

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 10, 2014
4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority was held on Monday, November 10, 2014, at 4:04 p.m. at the Gadsden Independent School District-Board Room at 4950 McNutt Road in Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063.

PRESENT

Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco
Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson
Councilor Isabel Santos
Vice-Chair Dr. David Garcia
Mr. Brent Westmoreland
Mrs. Susan Yturralde
Mayor Javier Perea (Via Telephone absent at 4:50)

ABSENT

N/A

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Sue Padilla, Consultant
Mrs. Lorraine Ortega, CRRUA Office Manager
Mr. Kurt Moffat, Utility Manager
Mr. Ernesto Carranza, Operations Asst. Manager
Mr. Bill Gomez, State Representative
Mr. Robert Foley, CDM Smith
Mr. John Utton, CRRUA Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Cynthia Diaz, Utility service clerk called roll call. A quorum was present.

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

5. APPROVE MINUTES

A. September 22, 2014

Mr. Brent Westmoreland moved to approve the minutes for September 22, 2014
Seconded by Commissioner Dr. David Garcia. The motion carried a 6-0 vote.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA** – The board will be asked to approve by one motion the following items of recurring or routine business:

- A. APPROVE PURCHASE OF WATER METERS USING STATE CONTRACT 41-000-13-007 AND DELEGATE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO THE UTILITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE FOR RELATED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
- B. APPROVE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT GRANT 14-1727-STB, RESOLUTION TO PLAN, DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, AND IMPROVE THE NORTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND DELEGATE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY TO THE UTILITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE FOR ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS
- C. APPROVE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT GRANT 14-1728-STB, RESOLUTION TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCT WELL REPLACEMENTS AND DELEGATE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY TO THE UTILITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE FOR ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS
- D. APPROVE BUDGET REVISION AND BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR GRANTS 14-1727-STB AND 14-1728 STB. The motion carried a 7-0 vote.

Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye
Vice-Chair Dr. David Garcia	aye
Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson	aye
Councilor Isabel Santos	aye
Mr. Brent Westmoreland	aye
Mrs. Susan Yturralde	aye
Mayor Javier Perea	aye

7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ENTITIES IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE BASIN REGARDING WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATION IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE BASIN

CRRUA Attorney, Mr. John Utton spoke about problems arising from people taking ground water that may begin affecting water levels. Mr. Utton went over pamphlet and ground water rights. Dr. Garcia asked how it would affect CRRUA. Mr. Utton went on stating there are jurisdictions needed and pointed out the dispute with Texas. Dr. Garcia closed his statement agreeing that it will be hard to solve to fight and solve the issues. Commissioner Rawson asked who had already signed off, Mr. Utton when on stating everyone is on board along with NMSU and a few others. Chair Mr. Orozco went on

asking if we are serious about making some tough decisions. Councilor Santos also asked who would benefit from all of this. Vice-Chair Dr. Garcia moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Brent Westmorland.

Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye
Vice-Chair Dr. David Garcia	aye
Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson	aye
Councilor Isabel Santos	aye
Mr. Brent Westmoreland	aye
Mrs. Susan Yturralde	aye

B. PRESENTATION BY M. SUE PADILLA, CONSULTANT ON CRRUA WATER AND WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Mrs. Sue Padilla spoke about all the projects CRRUA has completed thus far. She went on stating the \$11 million in grants CRRUA has received from state and federal funding. The north wastewater treatment plant planned to be bid by April 2015. Mrs. Padilla along with the board agreed it would be a good idea to show the city of Sunland Park and Santa Teresa everything CRRUA has accomplished. Vice-Chair Dr. David Garcia thanked Mrs. Padilla for helping CRRUA move in the right direction. Councilor Isabel Santos asked if the money the government granted was only for Santa Teresa or for CRRUA. Mrs. Padilla mentioned CRRUA is managing all of the grants. Councilor Isabel Santos also asked if the water bill will be reducing in the near future with all the improvements being done. Mrs. Padilla then explained the company is still behind as to where it should be for our 10 year projected cost of work and projects. Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco also took the time to thank Mrs. Padilla for all her hard work in assisting CRRUA in obtaining so many grants.

C. APPROVE RENEWAL OF CONTRACT #14-132 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CAMINO REAL REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson asked why the contract was from January to December and not by physical year. Mrs. Padilla just stated that was how it was established on the contract. Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Dr. David Garcia.

Chair Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye
Vice-Chair Dr. David Garcia	aye
Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson	aye
Councilor Isabel Santos	aye
Mr. Brent Westmoreland	aye
Mrs. Susan Yturralde	aye

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Councilor Isabel Santos expressed her concerns on Mrs. Sue Padilla's role as consultant. She stated that several employees had issues with Ms. Padilla and that she should not be allowed in clerk area.

9. STAFF COMMENTS

Mrs. Sue Padilla talked about the Santa Teresa treatment plant. She also suggested the board to start looking into hiring a lobbyist.

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

Mr. Robert Foley, CDM Smith requested CRRUA's participation in the 2015 Engineering Excellence Awards.

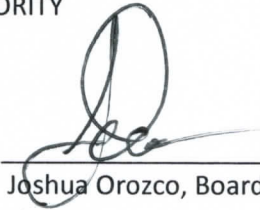
11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Benjamin L. Rawson moved to adjourn the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority meeting, seconded by Mr. Brent Westmoreland.

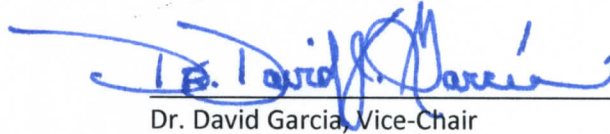
The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 15 day of December, 2014.

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Joshua Orozco, Board Member, Chair




Dr. David Garcia, Vice-Chair

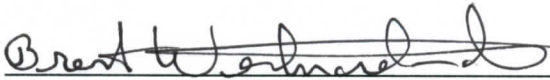
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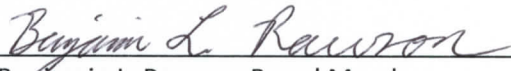
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Susan Yturralde, Delegate of
State Senator Joseph Cervantes , Board Member

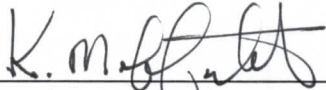


Brent Westmoreland, Delegate of State Representative
Mary Helen Garcia, Board Member



Benjamin L. Rawson, Board Member

ATTEST:



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