

MINUTES
Of the Regular Board Meeting conducted on December 21, 2020

Take notice that a Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Irrigation District Number Six was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020, at the Hidalgo County Irrigation District Number Six office located at 3735 N. FM 492, Mission, Texas 78574.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Ms. Diana Izaguirre at 1:08 p.m., December 21, 2020, at which time Ms. Izaguirre acknowledged the presence of the Elected Members of the Board of Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. Six.

Members present included:

Ms. Diana Izaguirre, President (left at 4:31p.m.)
Mr. Santana Gutierrez, Vice-President
Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary (video online) (arrived at 1:10 p.m.)
Dr. Roberto Zamora, Director (video online)
Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director (video online) (left at 3:01 p.m.)

Also, present included:

Dr. Antonio Uresti, General Manager, HCID#6
Mr. Rene Flores, Chief Financial Officer, HCID#6
Ms. Deborah Cordova, Attorney at Law, HCID#6
Ms. Minnie Mueller, Assistant, HCID#6
Mr. Ruben James De Jesus, Engineer, HCID#6, (video online at 1:35 p.m.)

A quorum of the members of the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. Six being present, the meeting was duly convened. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by Invocation was presented by Ms. Diana Izaguirre, HCID#6 President.

- 2) Recognition of visitors and public comments.
- 3) Certification of Posting for the Board Meeting.

General Manager confirmed that the Certification of the Board Meeting was posted at the Hidalgo County Court House, HCID#6 lobby and the place convenient to the public in the bulletin board at HCID#6, 3735 N FM 492, Mission, Texas 78572 at 11:42 a.m., December 16, 2020.

- 4) Manager's Items
 - a) Hudson Energy Blend and Extend Renewal Offer
 - b) A Glimpse to a Preliminary Review of Frontera Contract
 - c) Summary of La Joya Bypass Initiative
 - d) Update on Safety Audit
 - e) HCID No. 6 Law Enforcement Safety and Security Assessment

Manager's Items will be discussed at a later date.

- 5) Minutes
 - a) Discuss and consider the approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 19, 2020.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 19, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b) Discuss and consider the approval of the minutes for the Special Board Meeting of October 26, 2020.

Mr. Santana Gutierrez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 26, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Discuss and consider the approval of Review and Exclusion rates increase.

General Manager presented to Board Members the HCID No.6 Requirement for Plat Exemption/Exclusions indicating fee schedule. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to allow General Manager to conduct a comparative study with other irrigation entities to bring back to Board Members for possible action.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Discuss and consider the approval of the proposed Amended Budget for January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

Chief Financial Officer presented to Board Members the proposed Amended Budget for January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. He explained the current pandemic accounted for a large portion of low revenues. Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the proposed Amended budget for January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Discuss and consider the approval of the proposed Budget for January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Chief Financial Officer presented Board Members the proposed Budget for January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021 and pointed out operation expenses decreased. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the proposed Budget for January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Discuss and consider the approval of 2021 Employees' salaries for the 2021 budget.

General Manager presented to Board Members a proposed 2021 rate increase for HCID No. 6 employees with three rate increase options. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve 2021 Employees' salaries for the 2021 budget, specifying an hourly increase of \$.50 (fifty cents) for employees with 0-5 years of service; an hourly increase of \$.75 (seventy-five cents) for employees with 6-11 years of service; and an hourly increase of \$1.00 (one-dollar) for employees with over 11 years of service.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Discuss and consider the approval of advertising/posting for Requests for Qualifications of a CPA firm for the 2020 fiscal year audit.

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to table the approval of advertising/posting for Requests for Qualifications of a CPA firm for the 2020 fiscal year audit.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11) Discuss and consider the approval of engaging a CPA firm for the 2020 fiscal year audit.

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to table the approval of engaging a CPA firm for the 2020 fiscal year audit.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12) Discuss and consider the approval for a request made by General Manager regarding the repairs of District Lake (24 head Pump) and Pump Station 3 (8 head Pump).

General Manager presented Board Members with two proposals from Ramsa Electromechanics, Inc., Laredo, Texas, and RGV Industrial Machine Shop & Pumps, LLC, Elsa, Texas, for the repairs of District Lake (24 head Pump) and Pump Station 3 (8 head Pump). Mr. Santana Gutierrez made a motion and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora to approve the repair District Lake (24 head Pump) and Pump Station 3 (8 head Pump) with RGV Industrial Machine Ship & Pumps, LLC, Elsa, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13) Discuss and consider the approval for a request made by General Manager regarding the replacement of River Pump 30DD meter.

General Manager notified Board Members that cost estimate has not yet been provided by vendors, but believes estimate cost for meter replacement would be approximately \$10,000. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the request made by General Manager regarding the replacement of River Pump 30DD meter.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14) Discuss and consider a request made by Mr. Onefre Rios & Ma De Lourdes, to address the Board of Directors regarding assessments owed, penalties and interest, being 5.68 acres out of Bentsen Groves Lot #108S do not want to pay assessments. **(FR:8752)**

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to table the request made by Mr. Onefre Rios & Ma De Lourdes to address the Board of Directors regarding assessments owed, penalties and interest, being 5.68 acres out of Bentsen Groves Lot #108S **(FR:8752)**

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15) Discuss and consider a request made by Mr. Pedro Ochoa, to address the Board of Directors regarding assessments owed, penalties and interest, being 9.0 acres out of Los Ejidos Subdivision, Lot #16, Hidalgo County. **(FR:5451)**

Mr. Ochoa expressed his concerns on his Flat Rate Assessment balance with HCID No.6. He claimed previous HCID No.6 manager told him to give over his water rights and he would no longer have to pay assessments.

