



MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2018 10:05 A.M.
8037 Lockheed, Ste. 100 El Paso, Texas 79925

<u>Board Members Present:</u>	<u>Board Members Absent:</u>
Judge Jeannette Duer, Jeff Davis County, RGCOG Board President	Judge Mike Doyal, Hudspeth County
Commissioner Andrew Haggerty, County of El Paso, RGCOG Board 1 ST Vice President	Judge Carlos Urias, Culberson County
Judge Eleazar Cano, Brewster County, RGCOG Board 2 ND Vice President	Mayor Dee Margo, City of El Paso
Commissioner Carlos Leon, County of El Paso, RGCOG Immediate Past President	Governor Carlos Hisa, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Mr. Art Fierro, Chair, EPCC Board of Trustees	Mayor Ken Miyagishima, City of Las Cruces
Ms. Bonnie Moorhouse, Director, Horizon Regional MUD	Judge Cinderela Guevara, Presidio County
Mayor Ann Marie Nafziger, City of Marfa	Ms. Diane Dye, EPISD Board of Trustees
Sheriff Richard D. Wiles, El Paso County	Representative Alexandra Anello, City of El Paso
Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez, Doña Ana County	Texas State Senator Jose Rodriguez, District 29
Alderman Walter Miller, Town of Horizon City	Paul Guerra, SISD Board of Trustees
State Representative César Blanco, District 76	Representative Henry Rivera, City of El Paso
COL Steve O. Murphy, Ft. Bliss Garrison Commander	
<u>Alternates Present:</u>	<u>Guest Present:</u>
Commissioner Jim Ed Miller-Proxy for Judge Mike Doyal	Mayor Manuel Leos, Village of Vinton
Mayor Summer Webb-Proxy for Judge Carlos Urias	Marisa Marquez, Forma Group
Representative Lina Ortega-Proxy for TX State Senator Jose Rodriguez	Daniel Hernandez, TX Senator Jose Rodriguez
	Carlos Martinez, TX Representative César Blanco
<u>Guest Present:</u>	Karina Rivera, Congressman William Hurd
Kathryn Lucero, Communities Unlimited	Diana Ramos, TX Representative Lina Ortega
Christian Nill, Communities Unlimited	Shelly Ruddock, CPA, GRP
Mark Pearson, Communities Unlimited	Mario Arenas, Auditor, GRP
LTC Paul Stewart, Ft. Bliss	LTC Ward Pittman, Ft. Bliss

<u>RGCOG Staff Present</u>	<u>RGCOG Staff Present</u>
Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director	Yvette Lugo, Area Agency on Aging Director
Stella Rodriguez, Executive Administrative Assistant	Marisa Quintanilla, Regional Services Director
Judy Cisneros, Finance Director	Cynthia Mendez, Regional Services Coordinator
Belen Olivas, Accounting Manager	Diana M. Valdez, RGCOG Legal Counsel
Karina Atilano, Accounting Technician IV	
Maria Calderon, Accounting Technician II	

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 - January 19, 2018

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

ADMINISTRATION

1. **Annual Audit Report For Fiscal year Ended September 30, 2017, Judy Cisneros**

Ms. Cisneros requested board acceptance for the RGCOG's FY 2017 Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017.

Alderman Walter Miller motioned to accept the Annual Audit and Mr. Art Fierro seconded the motion. Judge Jeannette Duer called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Communities Unlimited, by Annette Gutierrez**

Ms. Gutierrez introduced Catherine Lucero, Christian Nill and Mark Pearson from Communities Unlimited. Communities Unlimited recently opened an office in El Paso. Ms. Lucero provided a presentation to the

board explaining the services they offer to communities, which includes community and economic development technical assistance.

3. U.S. House of Representatives Bill 4985, by Annette Gutierrez
Ms. Gutierrez introduced Marisa Marquez from the Forma Group. Ms. Marquez spoke to the board about U.S. House of Representatives Bill 4985, sponsored by Representative Brian Babin. The bill, as described, “To restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes” aims to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribe to operate their gaming activities in the same manner as the Kickapoo Tribe in Texas.

REGIONAL SERVICES

4. Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG); Community Enhancement Fund (CEF), by Marisa Quintanilla
Ms. Quintanilla informed the board of the goal of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and the purpose of the Community Enhancement Fund.
5. Two Nations One Water Conference, by Marisa Quintanilla
Ms. Quintanilla informed the board that shared water challenges and cooperative solutions were on the agenda for discussion at the US-Mexico Border Water Summit that will be held March 1-2, 2018 at the Tech H2O Center.
6. National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), by Marisa Quintanilla
Ms. Quintanilla requested board approval on the submittal of the FY 2018 National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Phase II application, project titled “Moving West Texas to NIBRS: Tier II Entities”.

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

7. State Homeland Security Grant Application: RGCOG Regional

Planning Initiative, by Cynthia Mendez

Ms. Mendez requested board approval on the submittal of the FY 2018 State Homeland Security grant application, project titled, "RGCOG Regional Planning Initiative".

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

8. Justice Assistance Grant Program, Marisa Quintanilla

Ms. Quintanilla requested board approval on the submittal of the FY 2019 Justice Assistance Grant Program application, project titled, "Making the Public and Law Enforcement Safer in Far West Texas".

Commissioner Andrew Haggerty motioned for approval and Commissioner Carlos Leon seconded the motion. Judge Jeannette Duer called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

9. Submission of Grant Application to Wellmed Charitable Foundation, by Yvette Lugo

Ms. Lugo requested board approval for the Rio Grande Council of Governments to submit a grant application to the Wellmed Charitable Foundation.

Mayor Ann Marie Nafziger motioned for approval and Sheriff Richard Wiles seconded the motion. Judge Jeannette Duer called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Gutierrez informed the board of the following activities for the month of January, 2018.

- 1/22/2018 Commission on State Emergency Communications Meeting
- 1/25/2018 Rio Grande Economics Association Luncheon Meeting
- 1/25/2018 Colonias Mapping Participant Statistical Areas Program from the Census Bureau

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Judge Jeannette Duer reminded everyone of the upcoming April RGCOG Board of Directors' meeting on April 20, 2018 and will be held in Ft. Davis. Judge Duer also invited everyone to her home for a small gathering the night before the bod meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Judge Eleazar Cano motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Art Fierro seconded the motion. Judge Jeannette Duer called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. Judge Duer adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.