



New Meeting Minutes

Greater Yuma Port Authority.
Dec 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM MST

Attendance

Present:

Members: Russ Jones, Gary Knight, Gary Magrino, Ian McGaughey, Tony Reyes, Matias Rosales

Guests: John Schwamm, CBP, Eric Clark, CBP, Lou Godino, CBP, Jolene Reynaga, CBP, Alejandro Figueroa, Yuma County, Wayne Benesch, Legal, Buna George, LG Advising LLC, Trevor White, Legal Rep., Esteban Rosales, ROGG, Mrs. Patricia Schwamm, Frank Rascon, Franks Trucking, Wayne Gale, 1st Bank Yuma, Art Morales, Councilman, City of Yuma

Absent:

Members: Allen Heck, Nieves Riedel

I. Call to order / Roll call / Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was held at the Yuma International Airport, 2191 E 32nd Street Yuma, AZ 85365, on the second floor's administrative conference room.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rosales at 9:12am.

Pledge was recited.

Members and guests continued with breakfasts and conversation.

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II. Presentation of acknowledgement and gratitude to Wayne Gale, for his service to the board, as the former representative for the City of Yuma.

Chairman Rosales presented Mr. Wayne Gale a plaque on behalf of the Greater Yuma Port Authority Board for his service to the Port Authority Board.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Mr. Gale for his assistance as treasurer that led to the successful closing of the Gary J. Magrino Industrial park earlier this year. Everyone wished him well on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for serving the board.

III. Presentation of acknowledgement and gratitude to Frank Rascon, for his service to the board, as the former representative to the City of San Luis.

Chairman Rosales presented Frank Rascon with a plaque on behalf of the Greater Yuma Port Authority Board, for his long service to the Port Authority Board.

The Chairman acknowledged Frank's previous roles as Chairman and his professional guidance in the implementation of San Luis II for the region.

Frank, who is the owner of Frank's Trucking and operates an international fleet. His firsthand knowledge of port procedures and the flow of trade was utilized in GYPA meetings to bring forth a further understanding of what was going at San Luis II for those who did not have 1st hand operational knowledge.

Members of the board and executive director brought forth their gratitude for his time of service to the GYPA.

IV. Presentation of acknowledgement and gratitude to John Schwamm, Customs and Border Protection Port Director for San Luis I and San Luis II, as he heads into retirement.

Chairman Rosales presented Mr. Schwamm a plaque, on Behalf of the Greater Yuma Port Authority Board acknowledging his leadership at both San Luis Ports and celebrating his 40+ year law enforcement career.

Previously, The Chairman had also honored John at a Council meeting at the City of San Luis, acknowledging his retirement.

Mr. Schwamm spoke a few details on his long law enforcement career and shared thoughts on the San Luis Port, expressed his contentment that the San Luis I remodel, now a \$389million dollar project is underway.

V. Chairman's message

The Chairman, as a good gesture to those in attendance, gave everyone around the board table the opportunity to speak and share a word, or a memory with Mr. Schwamm as he heads into retirement. It is noted that everyone in attendance spoke with some comments as follows:

Tony Reyes acknowledged his skills that enveloped being both a boss and a leader.

Officer Reynaga spoke that as a leader, John cared about the CBP's officers well being and took into consideration the surrounding communities well being too.

Officer Clark noted that John had served a mentor and had an innate ability to understand politics and people.

Ian McGaughey from Yuma County commended John on his cooperation with the Vaccines during Covid.

Frank Rascon highlighted John was always very Frank with any mandates that were put forth and acknowledged that he was critical and intentional with relationships.

Mr. Russ Jones stated that John was leaving a great legacy, and recollected working together since the pavement ended at Highway 95.

Executive Director Buna George displayed her gratitude with a holiday gift to John and his wife as she recalled John's willingness to help her understand the many Federal roles, including CBP and how interconnected they were within the community when she first began working with the GYPA.

VI. Call to the public: Public is allotted 3 minutes to address the GYPA Board of directors

None.

VII. Adjourn

Chairman wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am