



New Meeting Minutes

Greater Yuma Port Authority.
Mar 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM MST
@ 151 S Oak Avenue San Luis, AZ 85349

Attendance

Present:

Members: Buna George, Eric Holland, Gary Knight, Gary Magrino, Ian McGaughey, Frank Rascon, Tony Reyes, Matias Rosales (remote), Trevor White

Guests: Wayne Benesch, Alejandro Figueroa, Krystal Figueroa, Rod Sebree, RL Jones

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 9am by Chairman Matias Rosales, due to tech issues and limited microphone access, Frank Rascon facilitated the remainder of the meeting.

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II. Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

A quorum was confirmed by the Executive Director

III. Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes for January 2023.

 [New Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to approve minutes as presented

IV. Discussion regarding financial reports ending January and February 2023.

Executive Director mentioned that CPA will become available after tax season to reconcile and bring balances current and . No motion made, no

V. Discussion and possible action for Industrial Park CCR revisions.

To modify section 4.03, item 7 regarding the flat tail horned lizard.

 [MIP CCR's copy 1.pdf](#)

Motion:

Approve to amend the verbiage regarding the flat tail horned lizard, execute and deliver amendment to the title company.

Motion passes unanimously

VI. Discussion and possible action outlining future Port Authority Objectives: including but not limited to:

Items presented were presented as a matter of discussion, no action was taken.

A. County 25th Extension from Avenue D, where pavement currently ends, to Avenue B near the state prison facility

Krystal Figueroa, Executive Director for Yuma Metropolitan Organization (YMPO) was present and confirmed that the roadway extension was in the long range transportation plan. It is a matter of obtaining right of way and obtaining funds to construct the roadway. This being a need due to ensure the safety of the trade corridor.

B. Advocacy towards USDA allocating a full time Entomology inspector at San Luis II

USDA to be approached, the availability of high powered internet speed is essential to make this happen. Yuma County to provide an update on Allo's progress on the middle mile installation. No action taken.

C. Parking resolution for commercial trucks at San Luis II

There is property near the commercial port that could support a parking lot for commercial vehicles. There is software available for payment and monitoring lot spaces, a project that the GYPA could undertake as a means to serve the international trucking community. Discussion only, no action taken.

D. Parking resolution for private vehicles at San Luis I

Post San Luis I remodel, parking has posed to be a challenge for the downtown area. Discussion of a parking structure was discussed. No action taken.

E. Constructing Administrative Headquarters near San Luis II (Ave E/ Roundabout)

Board discussed the need of a facility like this in the San Luis area. Board engaged in a discussion to construct offices for lease, possibly with an incubator type model on the first floor. No action taken.

F. Regional marketing and outreach

Rebranding was discussed, and options were provided to the board as to what the task would entail. No action taken.

VII. Executive summary, Buna George

Executive director reported on Industrial Park progress, Real Estate Sale progress, meetings she had attended and her fly in to Mexico City next week with NASCO.

A. Northbound traffic statistics for San Luis I and II

1. Port 1 processed the highest volume of private vehicles since the year 2000.
2.5million in 2020 v. 3.2million in 2022
2. Port 1 processed the highest volume of persons entering on private vehicles since 2020. We have no stats prior to 2020.
5.5million in 2022
3. Highest number of northbound of commercial trucks since 2008. (combined Laden and empty trucks) –
48,883 in 2022.
4. Highest number of northbound laden commercial trucks since 2021. No prior stats reported.
5. Lowest number of northbound empties commercial trucks since 2021. No prior stats reported.

B. Mexico City Fly in with NASCO March 26-30

Executive director departs the 26th and returns the 31st. Group itinerary has been distributed and she has additional meetings for a few items she is carrying forth for the San Luis area.

VIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman commented on his contentment with the progress of the sale of the Industrial Park. He commended both executive director and legal council on making progress with title exceptions.

IX. Call to the public: This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specified on the agenda.

None.

X. Summary of Current Events: Board members and executive directors 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 tak

- Chairman of the State Transportation Board, Gary Knight, mentioned that the City of San Luis was recently awarded \$2.7million from the AZ Smart funds for the Cesar Chavez Expansion.
- County Supervisor, Tony Reyes asked to view the design for the County 24th extension to Avenue E. As more development and growth occurs within the region, connectivity was of high importance, noting that to travel across town, currently, is very time consuming.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:03am.