

MINUTES
Of the Special Board Meeting conducted on November 02, 2020

Take notice that a Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Irrigation District Number Six was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 02, 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 Mr. Santana Gutierrez at 1:13 p.m., November 02, 2020, at which time Mr. Santana Gutierrez acknowledged the presence of the Elected Members of the Board of Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. Six.

Members present included:

Mr. Santana Gutierrez, Vice-President
Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary (video online)
Dr. Roberto Zamora, Director (video online at 1:36 p.m.)
Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director (video online)

Member not present:

Ms. Diana Izaguirre, President

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 (video online)
Ms. Minnie Mueller, Assistant, HCID#6
Mr. Ruben James De Jesus, Engineer, HCID#6 (video online)
Mr. David Lee Pena, David Lee Pena Agency
Mr. Timm Johnson, TWCA Risk Management Fund (video online)
Ms. Micheon Balmer, TWCA Risk Management Fund (video online)

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 Mr. Brandon Thompson, HCID#6 Secretary.

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

General Manager confirmed 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 11:45 a.m., October 28, 2020.

4) Manager's Items

- a) Center for Public Management Registration.

General Manager notified Board Members of his registration for the Center for Public Management virtual conference, November 12 & 13, 2020, as requested by Board Members after being appointed the new HCID#6 investment officer.

- b) TML (Texas Municipal League) vs. TWCA (Texas Water Conservation Association).

General Manager notified Board Members of a HCID#6 study conducted indicating other irrigation districts are utilizing TWCA versus TML. HCID#6 is covered by TML. Ms. Micheon Balmer presented to Board Members an Introduction of the TWCA Fund. She mentioned the History, Benefits Fund, Coverage Programs and Services. TWCA covers everything TML is currently covering for the District. In addition, TWCA performs on site safety training for employees, in both English and Spanish.

c) Self-Funded Insurance Presentation

Mr. David Lee Pena presented Board Members with a Self-Funding Plan offering opportunities in savings, as well as a breakdown of Health Plan Costs.

5) Discuss and consider the 2019 fiscal year audit performed by Raul Hernandez & Ccompany, P.C.

Mr. Raul Hernandez presented Board Members with the 2019 fiscal year audit starting with Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. He pointed out the four (4) findings on Personal Purchases, Credit Cards, Federal Tax Return Form 941, Escrow Account, stating all was updated without issues. His opinion was unqualified, meaning a clean opinion. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the 2019 fiscal year audit performed by Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C.

Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discuss and consider the approval of HCID#6 Utility License Guidelines and Fee Schedule.

General Manager presented Board Members with a comparative Fee Structure study of utility crossings with other Irrigation Districts. He identified 5 (five) particular items HCID#6 does not have listed or that are below cost. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve HCID#6 Utility License Guidelines and Fee Schedule.

Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discuss and consider the approval of the **Water Rate Resolution** established for 2020.

General Manager presented Board Members with a *Revenues Collected From Flat Rate Assessments And Sales of Raw Water from 2018 thru 2020* report. He indicated a break down on higher rates and the dollar impact for HCID#6. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora to approve the **Water Rate Resolution** established for 2020 and rate to remain the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

8) Discuss and consider the approval of the **Mining Rate Resolution** established for 2020.

General Manager notified Board Members of no mining revenue since 2018. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the **Mining Rate Resolution** established for 2021 and rate to remain the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

9) Discuss and consider the approval of the **Tank Water Rate Resolution** established for 2021.

General Manager presented to Board Members the current water rate of \$50 per day. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson for the **Tank Water Rate Resolution** established for 2021 be raised to \$100.00 per day.

Motion carried unanimously.

10) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to enter into closed session at 3:24 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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*)

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene to open session at 3:42 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 10. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora to allow legal counsel and HCID#6 Engineer to negotiate a Joint Use Agreement with Sendero Acquisitions, LP.

Motion carried unanimously.

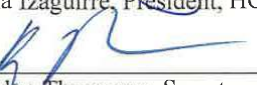
12) Adjournment

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora to adjourn the meeting of November 02, 2020, at 3:45 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Diana Izaguirre, President, HCID#6



Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID#6