

Greater Yuma Port Authority Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2020.

9:30am

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

1. Meeting Called to order by Chairman Matias Rosales at 9:38 am
 - a. Directors Present were
 - i. Matias Rosales, City of San Luis (Online, via go-to meeting)
 - ii. Tony Reyes, Yuma County, in person
 - iii. Gary Knight, City of Yuma (Online, via go-to meeting)
 - iv. Susan Thorpe, Yuma County, in person
 - v. Frank Rascon, City of San Luis (Online, via go-to meeting)
 - vi. Terry Frydenlund, City of Yuma (Online, via go-to meeting)
 - b. Directors Absent
 - i. Gary Magrino, Cocopah Indian Tribe
 - c. Others Present:
 - i. Buna George, Executive Director

2. Executive Directors Report:

Executive Director reported that she has been in contact with GYEDC and Paul Melcher regarding the Arizona Commerce Authority Economic Strength Project grant. This grant has a max award of \$500,000 to be utilized for rural road projects. Thus far she has been gathering data for the grant narrative, it opened March 16th and is due May 11th with an anticipated award time frame June 2020. She has also been in communication with Jenny Torres from the City of San Luis about the possibility of applying for a public works grant available through the Economic Development Administration. Jenny has offered to assist us with outlining a plan to present since one of the EDA's application objectives revolves around industrial parks. She reported the Magrino unit 3 Phase 2 subdivision has been recorded, she will be working on further development of the park project. She has had communication with the CBP PIO Officer about the recent travel restrictions implemented at the port of entry, they responded that the the

restrictions have been respected and that operations on the commercial remain unaffected. Board member Frank Rascon echoed that it is business as normal with his operation. Vice Chair Reyes noted that there has been a reduced number of crossings. Lastly, she attended a call with the Wilson Center entitled "Evaluating the Impact on Covid-19 in Mexico". The call focused on what could be an overwhelming toll on the medical system as this is a country with limited sources with only having 1 bed per 1,000 people. Non-Essential federal workers were suspended as of end of business day on March 25th, the private sector was more proactive in encouraging people to stay home. A comment was made about the lack of leadership on the Federal front for the health and safety of its workers. She also stated that a new escrow was pending, and it was due to close before the end of the month.

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman reported he signed document at title for the parcel in escrow and that there was a successfully recorded plat for unit 3 of Magrino industrial.

4. Executive Session

Motion to move into executive session: Tony Reyes

Second: Frank Rascon

Action: Carried Unanimously, commenced at 9:47am.

Regular meeting resumed at 9:52am

5. Discussion and possible action regarding refinance details

Motion made by Tony Reyes to carry through on new terms to complete the deal as discussed in executive session.

Second: Susan Thorpe

Abstain: Terry Frydenlund

Motion carries unanimously

6. **Call to the public**

No public present.

7. Motion to adjourn: Tony Reyes

Second: Susan Thorpe

Meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

Respectfully Submitted



Buna George

Executive Director

Attest:



Matias Rosales, Chairman