

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
August 9, 2021
5:30 pm

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority was held on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:37 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
Commissioner Diana Murillo-Trujillo
Ms. Monica Nuñez
Mr. Alex Sierra
Councilor Alberto Jaramillo

(arrived at 5:47p.m.)

ABSENT

Vice-Chair Commissioner Susana Chaparro

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director
Ms. Mary De Avila, CRRUA Administrative Assistant
Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Ops
Mr. Ernie Carranza, CRRUA Water/Wastewater Lead
Dr. Letty Mora, Psychologist Services and Translation/Interpretation Services
Mr. Gerald Smola, Camino Real Media Services
Ms. Marisela Villanueva, Camino Real Media Services
Mr. Rafael Leos, SCSWA
Mr. Jaime Torres
Ms. Lorraine Ortega

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez 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

None

5. APPROVE MINUTES

A. June 14, 2021

Ms. Monica Nuñez moved to approve the minutes for June 14, 2021; the motion was seconded by Mr. Alex Sierra. The motion carried a 4-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye
Commissioner Diana Murillo-Trujillo	aye
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye

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

None

7. STAFF COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director introduced Ms. Lorraine Ortega, Executive Director Assistant, a position that the board approved several months ago, she is a former CRRUA Office Manager as some of you remember. She picked up very quickly, very minimal learning and very happy to have her.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Alex Sierra asked Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Ops if CRRUA was running out of water.

Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Ops replied that there is no potential of CRRUA running out of water. CRRUA might have low water tanks but far from running out of water.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez asked Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director how does CRRUA handle repairs, what funds are used.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director replied that they have budgeted internal funds for miscellaneous and capital outlay improvements and repairs. We also use the ICIP and grants. The ICIP is approved yearly by the board.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez asked when is the ICIP brought to the board for approval.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland replied that the list is the same as last year's and that some of the items are already funded by the legislature, NADBank and EPA Region 6. The tank in the industrial area, State Representative Ray Lara got us \$100,000 for the design.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez asked who does the grants applications for CRRUA.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland replied that he was the person that files the grant applications.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez asked when is the CRRUA office going to open for the customers to pay in person.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland replied that the office would open as soon as he knows where the variant is heading. He would hate opening the office and closing in several months. Our intentions are to open as soon as we can.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez asked where is CRRUA on credit card payments.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland replied that everything is running good and that CRRUA is working together with Chase and Wells Fargo Banks to get all issues resolved.

9. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. MONTHLY REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BRIDEL FACILITY MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JUNE 2021.

Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Operations presented to the board members and the public present the June 2021 operations monthly reports of the CRRUA water and wastewater system.

BOARD COMMENTS ON ITEM 9A1

Councilor Alberto Jaramillo asked if the customers are getting over charged do to a non-working meter.

Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Operations relied that when a meter fails it is in the customer's favor because the meter is not registering the water used. The meter slows down or stops completely. When this happens, staff issues a work order to replace meter. We had several customers that reported a water spike. The reports were presented to the committee, the meters were tested, and they tested 100% working. We installed a new meter and the spikes are still happening. In my opinion, the customer is using the water.

Councilor Alberto Jaramillo asked about the arsenic testing.

Mr. Eric Lopez replied when CRRUA has tested as a volunteer it has been high and CRRUA Immediately address the issue. The industrial facility is getting new chemical feed pumps.

Ms. Monica Nuñez asked for the status of water disconnections.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland replied that they would wait one more month.

Disconnections will probably start in September.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez asked if it would be possible to set up a meeting with Mr. Westmoreland and Mr. Lopez to discuss the two accounts that show water spikes.

Mr. Eric Lopez replied that he had sent her and the committee members an email with both accounts at the end of June and that he will resend it to them.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez asked when CRRUA is going to retest for arsenic.

Mr. Eric Lopez replied that he is getting ready to retest and that he will have the results in the August report.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez asked what is the cost to be retested.

Mr. Eric Lopez replied \$35.00.

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2021 4TH QUARTER REPORT BUDGET RESOLUTION.

Councilor Alberto Jaramillo moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Ms. Monica Nuñez. The motion carried a 5-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye
Commissioner Diana Murillo-Trujillo	aye
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye
Councilor Alberto Jaramillo	aye

B. APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY22 CRRUA BUDGET

Councilor Alberto Jaramillo moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Ms. Monica Nuñez. The motion carried a 5-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye
Commissioner Diana Murillo-Trujillo	aye
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye
Councilor Alberto Jaramillo	aye

C. FORENSIC AUDIT UPDATE

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director informed the board members that he has a draft from a local audit company to work on the forensic audit. After the board members have a chance to look over the draft then if possible they can meet. This is the same audit company that Commissioner Susana Chaparro had mentioned on the previous meeting. This company is located in Las Cruces.

11. CLOSE SESSION

A. THE CRRUA BOARD MAY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTRACT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 10-15-1H. (2) OF THE NM OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Mr. Alex Sierra moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Councilor Alberto Jaramillo. The motion carried a 5-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez	aye
Commissioner Diana Murillo-Trujillo	aye
Ms. Monica Nuñez	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye
Councilor Alberto Jaramillo	aye

12. OPEN SESSION

A. THE BOARD MAY RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Alex Sierra moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Ms. Monica Nuñez. The motion carried a 5-0 vote.

Chair Councilor Olga Nuñez stated for the records that no subjects were discussed in closed session other than the matters that were announced. All board members agreed to go back in open session.

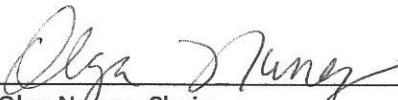
13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

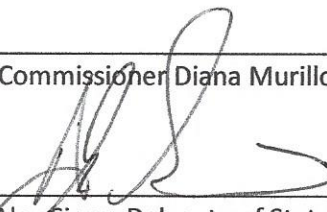
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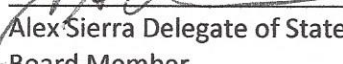


Olga Nunez, Chair

Commissioner Susana Chaparro, Vice-Chair



Commissioner Diana Murillo-Trujillo, Board Member



Alex Sierra Delegate of State Senator Joseph Cervantes,
Board Member

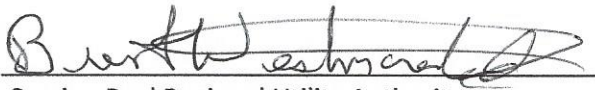


Monica Nuñez, Board Member
Delegate of State Representative Ray Lara



Alberto Jaramillo, Board Member

ATTEST:



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