

Greater Yuma Port Authority Regular Meeting Minutes

February 25th 2021

9am, 198 Main Street, 2nd Floor conference room Yuma, AZ 85364.

1. Meeting Called to order by Chairman Matias Rosales at 9:00 am

- a. Directors Present were
 - i. Matias Rosales, City of San Luis, present in person
 - ii. Tony Reyes, Yuma County, present in person
 - iii. Frank Rascon, present online, arrived at 9:03am
 - iv. Gary Knight, City of Yuma, Present in Person
 - v. Susan Thorpe, Yuma County, present in person
 - vi. Fernando Mezquita, Present Online
- b. Directors Absent
 - i. Gary Magrino, Cocopah Indian Tribe
 - ii. Terry Frydenlund, City of Yuma
- c. Others Present:
 - i. Buna George, Executive Director
 - ii. Wayne Benesch, Legal Counsel
 - iii. Jenny Torres, City of San Luis
 - iv. Julie Engel, GYEDC
 - v. Greg LaVann, GYEDC
 - vi. Rod Sebree, RL Jones

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Presentation: Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation**

Julie Engel, President and CEO of the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation along with Greg LaVann, Senior Vice President of GYEDC provided the GYPA Board a list of notable projects that have already and are considering the San Luis and Yuma Region for possible expansion and relocation. The concept of having “shovel ready” parcels was a focused topic. It was shared that the Greater Yuma Port Authorities development of a developed Industrial Park near one of the regions largest assets, an international port of entry has proved to be beneficial to the region in its entirety. Many companies are looking at Yuma due to the amount of land that is available, and the prices remain competitive versus that of Industrial land in California. A

brief update on the need for Broadband was discussed by Julie Engel. There was time for Q&A and dialogue was shared among the presenters and the board.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes for January 28th, 2021.

Motion to approve as presented: Tony Reyes

Second: Gary Knight

Motion passed unanimously

5. Executive Directors Report

Executive Director reported on crossing data for the 2020 calendar year, along with a project update for the underground work being completed at Magrino Industrial via GCE. She also shared her progress and collaboration with Jenny Torres at the City of San Luis and their staff in releasing bids for the roadwork via the ACA ESP Grant that is due to be received in March. Upon conclusion of her report a list of webinars and meetings she attended was presented.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve financials as presented for January 2021.

Motion to approve as presented: Tony Reyes

Second: Gary Knight

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Chairman's Report

Chairman informed that the City of San Luis passed up a project due to the availability of infrastructure, but they continue to remain proactive in being ready for the next project that comes through. He briefed the board on the binational technical meeting that he attended this past Tuesday with a quick update on San Luis I remodel progress from federal partners. He stated he continues to receive interested parties inquiring in the Magrino Industrial Park and feels we are moving in the right direction as far as the development is concerned.

8. Discussion and possible action on all matters regarding the draft of the 5th amendment and restated bylaws.

Motion to approve this item with corrections noted: Tony Reyes

Second: Gary Knight

Motion passed unanimously

9. Discussion on proposed major amendment for land located near Magrino Industrial park.

A map of a proposed major amendment was presented and shared on the screen for property adjacent to the Magrino Industrial park. Zoning additional Items and proposed changes were discussed amongst the board, there was no action taken on this item.

10. Call to the Public:

None

11. Executive Session

Executive Session commenced at 9:55am

Executive Session ended at 10:31

12. Discussion and possible action on all matters regarding Magrino Industrial Real Estate.

Motion for Executive Director to carry out direction provided in executive session: Tony Reyes

Second: Gary Knight

Motion passed unanimously

13. Summary of current events

None

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Gary Magrino

Second: Gary Knight

Motion passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am

Respectfully submitted:

Executive Director

Buna George

Chairman

Matias Rosales