

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014  
CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION MULTI-GEN CENTER  
APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA**

**M I N U T E S**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:53 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 Charles Vega, Mayor Kenny Evans, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Councilmember Jon Thompson, Mayor Sam Hosler, Vice Mayor Ed Farrell, Councilmember Robin Benning

**Members Absent:** Mayor Rosemary Castaneda, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Ronnie McDaniel, Mayor Joseph Nagy, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Alvaro Barcelo, Mayor Ed Honea, Mayor Jayme Valenzuela, Councilmember Jewel Whitman, Councilmember Wendsler Nosie

**Staff:** Ken Hall, Al Larson, Andy Smith, Sooraz Patro, Alan Urban, Bree'na York, Ken Hebert, Zeena Torres, Angela Gotto, Andrea Robles

**Guests:** Jess Knudson, Jerry Barnes, George Hoffman, Matt Busby, Bob Flatley, Tracy Corman, Paul Jepson, Brent Billingsley, Louis Bracamonte, Fernando Shipley, Kevin Camberg, Kathy Boyle, Melodie Jackson, Randy Jackson

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the Call to the Public.

**V. PRESENTATION**

**Arizona Rural Policy Forum**

Mr. Fernando Shipley informed the Regional Council of the upcoming Arizona Rural Policy Forum to be held in Globe in August 2014. He stated at this time he is asking for feedback on the agenda and possible presenters. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Shipley's presentation. This item was for information only.

## **VI. CONSENT ITEMS**

Councilmember Benning made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Supervisor Rios seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Regional Council minutes from December 4, 2013 were approved under Consent Item VI-A.

### **B. Financial Report**

The Financial Report was approved under Consent Item VI-B.

### **C. Adoption of Resolution No. 2014-1 Supporting and Declaring April Fair Housing Month**

Resolution No. 2014-1 Supporting and Declaring April Fair Housing Month was approved under Consent Item VI-C.

### **D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the ADOT Coordinated Mobility Management Program FY 2014 Grant**

The ADOT Coordinated Mobility Management Program FY 2014 Grant was approved under Consent Item VI-D.

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

Mr. Hall updated the Council on several meetings and events that he has attended including: CAG's Legislative Day, COG Director's meeting, RTAC, CAG Special Assessment Committee meetings and the Rural Transportation Summit. He provided handouts regarding House Bill 2069 and a Resolution that the State's Council of Governments (COG's) are supporting for extending the Border Zone in Arizona. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Hall's report. This item was for information only.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Review, Discussion and Decision on the FY 2013 Central Arizona Governments Audit**

Mr. Hall introduced Kevin Camberg, of Fester & Chapman, who provided an update on the status of the FY 2013 Audit. He stated that the FY 2013 Audit should be ready for the upcoming Regional Council meeting. Questions, comments and discussion followed. No action was taken on this item.

### **B. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2013-2024 Amendments and Administrative Adjustments**

Mr. Smith presented the TIP for FY 2013-2024. He reviewed the amendments and administrative adjustments made to the TIP. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Benning made a motion to approve the CAG TIP for FY 2013-2024 amendments and administrative adjustments. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Update on CAG Special Assessment and the future of CAG's Budget**

Management Committee Chair Jess Knudson updated the Regional Council on the status of CAG's Special Assessment and the future of CAG's budget. He discussed the history of CAG's Special Assessment and the need to reduce or eliminate the Special Assessment. He reviewed

the activities funded, current uses and benefits from the Special Assessment. In closing, Chair Knudson provided the Council with the next steps for the Special Assessment Sub-Committee. Mr. Jepson, City of Maricopa, member of the Special Assessment Sub-Committee, addressed the Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

**D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Appointment of a Budget Committee**

Mr. Hall recommended a Budget Committee be established as in previous years to review CAG's budget. He stated that the Management Committee recommended the members of the Special Assessment Sub-committee (Jess Knudson, Town of Florence, Brent Billingsley, City of Globe, Paul Jepson, City of Maricopa, Don McDaniel, Gila County, Jerry Barnes, Town of Miami, and Larry Rains, City of Casa Grande) serve as part of the CAG Budget Committee along with members from the Regional Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron and Mayor Hosler volunteered to serve on the Budget Committee representing the Regional Council. Vice Mayor Farrell motioned to approve the appointment of Councilmember Waldron, Mayor Hosler, Jess Knudson, Jerry Barnes, Brent Billingsley, Don McDaniel, Paul Jepson and Larry Rains to serve on the Budget Committee. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Revolving Loan Fund update and modification of the loan approval process**

Mr. Larson explained that the loan approval process for our USDA Revolving Loan Fund needs to be modified so that our Executive Committee and Management Committee Chair and Vice Chair would give final approval of a Loan Review Committee recommendation for funding due to the long periods of time between Regional Council meetings. This would help to ensure that the projects are approved in a timely manner. Councilmember Benning motioned to approve the Revolving Loan Fund update and modification of the loan approval process. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Resource Development Forum Follow-up**

Mr. Larson provided an update on the Resource Development Forum held on February 27, 2014. He asked for feedback on the event, to see if there are other regional implications that resulted from the forum and if there are any opportunities that Management Committee and Regional Council would like CAG to pursue. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

**IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to Personnel ARS §§38-431.03.A.3 and 38-431.03.A.**

**Review, Discussion and Decision to consult with the attorneys for the Council and consider the Council's position and instruct its attorneys regarding the Notice of Claim filed by a former CAG Employee**

Councilmember Benning made a motion to approve the Regional Council move to Executive Session to consult with the attorneys for the Council and consider the Council's position and instruct its attorneys

regarding the Notice of Claim filed by a former CAG Employee. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. RECONVENE**

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

The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2014 in Apache Junction.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Hinojos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Vega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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