

ITEM 5A

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019**



1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 24, 2019 General Assembly meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Acting Chair Jeff Grubbe, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Chairman, at the Agua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage.

Executive Director Tom Kirk thanked the sponsors for the evening's event. Mr. Kirk also recognized dignitaries from CVAG's partner agencies.

2. ROLL CALL

It was determined that a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

AGENCY

Mayor Dale Reynolds
Vice Mayor Eric Egan

City of Blythe
City of Blythe

Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar
Councilmember Raymond Gregory
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez

City of Cathedral City
City of Cathedral City
City of Cathedral City

Mayor Steven Hernandez

City of Coachella

Mayor Scott Matas
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye
Councilmember Russell Betts
Councilmember Gary Gardner

City of Desert Hot Springs
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Mayor Ted Mertens
Mayor Pro Tem Ty Peabody
Councilmember Richard Balocco
Councilmember Dana Reed

City of Indian Wells
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Mayor Lupe Ramos Amith
Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller
Councilmember Elaine Holmes

City of Indio
City of Indio
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Mayor Linda Evans
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Steve Sanchez
Councilmember Robert Radi

City of La Quinta
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| Councilmember Jan Harnik | City of Palm Desert |
| Councilmember Sabby Jonathan | City of Palm Desert |
| Councilmember Kathleen Kelly | City of Palm Desert |
| Mayor Robert Moon | City of Palm Springs |
| Mayor Iris Smotrich | City of Rancho Mirage |
| Mayor Pro Tem Dana Hobart | City of Rancho Mirage |
| Councilmember Richard Kite | City of Rancho Mirage |
| Councilmember Charles Townsend | City of Rancho Mirage |
| Councilmember Ted Weill | City of Rancho Mirage |
| Transportation Director Patty Romo | County of Riverside 1 st District |
| Supervisor Karen Spiegel | County of Riverside 2 nd District |
| CEO George Johnson | County of Riverside 3 rd District |
| Supervisor V. Manuel Perez | County of Riverside 4 th District |
| Supervisor Jeff Hewitt | County of Riverside 5 th District |
| Tribal Chairman Jeff Grubbe | Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians |
| Vice Chair Larry Olinger | Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians |
| Tribal Councilmember Anthony Purnel | Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians |

OTHERS PRESENT

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| Charlie McClendon | Eugene Abrego | Adriana Vizcarra |
| Bill Pattison | Dilesh Sheth | Dawn Castligione |
| Chuck Maynard | Nick Low | Jim Karpiak |
| Luke Rainey | Ingrid Mar | Diana Rosas |
| Rebecca Deming | Mike Rose | Patrick O'Dowd |
| Chris Freeland | Bob Hargreaves | Carole Rogers |
| Ken Seumalo | Tammy Martin | Wendy Jonathan |
| Mark Scott | Bill Blankenship | Jeremy Godman |
| Gad Amith | Damian Fussel | Janell Percy |
| Jon McMillen | Erica Harnik | Harold Ames |
| Lauri Aylaian | Clint Lorimore | JD Douglas |
| Marcus Fuller | Margaret Lukman | Anne Azzu |
| Isaiah Hagerman | Nancy De Luna | Kevin Higgins |
| Jesse Eckenroth | Brian Rix | Jimmy Lin |
| Gabe Coddling | Jackie McAndrew | Erin Sasse |
| Kristie Ramos | Ulices Mora | Linda Ray |
| Pat Cooper | Chris Shepardson | Rosie Rivera |
| Margarita Felix | Luz Quinnell | Christopher Alberts |
| Brian Nestande | Scott Quinnell | Jerusalem Verano |
| Misty Reynolds | Jacqueline Lopez | Rebecca Young |
| Greg Rodriguez | Beatrice Eslamboly | Mark Lemming |
| Mike Romo | Cameron Barrows | Taylor Libolt-Varner |
| Boomer Shannon | Mike Brundige | Randy Duncan |
| Lisa Brandl | Daniella Cowle | Arden Wallum |
| Tom Davis | Amy Druyon | Nancy Wright |
| Kate Anderson | Kate Francis | Ernie Figueroa |
| Margaret Park | Carmina Zavala | Scott Neff |
| John Plata | Susan Leong | Alan Pace |

John Cox
Bryan Elenes
Leo Lee
Virginia Or
Ruben Gamez-Ramirez
Lea Goodsell
Barb Jennings
Nate Lewis
Matt McPherson
Haden Nix
Paul Rodriguez
Mark Baza
Deborah McGarry

Vianka Orrantia
Mike McDonagh
Terri McDonagh
Larry Rhoton
Randon Lane
David Salgado
Consuelos Arias
Josie Bernal
Joan Taylor
Sandra Cuellar
Bill Jahn
Jo Jahn
John Fitzpatrick

Aaron Hake
Lorelle Moe-Luna
Teresa Travino
Vincent Battaglia
Lauren Skiver
Vicky Casteneda
John Criste
Nicole Criste
Rick Bishop
Princess Hester
Crystal Crawford

STAFF PRESENT

Tom Kirk
Gary Leong
Katie Barrows
Martin Magana
Jim Sullivan
Eric Cowle
Ulrich Sauerbrey
Cheryll Dahlin
Ben Druyon
Kathleen Brundige
Erica Felci
Lance Albrecht
Shawn Isaac
Joanna Stueckle
Cindy Rhoton
Oscar Vizcarra
Murray Quance
Libby Carlson
Cynthia Ramirez
Jodi Adams
Mike Jenkins, CVAG Legal Counsel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Indio Mayor Lupe Ramos Amith led the General Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. TRIBAL REMARKS