The Board of Directors moved this item into executive session.

Mr. Santana Gutierrez made a motion for the Board of Directors to enter closed session at 1:19 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to discuss item number 15.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Santana Gutierrez made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene at 1:41 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to allow General Manager and staff to further investigate the request made by Mr. Pedro Ochoa.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 16) Discuss and consider the request made by *Salinas Engineering & Assoc.* on behalf of Sara Gonzalez, regarding the review on the re-platting of *Taurus Estates No. 5 Subdivision* being a 1.57 acre tract of land, more or less, consisting of all of Lot 15, Taurus Estates No. 5 Subdivision, Palmview, Hidalgo County, Texas, as per the Map or Plat there of recorded in Volume 35, Page 11 Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the request made by *Salinas Engineering & Assoc.* on behalf of Sara Gonzalez, regarding the review on the re-platting of *Taurus Estates No. 5 Subdivision* being a 1.57 acre tract of land, more or less, consisting of all of Lot 15, Taurus Estates No. 5 Subdivision, Palmview, Hidalgo County, Texas, as per the Map or Plat there of recorded in Volume 35, Page 11 Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 17) Discuss and consider the request made by *Sam Engineering and Surveying, Inc.* on behalf of Andy Santos, regarding the review of *Big Dawg Subdivision*, being a 2.097 acre gross tract of land out of Lot 178, Bentsen Groves Subdivision, an addition to the City of Mission, Hidalgo County, Texas, as per Map or Plat thereof recorded in Vol. 7, Page 13, Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the request made by *Sam Engineering and Surveying, Inc.* on behalf of Andy Santos, regarding the review of *Big Dawg Subdivision*, being a 2.097 acre gross tract of land out of Lot 178, Bentsen Groves Subdivision, an addition to the City of Mission, Hidalgo County, Texas, as per Map or Plat thereof recorded in Vol. 7, Page 13, Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas, with the request of a ten-foot easement.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 18) Discuss and consider a request made by *Rio Delta Engineering*, on behalf of Amador Hernandez, regarding the review of *Karolina Ysabella Subdivision*, being a 6.89-acre tract of land out of Lots 2, 3, and 5, Block 43, Homeville Association Subdivision "D" recorded in Volume 6, Page 36, Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the request made by *Rio Delta Engineering*, on behalf of Amador Hernandez, regarding the review of *Karolina Ysabella Subdivision*, being a 6.89-acre tract of land out of Lots 2, 3, and 5, Block 43, Homeville Association Subdivision "D" recorded in Volume 6, Page 36, Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 19) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Santana Gutierrez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to enter into closed session at 3:25 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a) Discussion on audit and audit procedure.
- b) Discussion regarding *Joe Louis Aguilar, Sr. vs HCID#6*, Cause C-1216-20-D in the 206th Judicial District Court, Hidalgo County, Texas.
- c) Discussion regarding *Martha Salinas vs. HCID#6*, EEOC Charge No. 451-2020- 01375.

- d) Discussion regarding *Normalinda Contreras vs. HCID#6*, EEOC Charge No. 451-2020-01865.
- e) Discussion regarding *Dionicio Garza, Jr. vs HCID#6*, Cause No. CC5—0570-E.
- f) Discussion regarding a request made by *Sendero Acquisitions, LP.*, on behalf of the *Texas Department of Transportation*, regarding the proposed taking of a tract of land containing 0.0607 of an acre (2,645 sq. ft.) situated in the Jose Francisco De La Garza Survey, Abstract Number 579, and Porcion 52 of Hidalgo County, Texas being a portion of the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 Canal (100 foot right-of-way). (*Parcel 14*)
- g) Discussion regarding Offer to Sell Real Property letter received for the proposed partial acquisition being 9.109 acres out of a 167.628-acre tract, Hidalgo County, Texas, in association with the Border Infrastructure Project by Allen, Williford & Seale, Inc. on behalf of the *US Army Corps of Engineers*. (Parcel Number: RGV-MCS-1309).

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene to open session at 5:30 p.m. and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora.

Motion carried unanimously.

20) Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Thompson made a motion and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora to take no action on item numbers 19a, 19b, 19c, 19d, 19e, 19f.

Motion carried unanimously.

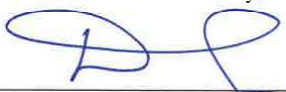
Item 19g. Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to allow HCID No.6 engineer to engage with US Army Corps of Engineers and third party consultant to work on an option to expand their current siphon at Military Road and allow a proposed crossing.

Motion carried unanimously.

21) Adjournment.

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to adjourn the meeting of December 21, 2020, at 5:34 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Diana Izaguirre, President, HCID#6



Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID#6