



**RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 18, 2016 10:00 A.M., MDT
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 Las Cruces
Judge Mike Doyal, Hudspeth County	Representative Carl Robinson, City of El Paso
Commissioner Carlos Leon, County of El Paso	Judge Carlos Urias, Culberson County
Judge Jeannette Duer, Jeff Davis County	Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City of Las Cruces
Judge Eleazar Cano, Brewster County	Commissioner David Garcia, Doña Ana County
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty, County of El Paso	Mayor Oscar Leeser, City of El Paso
Mr. Mike Rosales, YISD Board of Trustees	Representative Lily Limon, City of El Paso
Ms. Bonnie Moorhouse, Horizon Regional MUD	Judge Cinderela Guevara, Presidio County
Alderman Walter Miller, Town of Horizon City	Ms. Angelica Rodriguez, SISD Board of Trustees
	Ms. Diane Dye, EPISD Board of Trustees
	Governor Carlos Hisa, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
<u>Alternates Present:</u>	Judge Veronica Escobar, County of El Paso
Mayor Dan Dunlap for Mayor Ken Miyagishima	Colonel Mike Hester, Ft. Bliss Garrison Commander
Mayor Glenn Humphries for Commissioner David Garcia	Texas State Senator Jose Rodriguez, District 29
Mayor Ruben Mendoza for Representative Carl Robinson	State Representative Marisa Marquez, District 77
<u>RGCOG Staff Present:</u>	<u>Guest Present:</u>
Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director	Ellen Smyth, City of El Paso Environmental Svs.
Stella Rodriguez, Executive Administrative Assistant	Karina Rivera, Representative Will Hurd, 23 rd Dist.
Hector Diaz, Finance Director	
Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging Director	
Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director	
Cynthia Mendez, Regional Services Coordinator	
Phil Bowen, RGCOG Attorney	

MINUTES

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 February 15, 2016

ADMINISTRATION

1. Procurement Procedures Deferral, by Annette Gutierrez

Ms. Annette Gutierrez requested Board of Directors' approval to authorize the Rio Grande Council of Governments to add an additional one year grace period to implement the procurement standards allowed under the new OMB Uniform Guidance.

Mr. Mike Rosales motioned for approval and Mayor Dan Dunlap seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Proposed adoption agreement for Rio Grande Council of Governments' 401 (a) plan, by Annette Gutierrez

Ms. Gutierrez requested Board of Directors' approval to approve the proposed adoption agreement for the Rio Grande Council of Governments' 401 (a) plan with ICMA-RC.

Mayor Dan Dunlap motioned for approval and Judge Eleazar Cano seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. FY 2016 Proposed Budget Amendment #1 (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016), by Annette Gutierrez

Ms. Gutierrez requested Board of Directors' approval on the RGCOG FY 2016 Proposed Budget Amendment #1 to reflect changes.

Mayor Dan Dunlap motioned for approval and Judge Jeannette Duer seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Sub-recipient Agreement between the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and the Rio Grande Council of Governments, by Annette Gutierrez**

Ms. Annette Gutierrez requested Board of Directors' approval to enter into an agreement between the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG).

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

5. **Xerox Copier Lease Agreement, by Annette Gutierrez**

Ms. Annette Gutierrez requested Board of Directors' approval to enter into a five (5) year Lease Agreement with Xerox for a new copier machine.

Judge Eleazar Cano motioned for approval and Mayor Glenn Humphries seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

REGIONAL SERVICES

6. **HUD: Fair Housing Month, by Marisa Quintanilla**

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board of Directors' approval to adopt a resolution recognizing April 2016 as "Fair Housing Month".

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for approval and Mayor Dan Dunlap seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. **RGCOG: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC), by Marisa Quintanilla**

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board of Directors' approval to appoint Jeff Davis County Attorney, Ms. Teresa Todd, as the RGCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee's (CJAC) Chair.

Alderman Walter Miller motioned for approval and Commissioner Carlos Leon seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

8. RGCOC: First Responders Preparedness Planning Group (FRPPG), by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Marisa Quintanilla requested Board of Directors' approval to appoint El Paso County Commissioner, Mr. Andrew Haggerty as the RGCOC First Responders Preparedness Planning Group's (FRPPG) Chair.

Commissioner Carlos Leon motioned for approval and Mr. Mike Rosales seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

9. State Homeland Security Grant Application, RGCOC Regional Planning Initiative, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Cynthia Mendez requested Board of Directors' approval on the submittal of the FY 2016 State Homeland Security grant application in the amount of \$64,701.

Mayor Dan Dunlap motioned for approval and Mr. Mike Rosales seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

10. FY2016 RGCOC Regional Solid Waste Application, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Cynthia Mendez requested Board of Directors' approval on the submittal of the FY2016 RGCOC Regional Solid Waste grant application in the amount of \$10,000.

Alderman Walter Miller motioned for approval and Mr. Mike Rosales seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

11. FY2016 Solid Waste Grant Applications, Regional Priority List and Resolution, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Cynthia Mendez requested Board of Directors' approval on the submittal of the FY2016 Solid Waste Regional Recommended Priority List and Resolution to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as recommended by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee through its Officers.

Commissioner Carlos Leon motioned for approval and Mr. Mike Rosales seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

AREA AGENCY on AGING

12. 2017 – 2019 Area Plan for the Area Agency on Aging, by Yvette Lugo

Ms. Yvette Lugo requested Board of Directors' approval to submit the 2017 - 2019 Area Plan for the Rio Grande service region to the Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board that on March 3, 2016, she attended the ScottHulse Labor & Employment Law Seminar
- Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board that on March 9, 2016, she attended a CSEC meeting with the Executive Directors and the West Texas COG region, also met with the new Economic Development Representative, Trisha Korbass
- Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board that the Area Agency on Aging Benefits Counselors were in the region at different locations from March 21-24, 2016 discussing and answering questions or concerns on Medicare.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board that Ms. Bonnie Moorhouse was honored by Horizon Regional MUD Board of Directors by naming the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility after her; it is now the Bonnie Moorhouse Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Doyal made a motion to end the meeting and Mr. Art Fierro seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the meeting was ended at 11:45 a.m.