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**PUBLIC NOTICE
GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Regular Meeting

April 26, 2012

9:00 A.M.

**Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation
Conference Room, 899 E. Plaza Circle, Suite 2
Yuma, Arizona**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29, 2012 REGULAR SESSION
3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD WITH FINANCIAL UPDATE
4. VIDEO PRESENTATION ON WIND ENERGY TOWERS FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A GYPA POSITION ON A REZONING REQUEST TO THE CITY OF SAN LUIS BY CLEAN WIND ENERGY, INC.
5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A WORK PROGRAM AND DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE GYPA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. MARKETING PLAN FOR GYPA PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT
 - B. AMENDMENT OF GYPA BY-LAWS
 - C. TRAVEL POLICY
 - D. DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS
 - E. ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT
6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OVERWEIGHT TRUCK PERMITS AND PROPOSED ROUTES IN YUMA COUNTY.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Facilities, Finance, Development, Personnel, Overweight Truck and Real Estate Committees may report to the Board on the status of any current Committee discussion and activities.
8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
9. CALL TO PUBLIC - Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to comment on matters identified on the agenda or issues under the authority of the GYPA. Any actions taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision at a future date.
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/s/Sue Reynolds, Administrator

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GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES: March 29, 2012

DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Gary Magrino, Chair (Yuma County)
Michael Reed (Cocopah Tribe)
Robert Pickels (Yuma County)
Paul Johnson (Alternate/City of Yuma)
Irwin Twist (Cocopah Tribe)

DIRECTORS

ABSENT: Al Krieger (City of Yuma)
Joe Harper (City of San Luis)
Frank Rascon (City of San Luis)
Terre Catanzaro (City of Yuma)

EX-OFFICIO (Non-voting)

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Alvin Stump, ADOT/Yuma District
Ken Rosevear, Yuma County Chamber of Commerce
Robert Misener, MCAS Yuma
Gen Grosse, Yuma County Airport Authority
Chief Cliff Bradley, U.S. Customs & Border Protection
Julie Engel, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corp.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Sue Reynolds, GYPA Administrator
Wayne Benesch, Legal Counsel
Tim Eisenmann, Nicklaus Engineering
Elizabeth Carpenter, Von Verde Development
Darren DaRonco, Yuma Sun
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Board of Supervisors
Russell McCloud, Yuma County Board of Supervisors
Bill Gresser Sr.
Sharon Williams, City of San Luis
Rob Ingold
Nels Rogers
Roger Patterson, Yuma County Engineer
Chief Bertie Espino, U.S. Customs & Border Protection
Kevin Thornton, Psomas
Bill Gresser, Jr.
Hank Marshall, Arizona Commerce Authority

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Magrino. The meeting was held at Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation Conference Room, 899 E. Plaza Circle, Suite 2, Yuma, Arizona.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER / TRIBAL BOARD MEMBER IRWIN TWIST, COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE.

Mr. Twist was present and welcomed to the GYPA Board of Directors.

(Items No. 4 through 11 were taken out of agenda order.)

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

A written report was provided to the Board of Directors. Ms. Reynolds summarized the report and highlighted matters concerning the status of the GYPA's annual budget versus expenditures and outstanding member cash calls for the period July 1, 2011 through March 20, 2012. The report is on file in the GYPA records.

(Item No. 5 taken out of agenda order.)

5. PRESENTATIONS REGARDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AT THE MAGRINO INDUSTRIAL PARK BY JULIE ENGEL, PRESIDENT/CEO, GREATER YUMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; HANK MARSHALL, PRESIDENT OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY; KYLE WALKER, PRINCIPAL OF GREENCARD FUND; AND BILL GRESSER JR., PRESIDENT OF UPSTATE NEW YORK REGIONAL CENTER, LLC. PRESENTATIONS MAY BE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF.

Ms. Engel introduced Bill Gresser Jr., who provided information on the EB5 Program, a visa program for foreign investors. Mr. Gresser stated that his company, New York State Regional Center, is working to identify potential EB5 projects in Arizona and Yuma County. Mr. Gresser responded to questions.

Ms. Engel introduced Hank Marshall, Sr. Vice President, Arizona Commerce Authority, who provided information on EB5 (Employment Based Immigration, 5th Preference) and regional center projects in Arizona. Mr. Marshall stated that EB5 is an option for the U.S. Port of Entry and the GYPA to secure its own regional center and out-source operations to a qualified EB5 operator. In response to questions, Mr. Marshall stated that regional center designation approval is a six to 18 month process.

No official action was taken by the GYPA.

6. PRESENTATION FROM U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES ON THE OPERATIONS OF SAN LUIS PORTS OF ENTRY I AND II.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Chief Cliff Bradley gave a presentation on the operations of the San Luis II Port of Entry and responded to questions.

No official action was taken by the GYPA.

7. ACTION TO RATIFY THE TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-ENTRY GRANTED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO

GYPA PROPERTY FOR SURVEY, EXPLORATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 8, 2012.

MOTION: Robert Pickels moved to approve Item 7 as presented.

SECOND: Michael Reed

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE §38-431.03(A) REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 8 BELOW.

No action to authorize an Executive Session.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OFFER(S) FOR PURCHASE OR LEASE OF GYPA PROPERTY WITHIN THE MAGRINO INDUSTRIAL PARK.

No discussion and no action taken on Item No. 9.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT THE GYPA FINANCIAL AUDIT STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011.

MOTION: Michael Reed moved to approve the Audit Statements for June 30, 2011 as presented.

SECOND: Robert Pickels

ACTION: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE GYPA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012.

Chairman Magrino continued Agenda Item No. 11 to the April 26, 2012 GYPA meeting.

(Item No. 3 taken out of Agenda order.)

3. ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

A. January 26, 2012 Regular Session

B. January 26, 2012 Executive Session

MOTION: Robert Pickels moved to approve the minutes as presented.

SECOND: Michael Reed

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A GYPA POSITION ON A PROPOSAL MADE TO THE CITY OF SAN LUIS BY CLEAN WIND ENERGY INC. (USA/BLM OWNER) TO REZONE 1760 ACRES FROM RURAL AREA-10 (RA-10) TO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (H-I) ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 22800002 BOUNDED BY AVENUE "A", COUNTY 25TH STREET, AVENUE "C", AND THE US/MEXICO BORDER.

Sharon Williams, Community Development Director, City of San Luis, provided an overview of the rezoning request and responded to questions. She stated the project will have to meet the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) requirements, and will go before the San Luis Planning Commission, City Council and public hearing process prior to any action to approve the rezoning.

The Board's discussion indicated a consensus to communicate to the City of San Luis Planning Commission a neutral position at this time.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Facilities, Finance, Development, Personnel, Overweight Truck and Real Estate Committees may report to the Board on the status of any current Committee discussion and activities.

There were no reports.

14. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no report from the Chairman.

15. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Board heard updates on activities/events from Rob Ingold, Yuma County Airport Authority; Gen Grosse, Yuma International Airport, and Alvin Stump, ADOT District Engineer.

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the GYPA, Chairman Magrino adjourned the meeting 10:42 a.m.

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GARY MAGRINO, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sue Reynolds
GYPA Administrator

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