



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 9, 2016

11:20 A.M. MDT

MINUTES

Member governments of the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) met on Friday, September 9, 2016, at 11:20 a.m., MDT at the Marriott Hotel of El Paso, located at 1600 Airway Blvd.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Commissioner Carlos Leon chaired the meeting. The attendees introduced themselves and their respective organizations. Everyone was welcomed and it was determined that a quorum was present. Commissioner Carlos Leon asked Representative Carl Robinson to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and to give the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Annette Gutierrez introduced Representative César Blanco, District 76 of the Texas House of Representatives. Representative Blanco spoke about his freshman year as a Legislator and what everyone should be expecting in the next legislative session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

Commissioner Carlos Leon announced that action on the agenda items would begin and called for a motion to approve the previous Annual Meeting minutes. Representative Carl Robinson moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Andrew Haggerty. Commissioner Carlos Leon then called for a vote and the minutes were unanimously approved.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FY 2016

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty gave the Membership a brief summary of the FY17 Budget. He also informed the Membership that the Board of Directors approved recommendation of the budget to the general membership on August 25, 2016. Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for the approval of the budget and Mayor Dan Dunlap seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AWARDS

The following awards were presented:

- The Organization of the Year award was presented to Arrowhead Center from NMSU
- The Elected Official of the year award was presented to Mayor Madeleine Praino from the Village of Vinton.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Commissioner Carlos Leon informed the general membership that the Nominating Committee met prior to the General Membership meeting and announced that Commissioner David Garcia served as Chair of the Nominating Committee. He then asked Commissioner David Garcia to announce the nominations.

Commissioner David Garcia 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 Jesus Calderon, Town of Valentine
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

Commissioner David Garcia asked for a motion to approve the directors as presented. Representative Carl Robinson moved for approval and was seconded by Mayor Madeleine Praino. Commissioner David Garcia called for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner David Garcia then announced the following nominations for Officers:

1. President - Commissioner Carlos Leon, El Paso County
2. 1st Vice President - Judge Jeannette Duer, Jeff Davis County
3. 2nd Vice President - Commissioner Andrew Haggerty, El Paso County

Commissioner David Garcia asked for a motion to approve the directors as presented. Mayor Madeleine Praino moved for approval and was seconded by Mayor Dan Dunlap. Commissioner David Garcia called for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

BRIEF REMARKS BY ANNETTE GUTIERREZ

Ms. Annette Gutierrez spoke briefly about Mr. Art Fierro's time serving as the President of the RGCOG Board of Directors for FY16. Mr. Art Fierro was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO NEW PRESIDENT

Ms. Annette Gutierrez presented the gavel to incoming RGCOG Board President, Commissioner Carlos Leon.

BRIEF REMARKS BY RGCOG BOARD PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONER CARLOS LEON

Commissioner Carlos Leon thanked everyone for coming and that he looked forward to FY17 serving as the RGCOG Board President

INVOCATION

Commissioner Carlos Leon asked Representative Carl Robinson to close the meeting with a prayer.

MOVE TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the membership, Commissioner Carlos Leon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Representative Carl Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mayor Jesus Calderon. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m., MDT.