

**MINUTES**  
**Of the Regular Board Meeting conducted on September 20, 2021**

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 September 20, 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 1:28 p.m., September 20, 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  
Mr. Santana Gutierrez, Vice-President  
Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary

Members not present:

Dr. Roberto Zamora, Director  
Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director

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. Michael Kent, Bookkeeper, HCID No.6  
Mr. Ruben James De Jesus, Engineer, HCID No.6  
Mr. Hiram Gutierrez, Purdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP  
Mr. Romeo Cantu, Purdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP  
Mr. Michael McGurk, Walsh McGurk Cordova Nixon, PLLC (video online)  
Ms. Rose Sandoval, Walsh McGurk Cordova Nixon, PLLC (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 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 12:12 p.m., September 15, 2021.

↳) Manager's Items:

a) Water Ticket - Refunds

General Manager notified Board Members of outstanding Water Tickets not utilized by customers, due to heavy rains, and refund checks have been mailed to customers. Water tickets are valid for 60 days only and refunds will assist in monitoring of current active tickets.

b) Internal Bank Transfers / Expenditures

General Manager presented Board Members reports, informing them of bank transfers and expenditures processed for the month of August.

c) Waste Management Contract

General Manager informed Board Members of the re-negotiation with Waste Management services to empty out bin every other week versus every week and savings of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) less a month.

d) Praxair Agreement

General Manager informed Board Members he contacted Praxair (welding gas services) to terminate services due to less welding activity and will be a \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) yearly savings.

e) Mid-Year Profit and Loss Comparison

General Manager presented a Mid-Year Profit and Loss report comparing first six months for 2020, and first six months for 2021. He explained the reason for less revenues and high expenses.

5) Minutes

a) Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of June 30, 2021.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve Minutes for the Special Meeting of June 30, 2021, contingent upon the confirmation by HCID No.6 Assistant for motion pertaining to item numbers 9, 10, 11.

Motion carried unanimously.

b) Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of July 19, 2021.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of July 19, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

c) Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of August 16, 2021.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of August 16, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discuss and consider a request made by CSJ Group regarding ***Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1, 2018 Bond Project No. 3.***

HCID No.6 Engineer updated Board Members ***Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1, 2018 Bond Project No. 3,*** and pointed out crossings on project plans which developer will need to request for permits from HCID No.6. Hidalgo County Drainage District No.1 is proposing to bury certain segments of the irrigation canal.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to take no action on the request made by CSJ Group regarding ***Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1, 2018 Bond Project No. 3.***

Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discuss and consider a request made by Gracie Sturdivant, regarding property access and a driveway infrastructure on La Homa Road and Mile 3 ½ Road.

HCID No.6 Engineer updated Board Members on Gracie Sturdivant's request to access her property located on La Homa and Mile 3 Road, additionally he mentioned of an existing canal line on said property and will need to draft an agreement between HCID No.6 and Gracie Sturdivant regarding burying the canal. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez for General Manager and HCID No.6 Engineer to continue to work with Gracie Sturdivant on this request.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Discuss and consider a request made by Ms. Katrina Alaniz, to address the Board of Directors regarding penalties and interest owed, being .50 acre out of Citraland Farms Lot #.009S & 010N-7. (**FR:1383**)

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to table this item.

Motion carried unanimously.

***The Board of Directors moved this item into executive session.***

- 9) Discuss and consider the proposals to engage an *Assessments Collector* firm.

General Manager informed Board Members of one firm responding to the Assessment Collector publicized RFQ request, Purdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP. Hiram Gutierrez presented to Board Members a general background history for Purdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP, and he will be the project manager for services pertaining to HCID No.6.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to table this item.

Motion carried unanimously.

***The Board of Directors moved this item into executive session.***

- 10) Discuss and consider the approval for a request made by ***Orlando Farias and Nora C. Farias*** for voluntary annexation into HCID No.6, being; 4 acres Schunior's S437.75'-N2879.15 Lot 4 SHR 3C Parcel 1, Hidalgo County, Texas, and 3.55 Schunior's AN IRR TR N662.75'-S2028.62'-E190'SECT 1 & AN IRR TR E229.70'-S224.63'SECT 3 R/S Lot 2 SH 3C.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez for Orlando Farias to continue the annexation process and request the additional changes to petition to include any all expenses associated with the inclusion process.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11) Discuss and consider a request made by General Manager to ratify the renewal of ERS (Emergency Response Service) program with ***ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas)***.

General Manager informed Board Members of an email notification regarding the yearly renewal of Emergency Response Service indicating a deadline of September 05, 2021. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the request made by General Manager, to ratify the renewal of ERS (Emergency Response Service) program with ***ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas)***.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12) Discuss and consider a request made by General Manager for conducting title searches and surveying of all HCID No.6 properties.

