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

Meeting January 19, 2022 5:30 pm

MINUTES

A Special Meeting of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:33 p.m. at the Gadsden Independent School District-Board Room at 4950 McNutt Road in Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063.

PRESENT

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez Ms. Monica Nuñez

Mr. Alex Sierra

Mr. Joshua Orozco

ABSENT

Vice-Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro Commissioner Diana Murillo-Trujillo Councilor Alberto Jaramillo

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director

Ms. Mary De Avila, CRRUA Administrative Assistant

Mr. Ernie Carranza, CRRUA Water/Wastewater Lead

Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Ops

Dr. Letty Mora, Psychologist Services and Translation/Interpretation Services

Mr. Gerald Smola, Camino Real Media Services

Mr. Raul Rangel, Bridel Facility Ops

Ms. Clara Franco, CRRUA Utility Clerk

Ms. Elida Sainz, CRRUA Utility Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez 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

None

5. APPROVE MINUTES

A. DECEMBER 11, 2021 (WORK SESSION)

Mr. Joshua Orozco moved to approve the minutes for December 11, 2021, the motion was seconded by Ms. Monica Nuñez. The motion carried a 4-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye

B. DECEMBER 13, 2021

Mr. Joshua Orozco moved to approve the minutes for December 13, 2021, the motion was seconded by Mr. Alex Sierra. The motion carried a 4-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye	
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye	
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye	
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye	

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

Mr. Gerald Smola, Camino Real Media Services informed the board members of the new telephone number available for CRRUA customer service and being advertised in his newspaper as well as the CRRUA meeting information in Spanish.

7. STAFF COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director informed the board members that CRRUA is in the process of advertising and interviewing for the vacant positions. Two field workers have already been interviewed and are in the hiring process with the HR department. We are in the process of interviewing the front desk clerk and preparing to reopen the office soon.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

None

9. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. MONTHLY REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENT

BRIDEL FACILITY MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021
 Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Operations presented to the board members
 and the public present the November and December 2021 operations
 monthly reports of the CRRUA water and wastewater system. He
 introduced Mr. Raul Rangel, Bridel Facility Operations new employee to the
 CRRUA Board members

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE OPEN MEETINGS POLICY OF THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY ("AUTHORITY").

Mr. Joshua Orozco moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Ms. Monica Nuñez. The motion carried a 4-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye

B. APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY.

Mr. Joshua Orozco moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Mr. Alex Sierra. The motion carried a 4-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye

C. APPOVE INCREASING THE CEILINGS ON NON-EXEMPT POSITIONS BY 15%.
Mr. Alex Sierra moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Ms. Monica Nuñez. The motion carried a 4-0 vote

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye	
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye	
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye	
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye	

BOARD COMMENTS ON ITEM 10C

Mr. Joshua Orozco asked if this was for all positions and if they would need to do a budget adjustment.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director replied that CRRUA had an employee affected because of the ceiling not increased before the last cost of living increase, however this was going to be covered using funds from the unfilled positions.

11. CLOSE SESSION

A. THE CRRUA BOARD MAY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AS

PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 10-15-1H. (2) OF THE NM OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Mr. Joshua Orozco moved to postpone; the motion was seconded by Ms. Monica Nuñez. The motion carried a 4-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye

12. OPEN SESSION

D. THE BOARD MAY RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. None, item 11A postponed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez moved to adjourn the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority Meeting with no objections.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of March 2022.

CAMINO REAL REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

Absent		
Commissioner Susana Chaparro, 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

Absent		
Alberto Jara	amillo, Board Member	
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Joshya Oro	zco, Board Member	

ATTEST:

Camino Real Regional Utility Authority