

Camino Real Regional Utility Authority
City of Sunland Park/Dona Ana County Joint Utility Authority
Gadsden Independent School District- Board Room
4950 McNutt Rd, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063
Monday November 13, 2017
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority was held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 4:02 p.m. at the Gadsden Independent School District-Board Room at 4950 McNutt Road in Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063.

PRESENT

Chair Commissioner Billy G. Garrett

Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea

(absent at 6:11 pm)

Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez

Councilor Francisco Jayme

Mr. Joshua Orozco

Mr. David Chavez

ABSENT

State Representative Bealquin Gomez

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director

Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Ops

Ms. Mary De Avila, CRRUA Administrative Assistant

Mr. Gerald Smola, Camino Real Media Services

Ms. Marisela Villanueva, Camino Real Media Services

Mr. Ramon Sierra, Resident

Ms. Isabel Santos, Resident

Ms. Carolina Renteria, City of Sunland Park Council Member

Mrs. Olga Nunez, City of Sunland Park Council Member

Mr. Kenneth Giove, City of Sunland Park Council Member

Mr. Ramon Sierra, Resident

Mr. Florentino Silva

Mr. Jose Gavaldon, Resident

Mr. Tomas Tovar, Resident

Ms. Elizabeth Lopez

Ms. Norma Lujan

Ms. Maria Chavez

Mr. Guillermo Diaz

Ms. Delia Velasquez

Ms. Rosa Garcia

Ms. Jessica Arguelles

Mr. Roberto Guapo

Ms. Alma Lozano
Ms. Mariana Chew, US Congress
Ms. Rosa Maria Chavarria
Ms. Maria Camarena
Ms. Claudia Cortez
Ms. Josefina Lira
Mr. Ernesto Colunga
Ms. Carolina Renteria
Mr. Hector Garcia

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Commissioner Billy G. Garrett called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Commissioner Billy G. Garrett led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Ms. Mary De Avila, Administrative Assistant called roll call. A quorum was present.

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director suggested to move item 9, Staff Comments to after 6B, Discussion/Action Item.

Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea moved to approve agenda with amendment; the motion was Seconded by Councilor Francisco Jayme. The motion carried a 6-0 vote.

5. APPROVE MINUTES

A. October 4, 2017

Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea moved to approve the minutes for October 4, 2017; the motion was seconded by Mr. David Chavez. The motion carried a 6-0 vote.

B. October 16, 2017

Mr. Joshua Orozco moved to approve the minutes for October 16, 2017; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez. The motion carried a 5-0-1 vote.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS.

A. STEPHENS & ASSOCIATES INC. RATE STUDY RESOLUTION & AFFECTIVE DATE

Numerous members of the public were present and participated in discussion and interaction with the board members; however translation services were not available and many residents couldn't understand the meeting or participate. After a lengthy discussion it was determined it will be in the best interest of the rate payers, staff and consultants to revisit the study findings and bring back recommendations to the board at a later date.

Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea moved to postpone; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez. The motion carried a 6-0 vote.

Chair Commissioner Billy G. Garrett	aye
Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea	aye
Mr. David Chavez	aye
Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez	aye
Councilor Francisco Jayme	aye
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye

B. AWARD BID 18-0009 HYDRO RESOURCES FOR WELL # 14 REPLACEMENT AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY OVER THE RELATED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AMENDMENTS, AND CHANGE ORDERS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez. The motion carried a 6-0 vote.

Chair Commissioner Billy G. Garrett	aye
Vice-Chair Mayor Javier Perea	aye
Mr. David Chavez	aye
Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez	aye
Councilor Francisco Jayme	aye
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye

(9.) STAFF COMMENTS

Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Operations presented to the board members the October 2017 operations monthly reports of the CRRUA water and wastewater system.