Acting Chair Grubbe welcomed General Assembly guests.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF LA QUINTA TO:

- A. APPROVE THE JUNE 25, 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**
- B. APPROVE REVISIONS TO CVAG'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO REFLECT CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND ELIMINATION OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- C. APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CVAG'S BY-LAWS TO ESTABLISH ROTATION OF CVAG CHAIRMANSHIP AND CLARIFY CVAG'S TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 38 AYES AND 27 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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| MAYOR DALE REYNOLDS | AYE |
| VICE MAYOR ERIC EGAN | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN AGUILAR | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ERNESTO GUTIERREZ | AYE |
| MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR SCOTT MATAS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM JAN PYE | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL BETTS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER GARY GARDNER | AYE |
| MAYOR TED MERTENS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM TY PEABODY | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD BALOCCO | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER DANA REED | AYE |
| MAYOR LUPE RAMOS AMITH | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GLENN MILLER | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ELAINE HOLMES | AYE |
| MAYOR LINDA EVANS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER STEVE SANCHEZ | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER SABBY JONATHAN | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER KATHLEEN KELLY | AYE |
| MAYOR ROBERT MOON | AYE |
| MAYOR IRIS SMOTRICH | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM DANA HOBART | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD KITE | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES TOWNSEND | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TED WEILL | AYE |
| TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR PATTY ROMO | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL | AYE |
| CEO GEORGE JOHNSON | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT | AYE |

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| TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JEFF GRUBBE | AYE |
| VICE CHAIR LARRY OLINGER | AYE |
| TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY PURNEL | AYE |

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Resolution No. 19-001 Adopting CVAG’s 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions – Gary Leong**

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND SECONDED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19-001 ADOPTING CVAG’S 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 38 AYES AND 27 MEMBERS ABSENT.

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| MAYOR DALE REYNOLDS | AYE |
| VICE MAYOR ERIC EGAN | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN AGUILAR | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ERNESTO GUTIERREZ | AYE |
| MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR SCOTT MATAS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM JAN PYE | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL BETTS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER GARY GARDNER | AYE |
| MAYOR TED MERTENS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM TY PEABODY | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD BALOCCO | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER DANA REED | AYE |
| MAYOR LUPE RAMOS AMITH | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GLENN MILLER | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ELAINE HOLMES | AYE |
| MAYOR LINDA EVANS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER STEVE SANCHEZ | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER SABBY JONATHAN | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER KATHLEEN KELLY | AYE |
| MAYOR ROBERT MOON | AYE |
| MAYOR IRIS SMOTRICH | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM DANA HOBART | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD KITE | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES TOWNSEND | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TED WEILL | AYE |
| TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR PATTY ROMO | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL | AYE |
| CEO GEORGE JOHNSON | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT | AYE |

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| TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JEFF GRUBBE | AYE |
| VICE CHAIR LARRY OLINGER | AYE |
| TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY PURNEL | AYE |

B. 2019 Executive Committee Chairmanship Recommendation

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF LA QUINTA AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF PALM DESERT TO ELECT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS, AS FY 2019/2020 CVAG CHAIR AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF INDIO AS THE FY 2019/2020 CVAG VICE CHAIR.

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| MAYOR DALE REYNOLDS | AYE |
| VICE MAYOR ERIC EGAN | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN AGUILAR | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ERNESTO GUTIERREZ | AYE |
| MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ | AYE |
| MAYOR SCOTT MATAS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM JAN PYE | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL BETTS | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER GARY GARDNER | AYE |
| MAYOR TED MERTENS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM TY PEABODY | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD BALOCCO | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER DANA REED | AYE |
| MAYOR LUPE RAMOS AMITH | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM GLENN MILLER | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ELAINE HOLMES | AYE |
| MAYOR LINDA EVANS | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER STEVE SANCHEZ | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER SABBY JONATHAN | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER KATHLEEN KELLY | AYE |
| MAYOR ROBERT MOON | AYE |
| MAYOR IRIS SMOTRICH | AYE |
| MAYOR PRO TEM DANA HOBART | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD KITE | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES TOWNSEND | AYE |
| COUNCILMEMBER TED WEILL | AYE |
| TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR PATTY ROMO | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL | AYE |
| CEO GEORGE JOHNSON | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ | AYE |
| SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT | AYE |
| TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JEFF GRUBBE | AYE |
| VICE CHAIR LARRY OLINGER | AYE |

TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY PURNEL AYE

8. **PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

A. **Celebration of Coachella Valley Conservation Commission**

B. **Keynote Address: Cameron Barrows, PhD**

La Quinta Mayor Linda Evans, who is chair of the CVCC, took the stage to give introductory remarks. Dr. Cameron Barrows gave a presentation on habitat conservation efforts in the Coachella Valley. Dr. Barrows discussed progress made because of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP) and held a brief question-and-answer period at the conclusion the presentation.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

Executive Committee – Monday, September 30, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

General Assembly – Monday, June 29, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Acting Chair Grubbe adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Stueckle

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Executive Assistant