

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 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 6:33 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, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Councilmember Andy McKinney, Vice Mayor Robin Barker, Mayor Jon Thompson, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Joel Belloc, Mayor Sam Hosler, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Robin Benning, Mayor Jayme Valenzuela, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Don Jones

**Members Absent:** Mayor Bobby Smith, Mayor Darryl Dalley, Mayor Kenny Evans, Supervisor Pete Rios, Mayor Ed Honea, Councilmember Jewel Whitman, Councilmember Wendsler Nosie, William Antone

**Staff:** Ken Hall, Andy Smith, Alan Urban, Bree'na York, Brad Mecham, Ken Hebert, Angela Gotto, Amber Garza, Andrea Robles

**Guests:** John Halikowski, Dallas Hammit, Scott Omer, Christine Ward Gutierrez, Gary James, Gail Lewis, Mike Keis, Eric Gudino, Kathy Boyle, Charla Glendening, Don McDaniel, John Insalaco, Jess Knudson, Jerry Barnes, Bryant Powell, Tracy Corman, Bob Flatley, Kevin Adam

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the Call to the Public.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Presentation from the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)**

Mr. John Halikowski, Director of ADOT, along with his team, joined the Regional Council in a question and answer session regarding the Arizona Department of Transportation. Mr. Halikowski addressed the questions that were submitted to him by the Regional Council. After addressing the questions the Council followed with additional questions, comments and discussion. This was an information item.

**B. Five Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program**

Mr. Kies presented on the ADOT Five Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. He provided an overview on the program followed by the “next steps” of the five year program. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

**VI. CONSENT ITEMS**

Councilmember Benning made a motion to approve Item VI-A under the consent agenda items. Vice Mayor Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes**

The Regional Council minutes from January 28, 2015 were approved under Consent Item VI-A.

**VII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Hall updated the Council on meetings and events that he has attended. He informed the Council that CAG will be entering into an IGA with Pinal County to administer the WIA Adult services and the Dislocated Worker Programs. Mr. Hall stated that he had attended the JPAC meeting and CAG’s Legislative Day. He thanked those in attendance for attending CAG’s Annual Legislative Day and helping to make it a success. He notified the Council that the White Mountain Apache Tribe has inquired about joining CAG. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Hall’s report. This was an information item.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Financial Report**

Ms. York presented CAG’s financials. She stated that the CAG audit was complete and would be presented in April. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Vice Mayor Barker made a motion to approve the filing of CAG’s Financial Report as presented. Mayor Rankin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-1, Supporting and Declaring April Fair Housing Month**

Mr. Urban announced that April is Fair Housing Month and informed the Council that all CDBG participants are required to participate in activities and/or disseminate information, supporting the Fair Housing Acts of 1968 and 1988. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Supervisor Pastor made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-1, supporting and declaring April Fair Housing Month. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Approval of Environmental Planning Committee (EPC) Membership**

Mr. Urban presented Mr. Mike Sundblom, Pinal County Air Quality Department, as an alternate representative to the Environmental Planning Committee. Supervisor Pastor made a motion to approve the Environmental Planning Committee Membership as presented. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Review, Discussion and Decision on CAG’s Title VI Plan for FY 2016**

Mr. Smith presented CAG’s Title VI Plan for FY 2016. He stated that changes in the Arizona Department of Transportation’s Assurances portion of the State’s plan have mandated that the Title VI Plan be revised and updated. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor

Rankin made a motion to approve CAG's Title VI Plan for FY 2016. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Transportation Planning Update**

Mr. Smith provided an update on the Transportation Planning Department. He updated the Council on the 5310 Joint Application, CAG Regional Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, and the CAG Regional Transportation Plan. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

**F. Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Update**

Mr. Mecham provided an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He stated that he was going to begin the updating the document in the upcoming months. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

**G. Update from the CAG Organizational Review and Budget Subcommittee**

Mr. Don McDaniel, Gila County, provided the Regional Council with an update from the CAG Organizational Review and Budget Subcommittee. He informed them that the Subcommittee is made up of members from the Management Committee including: Don McDaniel, Gila County, Brent Billingsley, City of Globe, Jess Knudson, Town of Florence, Bryant Powell, City of Apache Junction, Anna Flores, Town of Kearny, Larry Rains, City Casa Grande, and Joe Heatherly, Town of Miami. Mr. McDaniel explained that this Committee will be responsible for assessing existing CAG contract requirements; expenditures and costs; assessing future revenue projections; discussing personnel and agency work functions; the impacts of future WIA funding losses, and other items as deemed necessary. He stated that the Subcommittee will also identify a number of goals related to the identification of baseline conditions, options moving forward, regional needs and wants, sustainable revenue sources, and the development of recommendations moving forward. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

**H. Appointment of a Committee to conduct in draft form the CAG Executive Director Evaluation**

Chairman Wheeler stated that he wanted a Committee appointed to conduct in draft form the annual evaluation of CAG's Executive Director, Kenneth Hall. Mr. Hall's evaluation will take place in Executive Session at the April 29, 2015 Regional Council meeting. The Committee will consist of members from the Regional Council and Management Committee.

**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 April 29, 2015 in Apache Junction.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Pastor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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