MINUTES

Of the Special Board Meeting conducted on April 26, 2021

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 April 26, 2021, 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 1:04 p.m., April 26, 2021, 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
- Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director (video online)
- Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary (video online)

Member not present:

Dr. Roberto Zamora, Director (video online)

Also, present included:

- Dr. Antonio Uresti, General Manager, HCID No.6
- Ms. Deborah Cordova, Attorney at Law, HCID No.6 (video online)
- Ms. Minnie Mueller, Assistant, HCID No.6
- Mr. Ruben James De Jesus, Engineer, HCID No.6
- Mr. Mike Hernandez, Vice President, Melden & Hunt
- Mr. Isauro Trevino, South Texas Grant Writing Services
- Mr. Guillermo Reyna, Guillermo Reyna CPA
- Mr. Bobby Villarreal, Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc.
- Mr. Don Gonzalez, Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. (video online)
- Mr. Miguel De Los Santos, Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc.
- Mr. Arnold Cantu, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
- Mr. Horacio Elizondo, Texas Department of Public Transportation TXDOT) (video online)
- Mr. Art Lopez, Texas Department of Public Transportation (TXDOT) (video online)
- Mr. Carlos Lascurain, Sendero Acquisitions, LP (video online)
- Mr. Dain Larson, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) (video online)

A quorum of the members of the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 being present, the meeting was duly convened. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by Invocation was presented by Mr. Brandon Thompson, HCID No.6 Secretary.

- 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 No.6 lobby and the place convenient to the public in the bulletin board at HCID No.6, 3735 N FM 492, Mission, Texas 78572 at 11:15 a.m., April 21, 2020.

- 4) Manager's Items;
 - a) Senate Bill 2185 and House Bill 4620. Authorize City of McAllen to dissolve HCWID#3 and transfer its assets without compensation or due process protections.
 - General Manager informed Board Members of House Bills mentioned at the monthly LRGV meeting, pending approval by the Senate. He will update board on House Bills in upcoming meetings.
 - b) Senate Bill 1008 and House Bill 3996. Relating to fees for pipeline construction imposed by certain districts.

General Manager informed Board Members of Bill 1008, preventing irrigation

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districts from charging crossing fees to other entities, such as Agua Sud, etc. He will update Board Members in the upcoming board meetings.

5) Discussion and update on Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) State Water Implementation Fund of Texas (SWIFT) funding for HCID No.6 Conservation Project and HCID No.6 Service Area Expansion Project in relation to funding requirements and conditions for Financial Assistance Application for Public Entities/Political Subdivisions.

General Manager informed Board Members of deadline of May 10, 2021, to submit the completed Financial Assistance Application for Public Entities/Political Subdivisions. Dain Larsen (TWDB) notified Board Members that State Water Implementation Fund of Texas (SWIFT) is relatively strict on the submission process. They are compiling a report due in July for their Board of Directors, and explained interest rates for the funds will be available in September 2021. Bobby Villarreal (Estrada Hinojosa & Company) informed Board Members of the many intense questions and financial information by (TWDB). Arnold Cantu (Norton Rose Fulbright) informed Board Members that all governmental entities that are issuing debt are required to send all documents concerning debt to Attorney General Office for review and needs to be in accord with the law. Isauro Trevino (South Texas Grant Writing Services) emphasized the importance of each entity involved in this project to be aware of each other's role in this application process.

6) Approval of Resolution #21-R00149 by the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing of an application for participation and authorized representative; and making certain findings in connection therewith.

Isauro Trevino presented Board Members a resolution indicating entities participating in the Financial Assistance Application for Public Entities/Political Subdivisions for HCID No.6.

7) Approval of Resolution #21-R00150 on Application Resolution - Certificate of Secretary in relation to the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing of an application for participation and authorized representative; and making certain findings in connection therewith.

Isauro Trevino presented Resolution #21-R00150 on Application Resolution - Certificate of Secretary to indicate a Board Meeting did take place for the filing of an application for participation and authorized representative; and making certain findings in connection therewith.

8) Approval of Resolution #21-R00151 on Application Affidavit in relation to the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing the filing of an application for participation and authorized representative; and making certain findings in connection therewith.

Isauro Trevino presented Resolution #21-R00151 on Application Affidavit in relation to the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; the official representative will be HCID No.6 General Manager, Dr. Antonio Uresti.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to table item numbers 6, 7, 8.

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion for the Board of Directors to enter closed session at 1:51 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to discuss item number 9.

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**)

10) Discussion and possible action regarding item discussed in Executive Session.

Item 9. Carlos Lascurain with Sendero Acquisitions, LP mentioned a concern of language used, "irrevocable", and "perpetual" indicated on MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) and Deed. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the suggested language recommended by TXDOT, removing the terms "irrevocable" and "perpetual" from said documents and pending reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by HCID No.6.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene to open session at 2:06 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza.

Motion carried unanimously.

11) Adjournment.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to adjourn the meeting of April 26, 2021, at 2:08 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Diana Izaguirre, President, HCID No.6

Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID No.6