

Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials (VALEO)

Tuesday May 3, 2016 – 6 pm at the City of Rio Communities
City Council Chambers
360 Rio Communities Blvd, Rio Communities, NM

PRESENT:

Rio Communities Mayor Mark Gwinn, Peralta Mayor Bryan Olguin and Bosque Farms Mayor Wayne Ake. Valencia County Commissioners: Charles Eaton, Helen Cole, David Hyder and Alicia Aguilar. Rio Communities Councilors: Bill Brown, Thomas Scroggins, Peggy Gutjahr and Arturo Sais. Los Lunas Councilors: Gerard Saiz and Christopher Ortiz. Valencia County Manager Danny Monette, Rio Communities Manager Bob Skerry, Los Lunas Administrator Greg Martin and Bosque Farms Administrator Gayle Jones. Rio Communities Municipal Clerks: Lisa Adair.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Mark Gwinn

Mayor Mark Gwinn called to order the meeting at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan Olguin led in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2ND, 2016

Mayor Bryan Olguin motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Hyder. All were in favor to approve the minutes from February 2nd 2016.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation (15 min.) On I-25 Interchange/corridor project

Kevin Eades from Molzen Corbin passed out some literature on the I-25 interchange and began a presentation on a County project. Mr. Eades presented a video on the I-25 exchange in Los Lunas. Councilor Arturo Sais asked about the response from farmers on the phase 2 project on Highway 47 that has been received. Mr. Eades said that corridor study has been positive.

Councilor Aguilar asked what kind of time frame is expected for the completion of the project. Mr. Eades said there was a 5 to 10 year time frame.

b. Presentation by Russell Combs – Business Incubator feasibility Study

Russell Combs began a presentation on business incubator. He said this is one of the best kept secrets on business incubation and is an economic development tool. He then said it will take time to grow a successful business the right way. He explained in mid-2015 WESST enterprise center was commissioned to assist a rural community and investigate the possibility of starting a best practice business incubator. He explained what a business incubator is.

He continued to explain there are 5 incubator classifications of incubators; arts, kitchen, manufacturing, technology and mixed use. He then said the State of NM is the only state that

demands that a business incubator be certified and there are 5 certified incubators and one privately held incubator. He then explained the next steps would be: consensus to move ahead collectively, create a steering committee, commit local funds, seek support from funding entities, i.e. State, USDA, EDA, etc., and commission an RFP. Russell Combs said that once a business graduates from the program they usually stay within a 20 mile radius of the incubator.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Olguin said the hospital issue needs to be brought up.

Mayor Gwinn said that initially it was a subject not to be spoken of.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next VELEO meeting will be held on August 2nd at Valencia County.

A discussion continued on the longer version presentation Mr. Combs made in Albuquerque and for the City Managers.

6. ADJOURN

The VALEO meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.