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**GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY, INC.  
NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Board of Directors of the Greater Yuma Port Authority, Inc. ("GYPA"), and to the general public that the GYPA will hold a Regular Board meeting open to the public on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011**, beginning at **9:00 A.M.**, in the Yuma International Airport, 2191 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona, 85365, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, to discuss GYPA business pursuant to the Agenda listed below:

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. JANUARY 27, 2011 -- Monthly Meeting.
  - B. FEBRUARY 11, 2011 -- Board Retreat.
- III. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CONSIDERATION OF MONTHLY FINANCIALS.**
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**
  - A. FACILITIES, FINANCE, DEVELOPMENT & REAL ESTATE COMMITTEES MAY REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE STATUS OF ANY CURRENT COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS OR WORK.
  - B. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.
- V. STATUS OF THE CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR SAN LUIS I BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PROGRESS ON THE DESIGN OF SAN LUIS I WHICH WAS FUNDED IN FY08 FOR GSA, BY MAYOR JUAN ESCAMILLA OF SAN LUIS.**
- VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AGENDA.**
  - A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FY2010 AUDIT AS PRESENTED BY WALKER & ARMSTRONG LLP.
  - B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT PERSONNEL ACTIONS TO TAKE IN THE COMING MONTHS.
  - C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPTIONS OF FINANCING THE DEBT ON THE OFF SITE UTILITIES.
  - D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OVERWEIGHT TRUCK OPERATIONS IN SAN LUIS AND YUMA REGION.
  - E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAFT OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012.

"THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING THE NOTICED MEETING CONCERNING THE AGENDA ITEM(S) 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, REAL ESTATE OR OTHER MATTERS PERMITTED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(1)-(7). THE CHAIRMAN OR OTHER PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL INSTRUCT THE PERSONS PRESENT AT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAWS."

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

A. Future Regular Meeting Plans – Thursday, March 31, 2011.

**VIII. CALL TO PUBLIC.**

This is the time for the public to comment. At the conclusion of the open call to the public, individual members of the GYPA may respond to comments made by those who have addressed the GYPA, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the GYPA will not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

DATED February 16, 2011.

**GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY,  
INC.**

*/s/ James Chessum*

Its: Administrator

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING: This Notice and Agenda may be updated until 24 hours prior to each Board Meeting.

A copy of the Agenda background materials provided to Board members, if any, with the exception of materials relating to possible executive sessions is available for public inspection at the office of the GYPA at 502 S. Orange Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364, during regular business hours.

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# **GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**MEETING MINUTES: February 24, 2011**

## **DIRECTORS**

**PRESENT:** Gary Magrino, Chair  
Michael Reed  
Robert Pickels  
Joe Harper  
Al Krieger  
Frank Rascon  
Terre Catanzaro

## **DIRECTORS**

**ABSENT:** Paul Soto

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

### **MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Alvin Sharp – ADOT  
Michael Jones - ADOT  
Ken Rosevear, Yuma County C of C  
Gen Grosse - YCAA  
Julie Engle - GYEDC

## **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Jim Chessum, GYPA Administrator  
Wayne Benesch -- legal counsel  
Juan Carlos Escamilla -- Mayor -- City of San Luis  
Michael Trend -- city of San Luis  
Luis Ramirez -- city of San Luis -- RAI-N.  
Tim Eisenmann, Nicklaus Engineering  
Barry Goldfarb, Vanir Construction Management  
Elizabeth Carpenter -- Von Verde  
Mike Smith --Wells Fargo Bank  
Randy Ottaway -- Walker & Armstrong, LLP  
Lucy Shipp  
Dunbar Norton

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Gary Magrino. The meeting was held at the Yuma International Airport Conference Room, 2191 E 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona.  
A quorum was present.

Chairman Magrino introduced the new Acting ADOT District Engineer, Alvin Sharp.  
Mr. Sharp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. JANUARY 27, 2011 – Monthly Meeting**

**B. FEBRUARY 11, 2011 – Board Retreat**

**MOTION:** Joe Harper made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting as presented.

**SECOND:** Frank Rascon

**ACTION:** The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Robert Pickels made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 11 Board Retreat as presented.