General Manager informed Board Members of several HCID No.6 land properties not documented nor recorded with the Hidalgo County Courthouse and feels that in the near future, HCID No.6 will need to start phasing this project to the best interest of the District. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to take no action on the request made by General Manager for conducting title searches and surveying of all HCID No.6 properties.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13) Discuss and consider approving the attendance to the **2021 TWCA (Texas Water Conservation Association) Fall Conference** on October 20-22,2021 in San Antonio, Tx.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the attendance to the **2021 TWCA (Texas Water Conservation Association) Fall Conference** on October 20-22,2021 in San Antonio, Tx.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14) Discuss and consider a request made by General Manager on HCID No.6 regarding approving a policy for investment funds internal bank transfers.

General Manager presented Board Members a current cash flow chart and proposed a new cash flow chart by creating a secondary money market account with Texas Regional Bank to secure CD funds and only Board Members can approve internal transfers when necessary. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the request made by General Manager on HCID No.6 regarding approving a policy for investment funds internal bank transfers.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15) Discuss and consider the approval of advertising/posting for Requests for Qualifications of a CPA firm for the 2021 fiscal year audit.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to take no action on this item.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 16) Discuss and consider the proposals to engage a **CPA** firm for the 2021 fiscal year audit.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to engage with Guillermo Reyna, CPA firm for the 2021 fiscal year audit.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 17) Discuss and consider a request made by General Manager to request quotes to repair:
- 30 DD Motor
  - 24 Head Motor and Pump
  - 26 Head Motor and Pump
  - 4 B Motor and Pump

General Manager presented Board Members a report indicating estimates of four HCID No.6 pumps/motors needing immediate repairs. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to table this item and for General Manager to bring back to Board when remainder of options are available.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 18) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion for the Board of Directors to enter closed session at 2:58 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to discuss item numbers 8, 9, 18a, 18b, 18c, 18d, 18e, 18f, 18g, 18h, 18i, and 18j.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**a) Discussion regarding audit.**

**b) Discussion regarding *IOC* contract renewal proposals.**

- c) Discussion regarding *USDA/Moorefield* contract renewal proposals.
- d) Discussion regarding *Power Broadband, LLC* contract.
- e) Discussion regarding *Spectrum* crossings.
- f) Discussion regarding *Joe Louis Aguilar, Sr. vs HCID No.6*, Cause C-1216-20-D in the 206<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Hidalgo County, Texas.
- g) Discussion regarding *Martha Salinas vs. HCID No.6*, EEOC Charge No. 451-2020- 01375.
- h) Discussion regarding *Hidalgo County, Texas vs. Palmira Rosilla aka Ramira Reyes, et al.*, CCD-0618-H in the County Court At Law #8, Hidalgo County Texas.
- i) Discussion regarding *Hidalgo County, Texas vs. Aurora Rodriguez, et al.*, T-1250-16-J in the 430<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Hidalgo County, Texas.
- j) Discussion regarding *Weslaco ISD, et al vs. Associates Financial Services Co., Inc., et al*, T-178-11-J in the 430<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

**Item 8.** Discuss and consider a request made by Ms. Katrina Alaniz, to address the Board of Directors regarding penalties and interest owed, being .50 acre out of Citraland Farms Lot #.009S & 010N-7. (**FR:1383**)

**Item 9.** Discuss and consider the proposals to engage an *Assessments Collector* firm.

**Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene to open session at 5:06 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Item 8.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to deny the request made by Ms. Katrina Alaniz, to address the Board of Directors regarding penalties and interest owed, being .50 acre out of Citraland Farms Lot #.009S & 010N-7. (**FR:1383**)

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 9.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the proposal to engage with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP as assessment collector firm for a one a year term.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18a.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to take no action regarding audit.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18b.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana to allow General Manager to keep negotiating contract followed by counsel review and subject to Board approval regarding *IOC* contract renewal proposals.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18c.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to authorize General Manager to submit proposed contract to

USDA/Moorefield for review and bring back subject to final approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18d.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to take no action regarding **Power Broadband, LLC** contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18e.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez for General Manager to continue researching if crossing was on District's fee simple property, regarding **Spectrum** crossings.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18f.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to take no action regarding **Joe Louis Aguilar, Sr. vs HCID No.6**, Cause C-1216-20-D in the 206<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18g.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to take no action regarding **Martha Salinas vs. HCID No.6**, EEOC Charge No. 451-2020- 01375.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18h.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to file a disclaimer of interest once General Manager completes investigation regarding **Hidalgo County, Texas vs. Palmira Rosilla aka Ramira Reyes, et al.**, CCD-0618-H in the County Court At Law #8, Hidalgo County Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18i.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to allow counsel and General Manager to discuss this case with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP, regarding **Hidalgo County, Texas vs. Aurora Rodriguez, et al.**, T-1250-16-J in the 430<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18j.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to ratify General Manager's decision to not intervene and file disclaimer of no interest regarding **Weslaco ISD, et al vs. Associates Financial Services Co., Inc., et al**, T-178-11-J in the 430<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.


Motion carried unanimously.

## 20) Adjournment

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to adjourn the meeting of September 20, 2021, at 5:10 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Diana Izaguirre, President, HCID No.6

  
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Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID No.6