

**GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES: February 22, 2018**

**DIRECTORS**

**PRESENT:** Matias Rosales, Chair  
Tony Reyes  
William Gresser  
Gary Magrino  
Frank Rascon  
Gary Knight  
Omar Heredia

**DIRECTORS**

**ABSENT:** Terry Frydenlund

**EX-OFFICIO (Non-voting)**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** None

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Linda Matthias, GYPA Administrator  
Wayne Benesch, Legal Counsel  
Susan Thorpe  
Tim Eisenmann  
Rod Sebree  
Judy Gresser

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair Matias Rosales. The meeting was held at Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation Conference Room, 899 E. Plaza Circle, Ste. 2 Yuma, AZ.

**2. ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2018 REGULAR MEETING.**

**MOTION:** Bill Gresser moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 regular Business Meeting as presented.

**SECOND:** Gary Knight

**ACTION:** The motion carried unanimously.

**3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Administrator Linda Matthias reported on the GYPA current financial activity/status. Activities included:

- Review of current correspondence
- Financial review to date which included a wrap-up of expenses at closing of fiscal year 2016-2017.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report at this time.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE TO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES REGARDING RECENT ACTIVITIES BY FEDERAL AGENCIES CONCERNING COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM MEXICO THROUGH THE SAN LUIS II PORT OF ENTRY.**

Frank Rascon opened discussion regarding the recent information received that a new inspection site would be created for commercial trucking adjacent to the current ADOT inspection site that would allow Federal inspection of commercial trucks crossing into US through San Luis II. It was the consensus of the Board that this newly created inspection was redundant and only hindered the efficiency of permitted trucking through the facility. This additional inspection activity would add an unnecessary layer to the timely delivery of perishable goods. The conclusion of the Board, at this stage of the situation would be to communicate to the appropriate Federal agency indicating a negative response to the inspection plan.

MOTION: Tony Reyes moved to send a letter to the appropriate Federal agency indicating the GYPA strong opposition to the newly advised inspection plan

SECOND: Gary Magrino

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

(Carried Over to March 29, 2018)

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON SELECTION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION, AND AUTHORIZE NOTIFICATION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED INDIVIDUAL.**

Susan Thorpe reported the Selection Committee, upon review of applicants and interviews, has recommended Naim Spencer Duran for the position of Executive Director and requested Board authorization for the Chair to negotiate a contract with the candidate.

MOTION: Tony Reyes moved to accept the recommendation and proceed with negotiation of the contract.

SECOND: Gary Magrino

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE GYPA BYLAWS REGARDING SECTION 4.3 – COMPOSITION, SELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBER OF THE BOARD. (Out of Agenda Order)**

Tony Reyes explained to the Board the intent of the proposed amendment to the GYPA bylaws regarding membership on the Board of Directors. He stated the current composition of the Board deviated from the current Section 4.3 and this corrective action would remedy that situation.

By consensus, the Chair stated item would be carried over to the March 29, 2018 GYPA meeting.

**9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Rod Sebree was thanked for responding to the follow-up survey report received by Yuma County Planning & Development for the grant monies awarded by the Federal government for improvements within the Gary Magrino Industrial Park.

9:45 a.m.

MOTION: Frank Rascon moved the regular business meeting of the Greater Yuma Port Authority be recessed into Executive Session

SECOND: Bill Gresser

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

***POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH GYPA LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING GYPA'S ACTIVITIES AND PARK PROPERTY SALES/LEASE ACTIVITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4)(6).***

- 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION FOLLOWING STATUS UPDATE OF THE MAGRINO INDUSTRIAL ARK PROPERTY SALES/LEASE ACTIVITY. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH GYPA LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING GYPA'S ACTIVITIES AND PARK PROPERTY SALES/LEASE ACTIVITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4)(6).**

***POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH GYPA LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING GYPA'S LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY AND THE COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4)(6).***

- 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY AND THE COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE ADJOURNED AND REGULAR SESSION WILL BE  
RECONVENED**

10:18 a.m. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session.

Chair Matias Rosales stated Board of Directors would proceed in accordance with the decisions made in Executive Session.

**12. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Executive Board, with motion and second the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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Matias Rosales, Chair

ATTEST:

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Linda Matthias  
GYPA Administrator