

MINUTES
SAN LUIS FACILITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, Arizona 85349
July 2, 2024
5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL President Jenny Torres called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT:

Director Maria Gonzalez
Director Joe Harper
Director Marco Pinzon
Director Eulogio Vera
President Jenny Torres

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney, Attorney for the Corporation
Janet Taylor, Legal Secretary, Clerk of the Board
Candy Lara, Records Management Specialist
Roula Encinas, Acting Finance Director
David Rivas, Warden, LaSalle Corrections
Thomas Carroll, Assistant Warden, LaSalle Corrections
Monica Campos, IT Department
Jose Antonio Maldonado, Multimedia Productions & Operations Specialist

2. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters are considered to be routine by the Commission and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

2.A.MINUTES OF:

- Regular meeting held October 12, 2023

MOTION: Director Marco Pinzon and Director Joe Harper approved the minutes from the October 12, 2023, meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The vote was as follows:

Director Maria Gonzalez	Aye
Director Eulogio Vera	Aye
President Jenny Torres	Aye

Director Marco Pinzon
Director Joe Harper

Aye
Aye

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

3. A. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding options for the operating and management agreement with LaSalle Corrections which is expiring on November 30, 2024. (Kay Marion Macuil, San Luis Facility Development Corporation General Counsel)

Ms. Macuil explained that the contract with LaSalle was ending on November 30th and that notice must be given on whether or not to negotiate or continue the contract as is. She explained the reserve accounts and what some of that reserve was used for she also, gave a presentation showing the bed count census over the past several years. Ms. Macuil recommended continuing the contract.

President Jenny Torres reminded the board of when Emerald was the operator and how they stepped away abruptly, and LaSalle stepped in and continued to operate the facility. The numbers back then looked better than they do now. Ms. Torres asked Ms. Macuil to show a summary of where we are at with the facility. She stated that the facility can hold up to 870 detainees.

Ms. Torres gave a brief history of the waterfall and the reserves. After evaluating that we are seeing a lower trend. We are waiting for elections to see if that changes. We want to make sure the bonds are paid and the facility continues to operate and continue to have the employees there.

President Torres asked Warden Rivas how many were currently employed at the facility. And Warden Rivas responded 175.

Ms. Torres asked the board if there any questions regarding the summary. She stated that she had spoken to staff and the Mayor but it is up to the board if there were any questions should they go out for proposals, continue with LaSalle as it is. Or do we open up negotiations.

Director Joe Harper asked if there were any concerns with the numbers being so low.

Warden Rivas, responded that he thought this question might be asked. He responded that in previous years they could forecast what the year was going to look like. But this year and half of last year it is all over the place. He explained that the whether or the administration or the budget that is not the case. It is unpredictable.

Director Harper asked if it was the problem we are having with the border and the influx of people coming across without any problems. Does that have to do with anything.

Warden responded perhaps with canceling Title 42 but nothing is making sense. Just recently there has been a spike of ICE detainees from Southern California and that tomorrow 140 detainees will be flown out with the possibility of 140 or so flying back in. Warden also explained that they were able to keep the amount of employees they have because of the different populations, males, females, US Marshals California, US Marshals Arizona, BP, ICE these are all different separations so the entire facility has to be used. And really cannot reduce forces.

Director Pinzon asked if the ladder that was created is sustainable are the numbers sustainable? Warden responded that they are maintaining. Warden stated that they are in constant contact with the agencies. Mr. Pinzon stated the hopefully with the election things will start going in the right direction.

Mr. Harper stated that he was quite happy and wanted to congratulate him with the way the Warden has handled himself and the facility during these difficult times. And that he was going to stick with him no matter what. Warden Rivas stated that he has been connected to that facility since 2009.

Mr. Vera stated that he wanted to expand on the previous question. The numbers are low in the history and that he was the newest board member. He asked what was a ball park number that would be considered sustainable? Warden responded right around 650.

Ms. Gonzalez wanted to congratulate the Warden following Mr. Harper's statement.

President Torres asked the board if there were any questions. She explained that there were a few options in the motions and which one they wanted to go with.

MOTION: Director Joe Harper and Marco Pinzon move to renew the Operating and Management Agreement with LaSalle Corrections through November 30, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously.

The vote was as follows:

Director Joe Harper		Aye
Director Marco Pinzon	Aye	
Director Maria Gonzalez		Aye
Director Eulogio Vera		Aye
President Jenny Torres		Aye

3.B. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding using the Operating/Reserve/Repair/Contingency Account to reimburse for the purchase a new ice machine that has stopped working in the San Luis Regional Detention and Support Center. **(David Rivas, Warden of the San Luis Regional Detention and Support Center)**

Assistant Warden Thomas Carroll stated that the ice machine was an original from 2007. They were fixing it and paying on it for quite a while. And it finally went out. Arizona Valley Refrigeration came out and told them it would cost more to fix it than to replace it. Asst. Warden Carroll stated that they went ahead and purchased the ice machine being that is is now summertime and hot temperatures. Ice is utilized every single day. There are 37 dorms that are provided water and ice as well as 17 recreation areas. They are filled three to four times a day. The need for ice is very demanding.

President Torres asked the board if there were any questions, and that they checked with the bank and that there are funds to cover this cost. There were not questions.

MOTION: Director.Marco Pinzon and Director Maria Gonzalez approved the reimbursement of a new ice machine from Arizona Refrigeration in the amount not to exceed \$9,990.00. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Vote was as follows:

President Jenny Torres	Aye
Director Eulogio Vera	Aye
Director Maria Gonzalez	Aye
Director Joe Harper	Aye
Director Marco Pinzon	Aye

3.C. Discussion and possible action on any and all matters regarding the election of Vice President for the San Luis Facility Development Corporation. **(Kay Marion Macuil, Attorney for the Corporation)**

City Attorney Kay Macuil explained the need for a vice president and said that sometimes we need to get a signature if the president is not available.

President Torres asked if there were any volunteers everyone laughed. Director Pinzon stated that he could do it as long as it was after 5:00 p.m.

Motion: Director Joe Harper and Director Maria Gonzalez moved to elect Director Marco Pinzon to the office of Vice President. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The vote was as follows:

Director Joe Harper	Aye
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Director Maria Gonzalez	Aye
Director Eulogio Vera	Aye
President Jenny Torres	Aye
Director Marco Pinzon	Aye

4. ADJOURNMENT *Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:51 p.m.*

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