



October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Greater Yuma Port Authority.

Oct 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM MST

@ 3151 South Redondo Center Drive Suite 158/159 Yuma, Arizona 85365

Attendance

Present:

Members: Wayne Gale, Buna George, Allen Heck, Gary Knight, Gary Magrino, Ian McGaughey, Frank Rascon (remote), Tony Reyes, Matias Rosales, Trevor White

Absent:

Guests: Note: Buna George is with LG Advising LLC and Trevor White is from Benesch Shadle and White (not members as listed above), Alejandro Figueroa, Yuma County Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs, Wayne Benesch, Greg LaVasnn, VP, GYEDC, Julie Engel, GYEDC, Russ Jones, RL Jones

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:07am by Chairman

 [October 2023 Agenda.pdf](#)

II. Roll call / Pledge of Allegiance

All board members were present, therefore a quorum was present to commence the meeting.

III. Executive Report

(Item moved up to the beginning of the agenda, per the Chairman's request, being there was members of the public present and the executive session may take some time to get through.)

Executive director reported on the following:

- Attending the signing of the joint resolution between the GYPA, The Greater Nogales Port Authority and The Douglas Port Authority in Tucson, AZ with Chairman and board member Frank Rascon.
- She has had continual dialogue with the Stated Treasury Department regarding investment pools
- In Tucson, at the resolution signing, the AIDA (Arizona International Development Authority) program was brought up by Russ Jones, she has began to do some research to seek out the viability to resurrect the Authority that was at one time approved and passed by AZ legislators. Russ Jones and Gary Magrino provided additional dialogue regarding their experiences in the past and the possible overlap with ADOT operations. Director has been in contact with Mark Sanders, from the ADOT office regarding AIDA and its current feasibility.
- She also presented the board with pricing for an acre of developed land within the Industrial park for consideration.
- Most other items that warranted discussion would be covered in executive session.

A. Magrino Industrial Marketing Material and Pricing (From CPLC)

Provided to board as informational content

 [Yuma Port Authority LOI Magrino Industrial Park - draft - 9.26.2023.doc](#)

 [Magrino Industrial Park 23-04-075.pdf](#)

B. GYPA Meeting with Nogales Port Authority and Douglas Port Authority

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 [Joint Resolution Port Authorities.pdf](#)

 [Joint Port Authorites Press Release 09-19-23.pdf](#)

C. A.I.D.A (Arizona Industrial Development Authority)

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 [AIDA Operating Guidelines 1998.ppt](#)

 [AIDA, What is it 1998.doc](#)

 [AIDA Statute ARS 41-4501 et seq.docx](#)

 [AIDA Presentation 2.ppt](#)

 [AIDA Operating Guidelines.doc](#)

IV. Chairmans Report

(Item moved up towards the beginning of the agenda, per the Chairman's request, being there was members of the public present and the executive session may take some time to get through.)

Chairman reported on the following:

- Attending the signing of the joint resolution between the GYPA, The Greater Nogales Port Authority and The Douglas Port Authority in Tucson, AZ with board member Frank Rascon and Executive Director, Buna George. He spoke of the dialogue that went on among the meeting, it being well attended and a well received representation of the collaboration that is needed within the State of Arizona.
- He provided an update on the progress of the San Luis I remodel
- Most other items that warranted discussion would be covered in executive session

V. Call to the public: Public is allotted 3 minutes to address the GYPA Board of directors.

None

VI. Executive Session

Executive session commenced at 9:30am








Executive session ended at 10:50am

Regular session resumed at 10:51am

VII. Discussion and possible action regarding GYPA restructuring, distributions, bylaw modifications and general operations

Each member to present the possible option of a \$155,000 distribution to their entity and report back as to their respective stance. Any future distributions require unanimous consent: Tony Reyes

Second: Wayne Gale

- VIII. Discussion and possible action regarding contract for additional infrastructure costs within Magrino Industrial Park, Lumen Industries
- Motion to proceed with contract as presented: Tony Reyes
Second: Gary Knight
Motion passed unanimously
- IX. Call to the Discussion and possible action regarding service contract with LG Advising LLC
- Motion to accept contract as presented: Gary Knight
Second: Ian McGaughey
Motion passed unanimously
- X. Discussion and possible action in approving a joint contract with GYEDC for 3rd party binational consulting services.
- Julie Engel and Greg LaVann from GYEDC presented on the various aspects of the proposed contract for a designated binational consultant. GYEDC has a designated budgeted amount for this task. The contract was presented to GYPA in hopes to offer a partnership on this particular project, that would entail obtaining additional funding from GYPA to incorporate a reimbursements schedule within the stipulations of the contract.
Item to be brought back to the board at a later time.
-  [Bi-National Scope of work-contract \(2\).docx](#)
- XI. Discussion and possible action for sponsorship request from 4FrontED for their 2023 Tourism Summit.
- No action
-  [Speakers - 4FrontED Tourism Summit.pdf](#)
-  [Sponsorship Opportunity - Buna George - GYPA.pdf](#)
- XII. Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes for August 23, 2023.
- Motion to approve as presented: Gary Knight
Second: Ian McGaughey
Motion passed unanimously
-  [August 2023 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
- XIII. Discussion and possible action for financial reports ending August 31, 2023.
- Approve all except PnL and Balance sheet that still reflect outstanding liabilities that have been paid in full: Wayne Gale
Second: Gary Knight
Motion passed unanimously
Executive director commented that she will work with CPA firm to correct reports.
-  [Balance Sheet Ending 09.30.pdf](#)
-  [Check Register. Aug and Sept.pdf](#)
-  [PnL. Ending 09.30.2023.pdf](#)

XIV. Discussion and possible action for financial reports ending September 30, 2023.

Approve all except PnL and Balance sheet that still reflect outstanding liabilities that have been paid in full: Wayne Gale

Second: Gary Knight

Motion passed unanimously

Executive director commented that she will work with CPA firm to correct reports.

XV. Summary of current events: Board members and executive directors may discuss events attended on behalf of the Port Authority, may present a summary of current events, and update the schedule for future meetings, as appropriate. No legal action taken

Alan Heck from Cocopah Tribe suggested the board meets every 15 days, it was taken into consideration by the board.

XVI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:03am