# 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 April 8, 2019 5:30 p.m.

#### **MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:34 p.m. at the Gadsden Independent School District-Board Room at 4950 McNutt Road in Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063.

#### **PRESENT**

Chair Mayor Javier Perea Vice-Chair Commissioner Isabella Solis Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez

Mr. Gerardo Ibarra

(arrived at 5:34 pm)

Mr. Joshua Orozco

Mr. Alex Sierra

#### **ABSENT**

Councilor Olga Nunez

### ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director

Ms. Liliana Arevalo, CRRUA Office Manager

Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Ops

Mr. Luis Marmolejo, Dona Ana County Community Development

Ms. Mary De Avila, CRRUA Administrative Assistant

Mr. Ernie Carranza, CRRUA Water Lead

Ms. Jennifer Hill, DBSA

Mr. Rafael Leos, SCSWA

Mr. Edward Martinez, ZIA Engineering

Mr. Hildeberto Moreno, IHR Development

Mr. Gerald Smola, Camino Real Media Services

State Representative Ray Lara

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mayor Javier Perea called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Joshua Orozco 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. Joshua Orozco, board member suggested to move item 10A, Approve a Resolution & effective Date for Small Commercial & HOA Rates Structure to after item 10B, Approve Amendment to the Preliminary Plat for Santa Teresa Intermodal Logistics Park Phase II Subdivision.

Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez moved to approve the agenda with amendment; the motion was seconded by Mr. Joshua Orozco. The motion carried a 6-0 vote.

# 5. APPROVE MINUTES

## A. March 11, 2019

Vice-Chair Commissioner Isabella Solis moved to approve the minutes for March 11, 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez. The motion carried a 6-0 vote.

Chair Mayor Javier Perea	aye
Vice-Chair Commissioner Isabella Solis	aye
Mr. Gerardo Ibarra	aye
Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez	aye
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Limited to 3 minutes per person. None

# 7. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director informed the board members that they had gone through interview process for the lead clerk and the clerk positions. The lead clerk applicant that we chose came back with background issues so we moved to the second choice. The clerk position went through but the applicant did not respond back, so we are moving forward with the second choice. The IT department is working in connecting the audio at the CRRUA lobby and surveillance signs were put up.

This past legislative session CRRUA received an additional \$350,000 for wastewater lift stations and manhole rehab. That combined with the balance that we had left form last year is about \$700,000. CRRUA engineers together with Bridel Facility Ops are moving forward with the specifications to go out to bid. The Air Vac and Walnut lift stations in Sunland Park are the next to be rehabbed.

# 8. BOARD COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Commissioner Isabella Solis asked why is the monthly report not part of the packet. Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director informed the board members that the data in the monthly report was sometimes turned in by the staff that same day. He also added that the monthly report would be added in the meeting packet for future meetings.

#### 9. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

# A. MONTHLY REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Operations presented to the board members the March 2019 operations monthly reports of the CRRUA water and wastewater system.

# B. SPECIAL REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS None

# 10. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVE A RESOLUTION & EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL & HOA RATE STRUCTURE

Item moved to after item 10B, Approve Amendment to the Preliminary Plat for Santa Teresa Intermodal Logistics Park Phase II Subdivision.

B. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SANTA TERESA INTERMODAL LOGISTICS PARK PHASE II SUBDIVISION

Vice-Chair Commissioner Isabella Solis moved to approve with findings and facts presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Joshua Orozco. The motion carried 6-1 vote.

Chair Mayor Javier Perea	aye
Vice-Chair Commissioner Isabella Solis	aye
Mr. Gerardo Ibarra	aye
Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez	nay
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	aye

(A.) APPROVE A RESOLUTION & EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SMALL COMMERCIAL & HOA RATE STRUCTURE

Mr. Joshua Orozco moved to postpone item indefinitely; the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Commissioner Isabella Solis. The motion carried 6-0 vote.

Chair Mayor Javier Perea	aye
Vice-Chair Commissioner Isabella Solis	aye
Mr. Gerardo Ibarra	aye
Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez	aye
Mr. Joshua Orozco	aye
Mr. Alex Sierra	ave

# PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM 10A

Mr. Eric Lopez, Bridel Facility Ops stated that this is the desert and to keep areas green like the Home Owners Association takes a lot of water.

Mr. Joshua Orozco, asked if the water that the Home Owners Association are using to water is treated water.

Mr. Eric Lopez replied yes.

Mr. Joshua Orozco stated that CRRUA is spending a lot of money to treat the water that is being used to water lawns.

Mr. Eric Lopez stated that now that the commercial rates went up he can see less gallons of water being used with the exception of the HOA.

Mr. Brent Westmoreland, CRRUA Executive Director informed the board members that the rate structure is to promote water conservation.

Mr. Gerald Smola, Camino Real Media Services stated to leave the fees as they are set and give credit to the user that is implementing rules at his place to conserve water usage and informed them about the credit earned for their efforts.

Mr. Gerardo Ibarra stated that they need to update methods to promote water conservation, the right time of the day to water lawns. Maybe in the water bill would be a good idea.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mayor Javier Perea moved to adjourn the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of May, 2019.

Alex Sierra Delegate of State Senator Joseph Cervantes,
Board Member

Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member

**Board Member** 

Gerardo Ibarra Delegate of State Representative Ray Lara,

Absent	
Olga Nunez, Board Member	

ATTEST:

Camino Real Regional Utility Authority