Mr. Andrew Robertson, USGS informed the board members the strategy for improving water quality monitoring dataset program.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director informed the board members that he will be forwarding a slide program of USGS background to them.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland thanked Mr. Gerald Smola, Camino Real Media Services for the translation/interpretation service done.

7. CLOSED SESSION

THE BOARD MAY CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTERS, AS AUTHORIZED BY NEW MEXICO OPEN MEETINGS ACT SECTION 10-15-1 (7)

Mr. Joshua Orozco moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Councilor Francisco Jayme. The motion carried a 5-0 vote.

OPEN SESSION

THE BOARD MAY CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM.

Chair Commissioner Billy G. Garrett stated for the records that no subject was discussed in closed session other than the matter that was announced.

All board members agreed to go back in open session.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. David Chavez stated that back to the point that Commissioner Gonzalez made earlier the relationship with the CRRUA board and the consumer, he represents Santa Teresa and he doesn't drink the water. He also stated that trust has to be built, that they can drink the water, between the CRRUA board and the consumer. He thinks that education is very critical; I see a lot of water being wasted in my community. I can see where the new rate structure was going as far as conserving water and I appreciate that. Gaining the trust of the consumer, it's very critical for the success of the board and the drinking water.

Mr. Joshua Orozco stated that CRRUA needs to come up with a plan on how to communicate with the customers on water issues and their concerns. CRRUA needs to work on getting a suggestion box or email.

Councilor Francisco Jayme agreed with Mr. Joshua Orozco and stated that CRRUA needs to work on the complaint process. He has been in the utility office and seen how the clerks get upset with the customers that don't understand the billing. He also added that the rate study does not talk about the impact fees and that the impact fees need to be added to the rate study. Councilor Jayme stated that there is no communication with the City of Sunland Park on the financial, no reports have been turned in as stated on the JPA. He stated that it was his impression that the County runs CRRUA and they are the only ones that receive answers. The JPA needs to be renegotiating to address the issues. Chair Commissioner Billy G. Garrett stated that having a board member that doesn't drink the system water and the comment of the lady that said she doesn't mind paying for the water service but to get it to be drinkable is a problem. This is not something that you can leave dancing anymore we have to do something about it. If we need to hire a consultant or staff person that deals with this issue because there is a misunderstanding what is in the water system. There is a questions on how to build trust in a product that has been discredited by people hearing it's okay to drink the water and then it's not okay for the past two years. We are not going to get approval until we get confidence on the product that we are providing. I think that's unfortunate because we are dealing with a lack of funding to do the things that are needed for people that are benefiting from the system. He also stated that his understanding of impact fees has to do with new construction not with old construction. If the impact fee is base on what it cost to put in the system to support the new construction that doesn't address the old construction that needs to be upgraded or repaired. So I hear that we need to talk about impact fees but I don't think that this gets us out of the current problem on the terms of getting enough money to pay for operations. All these issues are connected and we need to figure out how to compact them and work though them including the JPA issue brought up by Councilor Francisco Jayme. We need to build trust on the foundation that we are

9. STAFF COMMENTS

Item move to after 6B.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Limited to 3 minutes per person.

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Commissioner Billy G. Garrett moved to adjourn the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

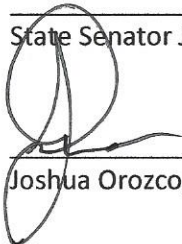
APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of January, 2018.

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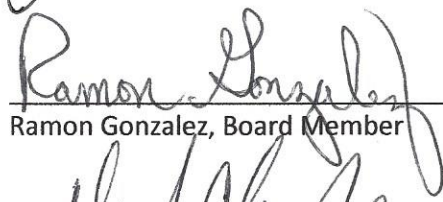

Billy G. Garrett, Chair

Javier Perea, Vice-Chair

Absent
State Senator Joseph Cervantes, Board Member




Joshua Orozco, Board Member



Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member



David Chavez, Delegate of State Representative Bealquin Gomez, Board Member



Francisco Jayme, Board Member

ATTEST:



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