

MINUTES
Of the Special Board Meeting conducted on June 26, 2020

Take notice that a Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Irrigation District Number Six was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 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 2:14 p.m., June 26, 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 (video online)
Mr. Santana Gutierrez, Vice-President
Dr. Roberto Zamora, Director (video online)
Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director (video online)

Member not present:

Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary

Also, present included:

Mr. Rene Flores, Interim General Manager, HCID#6
Ms. Deborah Cordova, Attorney at Law (video online)
Ms. Minnie Mueller, Assistant, HCID#6
Dr. Antonio Uresti
Mr. Ruben James De Jesus, Melden & Hunt, Inc.

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.

Dr. Antonio Uresti expressed to Board Members his deep gratitude for the position of HCID#6 General Manager. Board Members welcomed him aboard and stated they are looking forward to working closely with him.

- 3) Certification of Posting for the Board Meeting.

Interim 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 2:13 p.m., June 23, 2020.

- 4) Discuss and consider the 2018 fiscal year audit performed by ***Oscar R. Gonzalez, CPA & Associates, PLLC.***

Ms. Melissa Gonzalez with Oscar R. Gonzalez, CPA & Associates, PLLC, presented the 2018 fiscal year audit report to Board Members. Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the 2018 fiscal year audit performed by ***Oscar R. Gonzalez, CPA & Associates, PLLC.***

Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Discuss and consider the approval of a request for information on the Interregional Water Supply Project.

Dr. Roberto Zamora informed Board Members of his research and findings regarding the decrease of agricultural land in HCID#6 jurisdiction due to residential growth and development, meaning less water sales for the District. There is possible growth to the north in the Moorefield area, which means additional revenue by extending the District's water lines. Pablo Zapata, HCID#6 Field Supervisor, informed Dr. Zamora of a pump house and a 15" water line to Moorefield. Landowners in the area have been requesting water for irrigation and reservoirs. Dr.

Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the TWDB Request for Information 580-20-RFI-0009 submission for the Interregional Water Supply Project by HCID#6.

Motion carried unanimously.

6) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion for the Board of Directors to enter closed session at 3:11 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to discuss item numbers 6a, 6b, 6c.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a) Discussion regarding the transition of **Interim General Manager**, Rene Flores.
- b) Discussion regarding a request made by **L&G Engineering**, on behalf of the **Texas Department of Transportation**, for the proposed taking of a tract of land containing 0.0842 acre (3,669 sq. ft.) situated in Hidalgo County, Texas and being out of the Nicholas Zamora Survey, A-76, Porcion 48, Hidalgo County, Texas. (**Parcel 36**)
- c) Discussion regarding the partial taking by the **Texas Department of Transportation** of a tract of land being a 1.221 acre (53,187 sq. ft.) parcel of land located in the Dionisio Ramirez Survey, Abstract No. 563, Porcion 78, Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No.6, a public corporation by the Right-of-Way Deed dated December 29, 1928, as recorded in Volume 291, Page 247 in the Hidalgo County Deed Records (H.C.D.R, Hidalgo County, Texas (**Parcel 29**))

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene to open session at 3:43 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza.

Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discussion and possible action regarding item(s) discussed in Closed Session.

Item 6a. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora to reassign Interim General Manager, Rene Flores to Chief Financial Officer, effective Monday, June 29, 2020. This position will remain in effect until the presentation and approval of the 2019 annual audit. Rene Flores will maintain his current salary, and his "at will employment" status does not change.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6b. Legal Counsel explained to HCID#6 Board that due to County not in agreement with HCID#6 reserving an easement as previously approved by the HCID#6 Board at the November 7, 2019 Board Meeting, the HCID#6 Board approved a Joint Use Agreement at the June 15, 2020 Board Meeting. Legal Counsel read the following: For clarification purposes, the District would be agreeing to convey Parcel 36 in fee simple via special warranty deed with a reservation of mineral rights and the execution of a Joint Use Agreement that will not substantially vary from the Joint Use Agreement previously reviewed by Legal Counsel and upon review of all the closing documents by Legal Counsel, the President of the District is authorized to execute the closing documents to effectuate the transaction. Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve this item as read by counsel.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6c. Mr. Ruben James de Jesus, HCID#6 engineer, recommends that HCID#6 approach Xylum Dewatering Solutions with an estimated amount of \$42,316.00 for the main canal bypass, also provide TXDOT details for the main canal concrete overlay and dam details. Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza for the General Manager and HCID#6

engineer to contact Xylem, Inc. to receive estimates and information related to responding to this request.

Motion carried unanimously.

8) Adjournment

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza adjourn the meeting of June 26, 2020, at 3:50 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Diana Izaguirre, President, HCID#6



Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID#6