

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015  
CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION MULTI-GENERATIONAL CENTER  
APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA**

**M I N U T E S**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Wheeler led the Regional Council, guests and CAG staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Members Present:** Mayor Terry Wheeler, Supervisor Michael Pastor, Mayor Darryl Dalley, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Councilmember Jon Thompson, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Sam Hosler, Mayor Ed Honea, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Robin Benning, Mayor Jayme Valenzuela, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Don Jones

**Members Absent:** Mayor Bobby Smith, Mayor Kenny Evans, Mayor Ronnie McDaniel, Mayor Joel Belloc, Councilmember Jewel Whitman, Councilmember Wendsler Nosie, William Antone

**Staff:** Ken Hall, Andy Smith, Alan Urban, Bree'na York, Lee French, Brad Mecham, Ken Hebert, Zeena Torres, Andrea Robles

**Guests:** John Insalaco, Jess Knudson, Jerry Barnes, Bryant Powell, Tracy Corman, Jamie Bennett, Bob Flatley, Kevin Adam, Kathy Boyle, Robin Barker, Frances Wickham, Paul Jepson, Gilbert Davidson

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the Call to the Public.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. ADOTS's Planning Area for Rural Assistance (PARA) Program**

Mr. Feek presented on ADOT's Planning Area for Rural Assistance (PARA) Program. He explained the application process, eligibility requirements, addressed PARA study examples, and projects selected for FY 2015. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

## **VI. CONSENT ITEMS**

Supervisor Pastor made a motion to approve Item VI-A under the consent agenda items and requested to remove Item VI-B Financial Report from the consent items. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes**

The Regional Council minutes from September 24, 2014 were approved under Consent Item VI-A.

### **B. Financial Report**

Supervisor Pastor requested an update on CAG's financial status. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Ms. York provided the Council with an updated report on CAG's financials. Mayor Hosler made a motion to approve the filing of CAG's Financial Report as presented. Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hall updated the Council on meetings and conferences that he has attended. He announced that CAG has launched a new website that will be more user friendly. Mr. Hall informed the Council that he has been working to schedule Mr. John Halikowski, Director of ADOT, to present at an upcoming Regional Council meeting. He notified the Council of upcoming meetings and events. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Hall's report. This was an information item.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Resolution of Support for the Acceleration of State Route 189**

Mr. Hall presented the Resolution of Support requesting the state's regional planning agencies to work toward the acceleration of the preferred build alternative of the State Route 189 project into the ADOT Five-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. He explained that this is a Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) project and reviewed the fact sheet with the Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Jackson made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for the acceleration of State Route 189. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Update**

Mr. Hall provided an update on the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program. He stated on October 1, 2014, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to dissolve their relationship with Gila County and the Gila/Pinal Local Workforce Area, and has plans to align Pinal County with the Maricopa County Workforce Investment Area on July 1, 2015. Also, on October 7, 2014, the Gila County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to dissolve their relationship with Pinal County and the Gila/Pinal Local Workforce Area. Mr. Hall explained that Gila County has requested to join with the Navajo County and Apache County Local Workforce Area. Therefore, the Gila/Pinal Local Workforce Area will no longer exist after June 30, 2015, which is when CAG's contract expires with Gila County. CAG will no longer be under contract to provide future WIA Adult Program employment and job training services to the region after that date. This will result in a loss of an estimated \$873,579 in projected revenue for FY 2016, and the loss of the program to CAG. Mr. Hall provided a handout and reviewed the impact to CAG Staff. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

**C. Review, Discussion and Decision on CAG’s FY 2015 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment**

Mr. Smith presented the amendments made to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC). He explained that the City of Globe switched the Oak Street Project from FY 2018 to FY 2017, and their Broad Street Project from FY 2017 to FY 2018. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Jackson made a motion to approve CAG’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2015-2024. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Approval of the Environmental Planning Committee Membership**

Mr. Urban explained that several updates have been made to the Environmental Planning Committee (EPC) membership. The members added to the EPC membership are Darron Anglin, City of Apache Junction, Harvey Krauss and James Humble, City of Eloy, Terry McKeon, City Casa Grande, and Susanna Strubble and Matt Rencher, City of Coolidge. Supervisor Rios made a motion to approve the EPC membership as presented. Councilmember Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Community Development Update**

Mr. Urban provided an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Water Quality Management programs. He updated the Council on several projects taking place at this time. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

**F. Transportation Planning Report**

Mr. Smith updated the Council on the Regional Transportation Plan Update, Highway Safety Improvement Program Information, and the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan Information. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

**G. Discussion on changing the meeting locations of the Regional Council meetings**

Mr. Hall explained to the Council that there has been discussion from several Regional Council members in regards to changing the meeting locations of the Regional Council meetings. He stated that this item was reviewed by the Management Committee and they recommended to keep the Regional Council meetings centrally located. The Committee suggested allowing CAG’s Members to showcase their community maybe once or twice a year (along with Payson at the annual June Regional Council meeting) if the community can accommodate the necessary equipment and space to host a meeting. Mr. Hall expressed issues and concerns associated with moving the CAG Regional Council meetings to other locations throughout the year, and also discussed a number of positive aspects. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

**IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Kevin Adam provided the Regional Council with a Legislative Update.

**X. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2015 in Apache Junction.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Pastor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Rios seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_