

Camino Real Regional Utility Authority
City of Sunland Park/Dona Ana County Joint Utility Authority
City of Sunland Park Council Chamber
1000 McNutt Suite A, Sunland Park, NM 88063

Meeting
April 25, 2022
5:30 pm

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority was held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 5:39 p.m. at the Gadsden Independent School District-Board Room at 4950 McNutt Road in Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063.

PRESENT

Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro
Vice-Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco
Commissioner Diana Murillo (arrived at 5:42 p.m.)
Councilor Olga Nuñez
Councilor Alberto Jaramillo
Mr. Alex Sierra
Ms. Monica Nuñez (arrived at 5:42 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director
Ms. Mary De Avila, CRRUA Administrative Assistant
Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Ops
Dr. Letty Mora, Psychologist Services and Translation/Interpretation Services
Mr. Robert Garza, Garza & Associates, LLC
Mr. Gerald Smola, Camino Real Media Services
Mr. Jerry Pacheco, Border Industrial Association
Mayor Javier Perea, City of Sunland Park
Mr. Fernando Macias, Dona Ana County Manager
Mr. Manuel Cervantes
Mr. Michael Martinez, City of Sunland Park
Mr. Hector Rangel, City of Sunland Park
Mr. Victor A. Ito, DACC-SBDC
Mr. Robert Nichols, MD

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director informed the board members that Mr. Garza from Garza & Associates, LLC had updated his power point presentation but the message is the same.

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

Mr. Jerry Pacheco, Border Industrial Association stated that they wish a lot of corporation between the parties involved, Industrial based and the Communities. We have tremendous opportunities to bring economic development and growth to our area. The only way to get there is through CRRUA. From our Association you have our support and effort. Whatever we can do to facilitate and support this effort.

6. STAFF COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

7. BOARD COMMENTS

None

8. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. CRRUA ASSESSMENT REPORT

Mr. Robert Garza, Garza & Associates presented to the board members and the public present the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority Assessment Report.

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Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro thanked Mr. Garza for the presentation and stated that it made her understand in a more profound level how over worked CRRUA staff is and how much they owe to the customers. She stated that every board member is willing to help CRRUA, move forward, and serve the customers. Councilor Alberto Jaramillo asked Mr. Garza ,for the board of directors what are the qualification they should have.

Mr. Robert Garza, Garza & Associates replied the qualifications for the appointees is an item open for discussion. My suggestion is not to elect, elected officials but someone who has experience working around public utilities so they can grasp the concepts of what is being presented to the board. The City and the County will elect who are their representatives, someone with knowledge and that would like to donate their time to be part of the board. They do not need to live in the service area.

Councilor Alberto Jaramillo asked Mr. Garza on development done by a company such as the pipe scenario you talked about on the presentation CRRUA needs to create policies before to protect CRRUA and the developer.

Mr. Robert Garza replied that the developer could install the line with an agreement and the City and or the County is who inforces the agreement.

Vice-Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco thank Mr. Garza for the presentation and asked him about the policy making function.

Mr. Robert Garza replied that all policies that would regulate the entity with a new JPA and a new board would need to be voted on by both the City and the

County before putting it in place.

Mr. Alex Sierra thank Mr. Garza for the presentation.

Ms. Monica Nuñez also thank Mr. Garza for the presentation. She stated that it's going to be a tough road ahead on the decision they need to make but it is for the best of CRRUA and the community.

Vice-Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco asked is the policy making functions going to the County and the City are we not in the same situation now.

Mr. Robert Garza replied yes, in some way you are but technically, you would be presenting a recommendation from the CRRUA board to the owner agencies regarding policies.

Vice-Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco asked how would the owner agencies work if they hire a contractor.

Mr. Robert Garza replied that the difference is they don't have a utility board but plan strategies to bring resources in like they do in Rio Rancho.

Vice-Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco asked what is the next step.

Mr. Robert Garza replied today was the opportunity for the board to be informed and the JPA needs to be rewritten.

Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro stated that CRRUA was under staff. She asked the City and the County for help from their grant writers to fill the vacant positions so that CRRUA can move forward with a plan that needs to be adapted. Mr. Robert Garza replied that he spoke to Ms. Deborah Weir, Dona Ana County Human Resources Director is prepared to proceed full salary study because you don't want to start recruiting if you don't have the right salary schedule. CRRUA Director and CRRUA board also needs to focus on what positions need to be filled in first.

Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro stated that she is very concerned about the staff not getting paid what they should and working long hours.

Mr. Fernando Macias, Dona Ana County Manager stated that the County's goal is to renegotiate and have the new JPA within the next six months. Mr. Garza has been very natural on getting the CRRUA assessment report done. City of Sunland Park Mayor and City of Sunland Park Manager support the effort. This will benefit everybody. We should be moving forward together hand by hand.

Mr. Michael Martinez, City of Sunland Park Manager thanked Mr. Fernando Macias and Mr. Robert Garza and stated that the City of Sunland Park is committed to regional cooperation.

Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro stated that she is very excited to have so many community partners stepping up and working together. This is what the County, the City and CRRUA needs. This is a very important step to take and have to work on it very quickly.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director thank both the City of Sunland Park Manager and the County Manager.

Commissioner Diana Murillo thanked Mr. Garza for the organizational assessment Report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

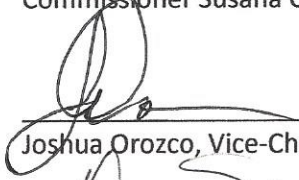
Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro moved to adjourn the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority Meeting with no objections. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of June 2021.

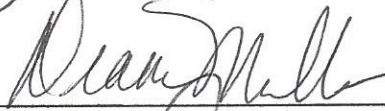
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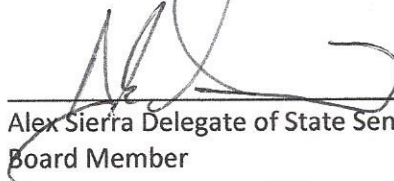
Commissioner Susana Chaparro, Chair



Joshua Orozco, Vice-Chair



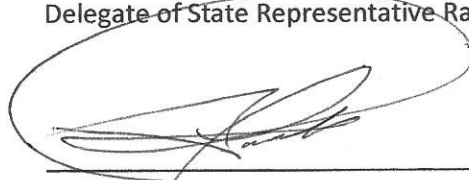
Commissioner Diana Murillo, Board Member



Alex Sierra Delegate of State Senator Joseph Cervantes,
Board Member



Monica Nuñez, Board Member
Delegate of State Representative Ray Lara



Alberto Jaramillo, Board Member

Councilor Olga Nuñez, Board Member

ATTEST:



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