**SECOND:** Joe Harper

**ACTION:** The motion carried unanimously.

**III. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF MONTHLY FINANCIALS**

Administrator Jim Chessum reported on the current financial status. Reports are on file in permanent GYPA records.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A.** Frank Rascon reported that he is working on the overweight trucks routes. He is still doing research and will have a report at the next meeting. SWAPU is in support of this project.

**B. Chairman's Report:**

Gary Magrino reported on the Board Retreat. He emphasized that more effort needs to be made to obtain funding for the improvements to San Luis I.

**V. STATUS OF THE CONSTRUCTION FUNDING FOR SAN LUIS I BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PROGRESS ON THE DESIGN OF SAN LUIS I WHICH WAS FUNDED IN FY08 FOR GSA, BY MAYOR JUAN ESCAMILLA OF SAN LUIS.**

Juan Carlos Escamilla, Mayor of the city of San Luis, did a Power Point presentation on the situation at San Luis I, which showed that the lines are too long (up to two miles of south-bound traffic snaking through San Luis) and the wait times too long (up to three hours on weekdays and longer on weekends.)

Thousands of people have resorted to riding bicycles to expedite passing through the port.

The long wait times are having a negative impact on the businesses in San Luis and the sales tax collected by the city.

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Mayor Escamilla stated that the expansion project is not "new" and that they are looking for funding to continue the design phase. The estimated cost of the project to expand from six to 15 lanes, with bus and bicycles, is \$80 million, but a short term "fix" of adding two lanes would only be \$3 million. There also is a need for 50 more FTE's (full-time employees.)

Barry Goldfarb said that he had met with GSA and that they are "not pushing" the San Luis I project.

Luis Ramirez said that he has met with GSA officials in Washington, D.C. and there is a "pause" in the design phase and that we need to get it reactivated. There is a bill for 300 new Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) personnel, but the funding is going to Texas. Plus there is a backlog of SENTRI lane applications. He said that GSA operates on requests from CBP to determine their top priorities. The Arizona Master plan has been delayed due to relationships with Mexico, but it now is ready to go.

The Arizona Mexico Commission will meet in Phoenix on June 2-4, 2011.

Tim Eisenmann asked about seasonal crossings numbers. Mayor Escamilla said there was no funding for a formal study, but that crossings were down due to the long wait times.

A copy of Mayor Escamilla's presentation is on file and available at the GYPA office.

**VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AGENDA.**

**A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE FY2010 AUDIT AS PRESENTED BY WALKER & ARMSTRONG LLP.**

Randy Ottaway, from Walker and Armstrong, presented a summary of the 2010 audit. The bottom line is that the audit is "clean." He reported that both bonds come due in 2012.

MOTION: Robert Pickels made a motion to approve the 2010 audit

SECOND: Terre Catanzaro

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

**B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WHAT PERSONNEL ACTIONS TO TAKE IN THE COMING MONTHS.**

Jim Chessum is retiring in June. Terre Catanzaro is chairing a search committee. She will have a report for the March meeting.

**C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPTIONS OF FINANCING THE DEBT ON THE OFF SITE UTILITIES.**

Work is progressing on a plan to refinance the debt.

**D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OVERWEIGHT TRUCK OPERATIONS IN SAN LUIS AND YUMA REGION.**

Frank Rascon will have report at the March meeting.

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**E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAFT OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012.**

Jim Chessum presented the draft budget for the board to review. Action will be taken at the March meeting.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Jim said that he would be attending the Arizona Mexico Commission session on June 2 through 4 in Phoenix.**

Jim displayed new photos of the San Luis II port area

**B. Future Meeting Plans --- Thursday, March 31, 2011**

Meeting site: Yuma International Airport Conference Room.

**VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Meeting attendees at large were invited to make comments or announcements. All comments were of general information in nature.

*Tim Eisenmann* stated that construction has started on the private prison.

*Juan Carlos Escamilla* will be joining a delegation to Washington, D.C. which will include County Supervisor Tony Reyes.


*Ken Rosevear* thanked Mayor Krieger for the City of Yuma consulting the business owners concerning the construction work planned for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

*Robert Pickels* will be attending the meeting of the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C. with members of the Board of Supervisors.

**IX. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Executive Board, with motion and second the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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GARY MAGRINO, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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James Chessum  
GYPA Administrator