



GYPA Monthly Board Meeting

Greater Yuma Port Authority.

Apr 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM MST to Apr 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM MST

Yuma International Airport / 2191 E 32nd Street Yuma, AZ

Agenda

I. Call to order

II. Roll call

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Presentations:

**A. ASU - EPICS - ECCS: Proposed International border projects in the San Luis AZ area
(Dr. Dana Chappelle, Senior Research Director)**

<https://www.edapsc.org/current-design>

V. Discussion and possible action approving the meeting minutes for 01/25/2024.

VI. Discussion and possible action approving board retreat minutes for 03/07/2024

VII. Discussion and possible action approving financial reports ending 1/31/24.

VIII. Discussion and possible action approving financial reports ending 2/29/24.

IX. Discussion and possible action approving financial reports ending 3/31/24.

X. Discussion and possible action regarding newly executed investment accounts

XI. Discussion and possible action regarding retreat action items as outlined on March 7, 2024.

A. Establishing short term programs/projects for grant applications

1. Feasibility studies for private vehicles.

**2. Origin and destination studies for cross border goods at SLII: Data gathering
Possible vendors.**

3. Roadway improvement advocacy

a. County 25th extension to Ash as an alternative truck route

**b. Ave D/E Corridor as a tertiary means of ingress/egress between the City of
Somerton and City of San Luis**

c. Highway 95 Northbound expansion

4. Student passport cards.

**a. Passport cards have a cost of \$30. Apply to grants with the anticipation to
provide a refund to parents who apply for passport cards for students within the
San Luis area. Proof of enrollment and address.**

5. Senti workshops for the general public in conjunction with CBP.

6. Arizona International Development Authority

7. Multimodal transport: San Luis to Downtown Yuma

B. Ex-Officio Engagement

C. Private sector engagement

D. Additional staffing for GYPA mission and activities

XII. Discussion and possible action regarding final project accounting for Magrino Phase 4, ARPA Funding and Yuma County Loan.

- This item was brought forth to the board in the January 2024 meeting, and tabled, it is being brought back to obtain direction from the board.
- Phase 4 of the Magrino Industrial development project was undertaken in partnership with Yuma County with staff from its engineering and grant departments. The contractor experienced delays and ultimately was operating under punitive damages due to the delayed completion.
- These negotiations between the contractor and Yuma County credited the job costs \$117,198.07.
- GYPA paid Yuma County \$122,540 on 5/16/2023 as an interest payment on the \$2.28 million dollar loan.
- Yuma County has asked if GYPA would consider donating the surplus funds back to Yuma County to allocate to other projects/community needs.

XIII. Discussion and possible action on a preliminary draft of the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget.

A. 2024/2025 funding sources.

B. Yuma County's funding request for \$150,000 for their "Mill and Fill" project for Highway 95 between County 22 and County 17, Yuma County CIP Project 1.2409.

C. City of San Luis funding request of \$155,000, resolution 2255, requested 11/2023.

D. Cocopah Tribe's funding request of \$155,000, requested 11/2023.

E. GYEDC binational consultant partnership.

XIV. Discussion and possible action for the Executive Director to apply for a credit card for the Authority for purchases.

Currently, ED only has bank card for purchases, for added security, ED is requesting the ability to apply for an American Express for the GYPA.

XV. Discussion and possible action in approving the formation of a 501-c6 organization with the assistance of GYPA's legal representatives.

A. Draft bylaws and fee schedule

XVI. Discussion and possible action regarding implementing changes within the GYPA mission statement and logo.

Current mission statement: "The Greater Yuma Port Authority will develop a gateway for global trade and facilitate, promote and support multi-modal transportation and trade opportunities to enhance economic development in the greater Yuma area"

Propose to change the organization's mission narrative by adding a subsection as follows:

Option 1:

GYPA: A unified front, securing international trade opportunities through the San Luis Ports of Entry to create vibrant communities throughout Yuma County.

and/or

Option 2:

GYPA: Inspiring growth, prosperity and opportunities.

A. Current logo: Action on approving ED to execute logo redesign

LogoTournament.com

B. Addition of verbiage on mission and key words

XVII. Executive Director Report

FPAAMC Board Meeting Magrino Industrial (new users, plans and Lumen update) GSA: San Luis Remodel Dialogues and engagements among stakeholders such as CBP, ADOT, AZ Governor's Office, Mexican Consulate. Social media Grants Emergency Management Border Plan RFP's, legal services/ accounting services / audit services Meetings attended.

XVIII. Chairman's Report

XIX. Summary of current events:

Board members may discuss events attended on behalf of the Port Authority, may present a summary of current events, and update the schedule for future meetings, as appropriate. No legal action will be taken pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (K).

XX. Call to the public:

Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address issue(s) within the jurisdiction of each individually appointed member and their scope of knowledge. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §38-431.01(H), action 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. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by email at: BGeorge@GYPA.org. The email forms of public comment will be accepted until 7:00 a.m. the morning of the scheduled meeting. All public comments will be read aloud during the board of directors meeting that begins at 9:00 a.m. If a person so chooses to address the board in person, the general public is allotted 5 minutes to address their issue(s) to the GYPA Board of directors.

XXI. Adjourn

The Board of Directors may vote to go into executive session during the noticed meeting concerning any of the agenda items mentioned above. If authorized by the requisite vote of the Directors, the executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public. The executive session, if held, will be at the same meeting location set forth above. The discussion may relate to personnel, public records, confidential legal advice or counsel, litigation, and real estate or other matters permitted pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(1)-(7). The Chair or other presiding officer shall instruct the persons present at the Executive Session regarding the confidentiality requirements of the Open Meeting Laws. CERTIFICATION OF POSTING: Posted 2nd day of April 2024. GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY /s/ Secretary/Treasurer Russ Jones Notice: The GYPA does not discriminate based on disability in admission to, access to treatment of participation in its programs or activities. People with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the Greater Yuma Port Authority directly at 928-248-8546. Requests should be in a timely fashion to allow time to arrange the accommodation.