Guard presented the colors and everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **WELCOME**

Commissioner Leon introduced himself as the RGCOG Board President and welcomed everyone to the RGCOG General Membership Annual Meeting and also announced the celebration of the RGCOG's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Jim Ed Miller, Hudspeth County gave the invocation

#### **FEATURED SPEAKERS**

Ms. Annette Gutierrez, RGCOG Executive Director, introduced the Honorable Ken Miyagishima, Mayor, City of Las Cruces, New Mexico who spoke on "Reflecting our Past". Ms. Gutierrez also introduced the Honorable Commissioner Carlos Leon, Commissioner, County of El Paso who spoke on "Looking towards our Future".

### **PRESENTATION OF ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Ms. Annette Gutierrez presented the Honorable Jesus Calderon, Mayor, City of Valentine, with the award.

### **RECOGNITION OF RGCOG EMPLOYEES**

Ms. Annette Gutierrez recognized those employees who have been with the RGCOG for over twenty (20) years. Ms. Gutierrez also presented a video on the Rio Grande Council of Governments and the services that have been provided for the past fifty-years (50 years).

### **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Commissioner Carlos Leon chaired the meeting. The attendees introduced themselves and their respective organizations and it was determined that a quorum was present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

Commissioner Carlos Leon announced that action on the agenda items would begin and called for a motion to approve the previous Annual Meeting minutes. Mr. Art Fierro moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mayor Andy Ramos. Commissioner Carlos Leon then called for a vote and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **ADOPTION OF FY 18 WORK PROGRAM & ANNUAL BUDGET**

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty gave the Membership a brief summary of the FY18 Budget. He also informed the Membership that the Board of Directors approved recommendation of the budget to the general membership on August 18, 2017. Judge Eleazar Cano motioned for the approval of the budget and Mr. Art Fierro seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

### **ADOPTION OF AMENDED BYLAWS**

Judge Eleazar Cano gave the Membership a brief summary of the amended bylaws. There was one change to Article X11, Section 1.a. Commissioner Andrew Haggerty requested that the three (3) representatives from El Paso County should remain, however, two should be from El Paso County Commissioners Court and the other an elected official not on Commissioner's Court as designated.

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for the approval of the amended bylaws as he presented and Judge Jeannette Duer seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

### **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Judge Cinderela Guevara served as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the FY 2018 Officers. She announced the following nominations for the Director positions for the member cities:

1. Representative for member cities other than the City of El Paso within El Paso County - Alderman Walter Miller, Town of Horizon City
2. Representative for member cities within the five rural counties - Mayor Ann Marie Nafziger, City of Marfa
3. Representative for member cities within Doña Ana County - Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City of Las Cruces
4. Representative from all Special District members - Ms. Bonnie Moorhouse, Horizon Municipal Utility District

Judge Guevarra went on to announce the following nominations for Officers:

1. President - Judge Jeannette Duer, Jeff Davis County
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Commissioner Andrew Haggerty, El Paso County
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Judge Eleazar Cano, Brewster County

Commissioner Carlos Leon motioned for approval of the officers as presented and Judge Cinderela Guevara seconded the motion. Commissioner called for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

**BRIEF REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS CARLOS LEON**

Commissioner Leon spoke briefly about his time serving as the President of the RGCOG Board of Directors for FY17.

**PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO NEW PRESIDENT**

Commissioner Carlos Leon presented the gavel to incoming RGCOG Board President, Judge Jeannette Duer, Jeff Davis County.

**BRIEF REMARKS BY RGCOG BOARD PRESIDENT, JUDGE JEANNETTE DUER**

Judge Jeannette Duer thanked everyone for coming and that she looked forward to FY18 serving as the RGCOG Board President.

**MOVE TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the membership, Judge Jeannette Duer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Andrew Haggerty made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Jim Ed Miller. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m., MDT.

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Annette Gutierrez, Secretary  
RGCOG Executive Director

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Date