

**Minutes
of the
Regular Meeting of Board of Directors of
The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Gila
(the “IDA”)**

Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Gila County Courthouse
Supervisors’ Hearing Room
1400 E. Ash Street
Globe, AZ

Presiding: Mac Feezor

Present: Mac Feezor, Stan Gibson, Bill Bennett, Trena Grantham,
Lisa Brazil, Tim Grier, Fred Barcon

Absent: Cliff Potts, Bob Pastor

Administrative Manager: Sandy Palmer

Guest Present: Tod Whitwer

Mac Feezor called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Authority to order at 9:57 a.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON MARCH 20, 2017.

On motion made by Stan Gibson and seconded by Fred Barcon, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2017, were approved as submitted.

2. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER 2017.

On motion made by Fred Barcon and seconded by Lisa Brazil, motion to approve First Quarter Treasurer’s report passed by a vote of (7-0).

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

I. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION AS DETERMINED RELATING TO THE ASARCO PENALTY IN HAYDEN-WINKELMAN AS PRESENTED BY TOD WHITWER.

Tod Whitwer explained the EPA's eight million-dollar environmental penalty against ASARCO, with two of the eight million allocated for residential lead-based paint testing and remediation.

The IDA was asked to get involved at the behest of Supervisor Marcanti. The EPA assigned Gila County Health Department as project manager. Fred Barcon, Mac Feezor, Sandy Palmer, and Tod Whitwer met with Gila County Health Director, Michael O'Driscoll, and Gila County Housing Director, Malissa Buzan, to present a plan that would allow Gila County to maximize the ASARCO penalty.

Tod Whitwer explained that a large percentage of Hayden-Winkelman housing stock is in poor condition and it doesn't make sense to spend \$20,000 on lead assessment and abatement on a house valued at \$25,000- \$30,000.

The alternative plan that Tod Whitwer presented for consideration would include leveraging the ASARCO penalty as matching funds on a HUD's Healthy Homes grant (a grant the County has had difficulty pursuing due to the matching funds requirement), the plan also proposed training locals to do community outreach, assessment, and abatement of the project. The ASARCO penalty would provide 3-5 local jobs for the lifetime of the project.

Ultimately, Gila County determined the ASARCO project was beyond their purview and declined any role in the ASARCO penalty project.

Tod Whitwer suggested the IDA consider managing the program on behalf of Gila County to ensure the penalty is leveraged for maximum community benefit.

Mac Feezor reiterated the benefit to Gila County and also the community engagement benefit in establishing a relationship with ASARCO.

On motion made by Fred Barcon and seconded by Stan Gibson, motion to pursue the ASARCO project to maximize the benefit of the EPA penalty passed by a vote of (7-0).

II. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION AS DETERMINED RELATING TO A COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITHIN THE COPPER CORRIDOR AS PRESENTED BY TOD WHITWER.

Tod Whitwer briefed the Board on the Resolution meeting he and Fred Barcon attended in May. During the meeting, Resolution conveyed that they would like to support economic development and improve quality of life in their area of influence, which is the Copper Corridor comprised of Hayden-Winkelman, Superior, Kearney, Globe-Miami, and San Carlos.

Resolution hired top-tier consultants for an economic impact study of the Copper Corridor and developed a set of goals to accomplish in the region.

Tod Whitwer pointed out that the IDA's mission and focus ties in nicely with Resolution's goals for southern Gila County, and suggested the IDA assemble a core group of specialized trades (architects, city planners, environmental consultants, grant writers) with community leaders and tribal leaders to partner with Resolution and Gila County on redevelopment, housing, workforce development, and other projects and initiatives aimed at redevelopment and improving quality of life.

Mac Feezor said with the IDA's mission to support economic growth, creates jobs, and bring visible results to our communities, any endeavor that would bring other like-minded entities to the table to work together and leverage efforts is worth pursuing.

Discussion ensued.

On motion made by Fred Barcon and seconded by Lisa Brazil, motion to pursue a collaborative approach to redevelopment and economic growth in the Copper Corridor passed by a vote of (7-0).

III. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION AS DETERMINED RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MEMBER TO THE IDA'S LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE.

On nomination by Fred Barcon and seconded by Stan Gibson, the appointment of Lisa Brazil to the Loan Review Committee passed by a vote of (7-0).

IV. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION AS DETERMINED RELATING TO OBTAINING AN IDA BUSINESS CREDIT CARD FOR IDA BUSINESS RELATED EXPENSES AND PER DIEM.

Sandy Palmer explained the need for a business credit card for business-related expenses.

On made by Fred Barcon and seconded by Lisa Brazil, motion to secure a business credit card for the President (James “Mac” Feezor) and GCIDA with a limit of \$5,000 passed by a vote of (7-0).

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION AS DETERMINED RELATING TO THE TASK LIST UPDATE.

Update and discussion on the July 17, 2017, task list.

Mac Feezor gave an update on the Rim County broadband issues. He emphasized the impact the internet and cell service outages have had in the Rim County. He stated that Frontier and CenturyLink appear to be working together and there might be some traction as a result of the increased engagement.

COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM THE BOARD

VI. CURRENT EVENTS

Mac Feezor briefed the Board on the flash flood rescue efforts.

Fred Barcon mentioned the FEMA grant to clean the Pinal Creek before the monsoons.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

VIII. ADJOURNMENT meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

On motion made Stan Gibson and seconded by Bob Pastor, motion to approve the July 17, 2017 IDA Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes as submitted was passed by a vote of (8-0).

Fred Barcon, Vice President

October 31, 2017

