



MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2017 10:05 A.M., MST
8037 Lockheed, Ste. 100 El Paso, TX 79925

<u>Board Members Present:</u>	<u>Board Members Absent:</u>
Commissioner Carlos Leon, County of El Paso, RGCOG Board President	Art Fierro, EPCC Board of Trustees, RGCOG Past President
Judge Jeannette Duer, Jeff Davis County, RGCOG 1 ST Vice President	Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City of Las Cruces
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty, County of El Paso, RGCOG 2 ND Vice President	Mayor Oscar Leeser, City of El Paso
Representative Carl Robinson, City of El Paso	Judge Veronica Escobar, County of El Paso
Judge Eleazar Cano, Brewster County	Judge Carlos Urias, Culberson County
Ms. Bonnie Moorhouse, Horizon Regional MUD	Angelica Rodriguez, SISD Board of Trustees
Ms. Diane Dye, EPISD Board of Trustees	Col Mike Hester, Ft. Bliss Garrison Commander
Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez, Doña Ana County	State Senator Jose Rodriguez, Dist. 29
Representative Lily Limon, City of El Paso	<u>Guest Present:</u>
Mike Rosales, YISD Board of Trustees	Diana Valdez, Law Offices of Diana Macias Valdez, PLLC
<u>Alternates Present:</u>	Paulina Lopez, MPA – Senator Rodriguez’s Office
Mayor Dan Dunlap, Proxy for Alderman Walter Miller	Shelly Ruddock, CPA – GRP
Councillor Greg Smith, Proxy for Mayor Ken Miyagishima	Mario Arenas, CPA – GRP
Representative Peter Svarzbein, Proxy for Mayor Leeser	Karina Rivera – Congressman Hurd’s Office
Commissioner Jim Ed Miller, Proxy for Judge Mike Doyal	
<u>RGCOG Staff Present:</u>	<u>RGCOG Staff Present:</u>
Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director	Judy Cisneros, Finance Director
Stella Rodriguez, Executive Administrative Assistant	Belen Olivas, Accounting Manager
Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Service Director	Evelyn Anguiano, Accountant I
Cynthia Mendez, Regional Services Coordinator	Maria Calderon, Accounting Technician II
Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging Director	Phillip Bowen, Legal Counsel for RGCOG
Lorena Estrada, Area Agency on Aging Assistant Director	

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ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2017

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

ADMINISTRATION

1. Justice Assistance Grant application , by Annette Gutierrez

Ms. Annette Gutierrez requested board approval on the submittal of the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application and resolution to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division.

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for approval and Representative Carl Robinson seconded the motion. Commissioner Carlos Leon called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016, by Judy Cisneros

Ms. Judy Cisneros requested board acceptance for the RGCOG's FY 2016 Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016.

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned to accept the Annual Audit and Mr. Mike Rosales seconded the motion. Commissioner Carlos Leon called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks Application, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla updated the board on the application titled, "Far West Texas and Southern New Mexico: Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA) Initiative."

4. State Homeland Security Grant Application: RGCOG Regional Planning Initiative, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Cynthia Mendez requested board approval on the submittal of the FY 2017 State Homeland Security grant application, project titled, "RGCOG Regional Planning Initiative" and to authorize the Executive Director to serve as the grantee's authorized official.

Representative Carl Robinson motioned for approval and Representative Peter Svarzbein seconded the motion. Commissioner Carlos Leon called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, receive legal advice and consultation regarding legal services with Phil Bowen.

Commissioner Carlos Leon requested to retire into Executive Session. Representative Carl Robinson motioned for approval and Commissioner Andrew Haggerty seconded the motion. Commissioner Leon called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

At 10:44 a.m. the board retired into Executive Session, Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code receive legal advice and consultation regarding legal services with Phil Bowen.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 11:36 A.M.

6. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding legal services with Phil Bowen.

Judge Duer motioned to establish a scope of services and track time as a baseline for monthly services as an addendum to the current MOU. Judge Duer also motioned to establish a committee to develop future compensation and scope of legal services of legal counsel. Representative Carl Robinson seconded the motion. Commissioner Leon called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- February 1-3, 2017 - Attended the 2017 TARC Conference from in Austin, TX
- February 7, 2017 – Met with Melissa Carrillo, Human Resources at El Paso County

- February 9, 2017 – Participated in a conference call with other border COGS to discuss a JAG application
- February 16, 2017 @ 1:15 p.m. – RGCOG Finance Committee meeting
- February 16, 2017 @ 2:30 p.m. – Bylaws Committee meeting
- February 10, 2017 – Attended the Army Community Partnership Program

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jim Ed Miller invited everyone to Sierra Blanca to celebrate Hudspeth County’s 100th anniversary.

Annette Gutierrez reminded everyone of the new date of Wednesday, April 12, 2017 for the April BOD meeting in Marfa, TX.

Councillor Smith announced that on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, Las Cruces City Council will be having their meeting and voting on a resolution in opposition to the border wall.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jim Ed Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting and Representative Lily Limon seconded the motion. Commissioner Leon called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Carlos Leon adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

 Annette Gutierrez, Secretary
 Executive Director
 Rio Grande Council of Governments

 Date