

IMPERIAL VALLEY FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

IMPERIAL COUNTY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • 940 W. Main St., Ste. #203, El Centro, CA, 92243



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:00 PM
Imperial County Planning and Development Services
801 Main St. El Centro, CA. 92243

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Imperial Valley Foreign Trade Zone – Joint Powers Authority (IVFTZ-JPA) was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 2:10 p.m. at the Imperial County Planning and Development Services conference room, located at 801 Main St. El Centro, CA. 92243.

ATTENDEES

JPA Members

City of Brawley
City of Calexico
City of Calipatria
City of El Centro
County of Imperial

Primary

Rosanna Bayon MOORE

Romualdo MEDINA
Ruben DURAN

Alternate

Julia OSUNA

Andy HORNE

Consultants

ITC-Diligence, Inc.

David HARLOW

Coordinating Staff

I.C. Community & Econ. Development

Esperanza Colio WARREN
David Hernandez

Other Invites

My Distribution Center

Daniel Romero

MINUTES

I. Call meeting to order

- a. Roll call

Meeting was called to order by J. OSUNA at 2:10 p.m. Roll call was performed by Esperanza Colio Warren with four (4) JPA members present, it was determined that quorum was met. **Present:**

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City of Brawley, City of Calexico, County of Imperial, City of El Centro (City of Calipatria was not present at the time of roll call but arrived later).

- b. Approval of 11/10/2015 minutes

J. OSUNA opened discussion to approve the minutes for 11/10/2015. R. MOORE motioned to approve the minutes as presented. E. Warren seconded the motion. J.OSUNA put the motion to a vote. **Vote:** 3 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain at the time of the vote. **Motion passed.**

II. Discussion/action

- a. Annual Report

David Harlow opened the discussion regarding the Annual Report. D. Harlow stated that all operators of the FTZ have complied and filed their annual report on the FTZ Board Web Portal. Important information that was pointed out was the total value of goods received into the zone which amounted to over \$123 million. E. Warren questioned why the activity of all the operators were not listed individually bringing the response by D. Harlow that the report was collective and would show the total value of goods received of all the operators. D. Harlow continued to discuss the material in the annual report taking questions from the FTZ-JPA members.

Motion proposed by J. Osuna to accept the 2015 annual report provided. A. Horne also moved, R. Medina seconded the motion. J. Osuna put the motion to a vote.

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain at the time of the vote. **Motion Passed.**

- b. My Distribution Center- D. Romero

Mr. Daniel Romero attended to discuss the possibility of having his membership deadline extended to June 30 of 2016. D. Romero also included some history regarding the My Distribution Center which brought him to seeking the extension to June 30, 2016. R. Moore asked a question on the current status of My Distribution Center, E. Warren explained that My Distribution Center was approved but was not active because of bonding and the fees had not been paid. Other questions that were brought to the JPA's attention by A. Horne was the move to a different location that is being planned by My Distribution Center, D. Harlow explained to the JPA that there would be no impact to the grantees designation or the ASF, however, he does advise that Mr. Romero and My Distribution Center should come into compliance before being activated by grantee.

R. Moore motioned to extend agreement to June 30, 2016 provided that the \$5000.00 fee and general liability and a signed operator agreement is submitted. Seconded by R. Medina. J. Osuna put the motion to vote. Vote 4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain at the time of the vote. **Motion Passed**

- c. ASF Application Update

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E. WARREN explained that the FTZ board has not made the final approval hopefully within the week or next. D. Harlow explained the process that is used to approve the application. R. Moore suggested that E. Warren give a presentation on the FTZ at the League of Cities meeting, R, Moore will provide the date at a later time.

J. Osuna declared that no action was needed on this due to it being only an update.

III. Future agenda items and other business

a. Other Business – Coppel Corp.

E. Warren provided JPA members with a copy of Coppel report.

b. Other Business - Letter from Acting Port Dir. David L. Salazar to J.E. Export Inc. Approving Request to Operate as Foreign Trade Zone Operator for FTZ #257

E. Warren provided copy of letter to JPA members. D. Harlow provided more information on the next steps for approving J.E. Exports.

c. Other Business – Form TD72-56 Cargo Security Standards and Specifications

E. Warren provided form to JPA members as discussed in the November 10, 2015 meeting. D. Harlow gave further explanation and information on the form.

d. Future Agenda Items – D. Harlow would like to add Rail Port to the next meeting agenda. Listed for review and approval of the grantee to pursue becoming a FTZ operator.

IV. Next meeting date

a. TBD

V. Meeting adjourned

a. Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.