



**RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2016 10:05 A.M., MST
8037 LOCKHEED, STE. 100, El Paso, TX 79925**

<u>Board Members Present:</u>	<u>Board Members Absent:</u>
Mr. Art Fierro, EPCC	Mayor Jesus Calderon, City of Valentine
Judge Mike Doyal, Hudspeth County	Commissioner Carlos Leon, City of El Paso
Representative Carl L. Robinson	Judge Veronica Escobar, County of El Paso
Judge Jannette Duer, Jeff Davis County	Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City of Las Cruces
Judge Cinderela Guevara, Presidio County	Mayor Oscar Leeser, City of El Paso
Ms. Bonnie Moorhouse, Horizon Regional MUD	Judge Carlos Urias, Culberson County
Governor Carlos Hisa, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo	Representative Larry Romero, City of El Paso
Mr. Mike Rosales, YISD Board of Trustees	Ms. Angelica Rodriguez, EPISD
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty, County of El Paso	Colonel Mike Hester, Ft. Bliss Garrison Commander
Judge Eleazar Cano, Brewster County	Honorable Marisa Marquez, State Representative Dist. 77
Commissioner David Garcia, Doña Ana County	Honorable Jose Rodriguez, Texas State Senator District 29
Representative Walter Miller, Town of Horizon City	Mr. Phillip Bowen, RGCOG Attorney
Ms. Diane Dye, EPISD	<u>Guest Present:</u>
<u>Alternates Present:</u>	Mayor Charles Gonzalez, Town of Clint
Mayor Dan Dunlap for Commissioner Carlos Leon	Joyce Wilson, CEO Workforce Solutions Borderplex
Mayor Madeleine Praino for Mayor Ken Miyagishima	Scott Whittle, Project Amistad Vista
Trustee Shane Haggerty for Judge Veronica Escobar	Ana Laura Miranda, Project Amistad Vista
Representative Lily Limon for Mayor Oscar Leeser	Alicia Trejo, Project Amistad Vista
<u>RGCOG Staff Present:</u>	Andrea Ramirez, Project Amistad Vista
Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director	Victor H. Encino, FXSA
Stella Rodriguez, Executive Administrative Assistant	
Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging Director	
Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director	
Cynthia Mendez, Regional Services Coordinator	

MINUTES

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2015

Judge Mike Doyal motioned for approval and Mr. Shane Haggerty seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Workforce Solutions Borderplex presentation, by Joyce Wilson

Ms. Wilson, CEO, Workforce Solutions Borderplex, provided the Board with a presentation on activities related to the organization. Ms. Wilson also notified the Board that the Summer Youth Program will be kicking off either March or April of 2016. Ms. Wilson will be sending monthly reports to the RGCOG to be passed on to the Board.

2. Proposed rule changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), by Annette Gutierrez

Ms. Gutierrez provided an update on the proposed rule changes from the U.S. Department of Labor in regard to the Fair Labor Standards Act concerning overtime standards.

REGIONAL SERVICES

3. Approval of Tire Advisory Committee Bylaws, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Mendez requested board approval on the proposed Tire Advisory Committee Bylaws.

Mayor Madeleine Praino motioned for approval and Mr. Shane Haggerty seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. FY 2016–2017 TCEQ: Regional Solid Waste Grants Program RGCOG Application, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Mendez requested board approval for the approval and submittal of FY 2016–2017 Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) Regional Solid Waste Grant application and Resolution.

Mayor Madeleine Praino motioned for approval and Representative Carl Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. FY 2016-2017 Solid Waste Regional Funding Plan, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Mendez requested board approval for the approval and submittal of FY 2016-2017 Solid Waste Regional Funding Plan and Resolution.

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for approval and Representative Lily Limon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. FY 2016-2017 TCEQ: Regional Solid Waste Committee's Application and Score Sheet, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Mendez requested board approval for the implementation and submittal of FY 2016-2017 Solid Waste Committee's proposed Application and Score Sheet.

Mayor Madeleine Praino motioned for approval and Representative Lily Limon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service, by Yvette Lugo

Ms. Andrea Ramirez, COO of Social Service Programs for Amistad, which is a local non-profit whose mission is to serve and advocate for elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons-at-risk, provided a brief presentation on the Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service. Amistad is serving as a VISTA Volunteer designated site by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Ms. Ramirez wanted to bring awareness to the VISTA program and recognize all of the worthy work that is done by VISTA volunteers.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Solar Peer Exchange Meeting in Bryan, Texas (November 12-13, 2015)
- Presidio County Emergency Services District Meeting (November 19, 2015)
- Presented at Commissioner Carlos Leon's quarterly meeting (December 2, 2015)
- Meeting with Chris Traylor, Executive Commissioner for Health and Human Services Commission for the State of Texas and meeting with

Texas Association of Health Plans (STAR+PLUS plans) on January 12, 2016 in Austin, TX

- RGCOG Symposium for newly elected officials – date to be determined

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report was provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board of Directors' meeting conflicts with the MPO meeting on February 19, 2016. The next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 2 p.m.
- Ms. Gutierrez announced the April 15, 2016 meeting will be held at the Doña Ana County Courthouse.
- Representative Lily Limon notified the Board that the glass recycling unit at ESD (Environmental Services Department) will be in operation on January 27, 2016.
- Shane Haggerty, President of YISD Board of Trustees announced to the Board that YISD was able to sell \$250 million in bonds at a better interest rate, creating \$30 million dollars in savings for the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Art Fierro adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Judge Doyal motioned for approval and Judge Jeannette Duer seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.