MINUTES Of the Special Board Meeting conducted on April 30, 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 30, 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 Mr. Santana Gutierrez at 1:23 p.m., April 30, 2021, 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

Dr. Roberto Zamora, Director (video online)

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director (video online)

Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary (video online)

Member not present:

Ms. Diana Izaguirre, President

Also, present included:

Dr. Antonio Uresti, General Manager, HCID No.6

Ms. Deborah Cordova, Attorney at Law, HCID No.6

Ms. Minnie Mueller, Assistant, HCID No.6

Mr. Mike Hernandez, Engineer, HCID No.6

Mr. Ruben James De Jesus, Engineer, HCID No.6.

Mr. Isauro Trevino, South Texas Grant Writing Services

Mr. Miguel de los Santos, Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc.

Mr. Arnold Cantu, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP

Mr. Don Gonzalez, Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc.

Mr. Bobby Villarreal, Estrada Hinojosa & Company, 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 Dr. Roberto Zamora, HCID No.6 Director.

- 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 12:20 P.m., April 27, 2021.

4) 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 updated Board Members of the constant communication with Texas Conservation Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and have developed a good relationship. HCID No.6 Engineer informed Board Members all the different improvement possibilities to better the District operationally and financially with the Conservation project, additionally recommends for project be performed in phases. Isauro Trevino recommended HCID No.6 to move forward with Conservation Project.

5) Discuss and consider the approval of a Bond Counsel.

Arnold Cantu informed Board Members of Norton Rose Fulbright being the legal authorization for bonds necessary to complete project, plus no fees will be

charged to the District for their services until funds are deposited in District's bank, in addition Norton Rose Fulbright fees will be paid from the project loan. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora to approve Norton Rose Fulbright as Bond Counsel.

Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discuss and consider the approval of a Financial Advisor.

Bobby Villarreal informed Board Members of Estrada Hinojosa financial services objectives and involvement with HCID No.6 Conservation Project, in addition he expressed District will not be charged for their services until funds are deposited in District's bank, in addition Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. fees will be paid from the project loan. Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve Estrada Hinojosa as Financial Advisor.

Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discuss and consider the approval of *Application Filing and Authorized**Representative 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.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Dr. Roberto Zamora to approve *Application Filing and Authorized Representative 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

8) Discuss and consider the approval of *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.

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the *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.

Motion carried unanimously.

9) Discuss and consider the approval of *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.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the *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.

Motion carried unanimously.

10) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Board Members did not go into Executive Session.

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**)

- 11) Discussion and possible action regarding item discussed in Executive Session.
- 12) Adjournment

Dr. Roberto Zamora made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to adjourn the meeting of April 30, 2021, at 2:23 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Diana Izaguirre, President HCID No.6

Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID No.6