



MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 26, 2016 10:05 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
Judge Mike Doyal, Hudspeth County	Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City of Las Cruces
Commissioner Carlos Leon, El Paso County	Judge Veronica Escobar
Representative Carl Robinson, City of El Paso	Representative Peter Svarzbein – Proxy for Mayor Oscar Leeser, City of El Paso
Alderman Walter Miller, Town of Horizon City	Judge Carlos Urias, Culberson County
Judge Jeannette Duer, Jeff Davis County	Governor Carlos Hisa, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Judge Cinderela Guevara, Presidio County	Ms. Angelica Rodriguez, SISD Board of Trustees
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty, El Paso County	Representative Lily Limon, City of El Paso
Commissioner David Garcia, Doña Ana County	Judge Eleazar Cano, Brewster County
Ms. Bonnie Moorhouse, Horizon Regional MUD	Colonel Mike Hester, Ft. Bliss Garrison Commander
Mr. Mike Rosales, YISD Board of Trustees	
Ms. Diane Dye, EPISD Board of Trustees	
<u>Alternates Present:</u>	<u>Guest Present:</u>
Mayor Dan Dunlap for Judge Carlos Urias	Mr. John Hamilton, Parkinson’s Registry Coalition
Commissioner Mike Pallanez for Judge Eleazar Cano	Mr. Ernie Watson, USDA
Councilman Greg Smith for Mayor Ken Miyagishima	Daniel Hernandez, Sen. Rodriguez Office, Dist.29
Representative Jim Tolbert for Representative Lily Limon	Al Talavera, TDEM
Trustee Shane Haggerty for Judge Veronica Escobar	Jerry Villanueva, OEM
<u>RGCOG Staff Present:</u>	Lt. Joe Chairez, Sheriff’s Academy
Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director	
Stella Rodriguez, Executive Administrative Assistant	<u>RGCOG Staff Present:</u>
Judy Cisneros, Assistant Finance Director	Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director
Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging Director	Omar Martinez, Regional Services Coordinator II
Phil Bowen, Attorney	Cynthia Mendez, Regional Services Coordinator

MINUTES

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 22, 2016

ADMINISTRATION

1. **Assessment of Health Effects of Pesticide Exposure in Relation to Parkinson's Disease, by John Hamilton**

Mr. John Hamilton gave a presentation to the Board as to the risk factors of pesticide exposure in relation to Parkinson's disease.

2. **RGCOG FY 17 Holiday Schedule , by Annette Gutierrez**

Ms. Gutierrez requested board approval to accept the FY17 Holiday Schedule as presented.

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

3. **Appoint a Nominations Committee for Fiscal Year 2017, by Annette Gutierrez**

Ms. Gutierrez requested Board approval to form a Nominations Committee comprised of at least three members from the Board of Directors to be appointed by the President to elect new officers and directors for FY 17. Mr. Art Fierro appointed himself, Mayor Dan Dunlap and Commissioner David Garcia as the Nominations Committee.

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

4. **Proposed Budget for FY 17, by Annette Gutierrez**

Ms. Gutierrez requested the Board's acceptance and recommendation to the general membership to adopt the Proposed Budget for FY17 (October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017).

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

REGIONAL SERVICES

5. RGCOG Interlocal Agreement , by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Quintanilla requested Board approval to allow the RGCOG to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with El Paso County, by and through the El Paso County Sheriff's Department.

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

6. RGCOG: El Paso County Dispute Resolution Center, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Quintanilla notified the Board that the El Paso County Dispute Resolution Center is celebrating 28 years of service for the community.

7. RGCOG: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Bylaws, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Cynthia Mendez requested Board approval on the submittal of the revised Solid Waste Advisory Committee's Bylaws through Resolution.

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

8. RGCOG: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Roster, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Cynthia Mendez requested Board approval on the submittal of the updated Solid Waste Advisory Committee's Roster through Resolution.

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.

9. RGCOG: FY 2017 Solid Waste Application Timeline, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Mendez provided the Board with the FY 2017 Solid Waste application timeline.

10. United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development: Public Information Coordinator/Office of Community Development, by Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Quintanilla introduced Mr. Ernie Watson, USDA Public Information Coordinator. Mr. Watson discussed and disseminated information regarding grant opportunities and programs offered by the USDA Rural Development.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

11. Memorandum of Understanding – Housing Authority of the City of El Paso, by Yvette Lugo

Ms. Lugo requested Board approval to allow the Rio Grande Council of Governments to sign two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso.

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.

12. Aging to Perfection Expo 2016, by Yvette Lugo

Ms. Lugo informed the Board that the Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging will be hosting its 17th Annual Aging to Perfection Expo on September 7, 2016 at the El Paso Convention Center.

ADMINISTRATION

13. Renewal of employment contract for Executive Director, by Annette Gutierrez

Board of Directors' approval was requested for the renewal of employment contract with the Executive Director, Annette Gutierrez. Commissioner Carlos Leon motioned to retire into Executive Session and Representative Carl Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Art Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board retired into Executive Session, Pursuant to Section 551.074, Government Code, VTCA, Personnel Matters, related to the renewal of the employment contract of the Executive Director of the Rio Grande Council of Governments.

At 11:50 Mr. Art Fierro made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Representative Carl Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Art Fierro then called for a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Shane Haggerty motioned to approve the new contract for the Executive Director, Annette Gutierrez, for a three-year period. Commissioner Leon seconded the motion to approve. Mr. Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Proposed Budget for FY 17, by Annette Gutierrez

Alderman Walter Miller requested to revisit Agenda #4. Alderman Walter Miller made a motion to approve the budget as presented and Commissioner Andrew Haggerty seconded the motion. Mr. Fierro called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board of the following:

- 8/2/2016 - Attended two seminars given by El Paso County which consisted of "Workplace Bullying for Supervisors" and "Discrimination and Sexual Harassment"
- 8/9/2016 - Presented on the Texas Community Development Program to San Elizario's Mayor Maya Sanchez and City Council Members
- Presented a schedule of activities and meetings of the Rio Grande Council of Governments to the following member governments:
 - 8/15/2016 – Jeff Davis County, County Judge Jeannette Duer and Commissioners Court
 - 8/16/2016 – Town of Horizon City, Mayor Ruben Mendoza and City Council Members
 - 8/18/2016 - City of Socorro, Mayor Jesus Ruiz and City Council Members
 - 8/22/2016 - Town of Anthony, Mayor Martin Lerma and City Council Members
 - 8/23/2016 - Presidio County, County Judge Cinderela Guevara and Commissioners Court

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gutierrez reminded the Board of the 2016 Annual General Membership meeting on Friday, September 9, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Marriott El Paso at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion and a second to adjourn. Mr. Art Fierro adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.