

**MINUTES**  
**Of the Regular Board Meeting conducted on October 18, 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 October 18, 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 1:17 p.m., October 18, 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  
Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director  
Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary

Not present:

Ms. Diana Izaguirre, President  
Dr. Roberto Zamora, 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 (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)  
Mr. Isauro Trevino, South Texas Grant Writing Services  
Mr. Javier Ramos, IWC Insurance  
Mr. David Martinez, Pete Jaramillo Insurance Services

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 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 1:00 p.m., October 13, 2021.

4) Manager's Items:

a) Thanksgiving Luncheon

General Manager informed and invited Board Members of the yearly Thanksgiving Luncheon at District Lake.

b) Internal Bank Transfers / Expenditures

General Manager presented Board Members the Internal Bank Transfers and Expenditures reports.

c) New Money Market Account Status

This item was not discussed.

d) TML (Texas Municipal League) coverages and deductibles

General Manager notified Board Members of meeting with a TML representative and discussed the history of claims for HCID No.6. He will bring back to Board with possible scenarios to lower the Texas Municipal League expense.

5) Minutes

- a) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of April 19, 2021.
- b) Approval of Minutes for the Special Board Meeting of April 30, 2021.
- c) Approval of Minutes for the Special Board Meeting of May 14, 2021.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to table item numbers. 5a, 5b and 5c, to allow the opportunity to review at meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

After review, Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve item numbers 5a, 5b, and 5c.

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.*

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson 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 the approval for a request made by *Orlando Farias and Nora C. Farias* for voluntary annexation into HCID No.6, being; Schunior's AN IRR TR N 622.75'-S2028.62'-E190' SECT 1 & AN IRR TR E229.70' -S224.63' SECT 3 R/S LOT 2 SH 3C 3.55 AC GR 3.09 AC NET and Schunior's S437.75'-N2879.15 LOT 4 SHR 3C PARCEL 1 4.0 AC GR 2.92 AC NET, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the request made by *Orlando Farias and Nora C. Farias* for voluntary annexation into HCID No.6, being; Schunior's AN IRR TR N 622.75'-S2028.62'-E190' SECT 1 & AN IRR TR E229.70' -S224.63' SECT 3 R/S LOT 2 SH 3C 3.55 AC GR 3.09 AC NET and Schunior's S437.75'-N2879.15 LOT 4 SHR 3C PARCEL 1 4.0 AC GR 2.92 AC NET, Hidalgo County, Texas, subject to the hearing for inclusion.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Discuss and consider a Resolution calling a hearing for the inclusion of certain land in HCID No.6, being; Schunior's AN IRR TR N 622.75'-S2028.62'-E190' SECT 1 & AN IRR TR E229.70' -S224.63' SECT 3 R/S LOT 2 SH 3C 3.55 AC GR 3.09 AC NET and Schunior's S437.75'-N2879.15 LOT 4 SHR 3C PARCEL 1 4.0 AC GR 2.92 AC NET, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the Resolution calling a hearing for the inclusion of certain land in HCID No.6, being; Schunior's AN IRR TR N 622.75'-S2028.62'-E190' SECT 1 & AN IRR TR E229.70' -S224.63' SECT 3 R/S LOT 2 SH 3C 3.55 AC GR 3.09 AC NET and Schunior's S437.75'-N2879.15 LOT 4 SHR 3C PARCEL 1 4.0 AC GR 2.92 AC NET, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) 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 repair quotes from different vendors and prices. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve General Manger's request and recommendations regarding motor pump repairs.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Discuss and consider a request made by General Manager to engage with ***South Texas Grant Writing Services*** for upcoming Grants.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to take no action on the request made by General Manager to engage with ***South Texas Grant Writing Services*** for upcoming Grants.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11) Discuss and consider the approval of grant submission for the Bureau of Reclamation FY 2022 Water Smart Funding for Water and Energy Efficiency Grants.

Isauro Trevino presented Board Members the Water Smart Funding for Water and Energy Efficiency, a 50/50 (fifty-fifty) matching grant and recommends HCID No.6 to apply for 3 (three) gas and (1) one electric pump to save electricity. Application submission for this grant is due November 03, 2021.

No action taken on this item.

- 12) Discuss and consider the approval of grant submission for the Bureau of Reclamation FY 2022 Water Smart Funding for Environmental Water Resources Projects (EWRP).

Isauro Trevino presented 2022 Water Smart Funding for Water and Energy Efficiency Grant, a 75/25 (seventy-five/twenty-five) matching grant. This grant is for the purpose of District's canal lining. Application submission for this grant is due December 09, 2021.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve item numbers 11 & 12.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13) Discuss and consider a request made by General Manager for HCID No.6 Bookkeeper, Michael Kent to attend the ***Public Funds Investment Act(virtual)***.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the request made by General Manager for HCID No.6 Bookkeeper, Michael Kent to attend the ***Public Funds Investment Act(virtual)***.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14) Discuss and consider a request made by General Manager to reduce current service agreement with ***Dainamik Business Solutions*** (tracking system) for HCID No.6 vehicles and equipment.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the request made by General Manager to reduce current service agreement with ***Dainamik Business Solutions*** (tracking system) for HCID No.6 vehicles and equipment.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15) Discuss and consider the approval of HCID No.6 website fees to comply with House Bill #1154.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve HCID No.6 website fees to comply with House Bill #1154, subject to legal determination whether District needs to comply with House Bill #1154.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 16) Discuss and consider the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between HCID No.6 and *City of Mission* to utilize the City of Mission's long reach excavator Cat 324E 60' Boom for HCID NO.6 District River Inlet.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to authorize General Manager in negotiating excavator fee.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 17) Discuss and consider HCID No.6 *Third Quarter Investment Report* for 2021.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the HCID No.6 *Third Quarter Investment Report* for 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 18) Discuss and consider a request made by General Manager to transfer \$250,000.00 from Texas Regional Bank, *Investment Fund Money Market Account* to Texas Regional Bank, *Water Money Market Account*.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the request made by General Manager to transfer \$250,000.00 from Texas Regional Bank, *Investment Fund Money Market Account* to Texas Regional Bank, *Water Money Market Account*.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 19) Discuss and consider a request made by *Kenny Wilkins and Neuhaus & Sons* to purchase 10,000 (ten thousand) acre feet of HCID No.6 irrigation water.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the request made by *Kenny Wilkins and Neuhaus & Sons* to purchase 10,000 (ten thousand) acre feet of HCID No.6 irrigation water, pending confirmation from TCEQ that 10,000 acre feet water sold will only affect this year's HCID No.6 allotment.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 20) Discuss and consider the approval of the *Flat Rate Assessment Resolution* established for 2022.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the *Flat Rate Assessment Resolution* established for 2022, in the amount of \$21.00 per acre foot.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 21) Discuss and consider the approval of the *Water Rate Resolution* established for 2022.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the *Water Rate Resolution* established for 2022, in the amount of \$26.00 per acre foot.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 22) Discuss and consider the approval of the ***Mining Rate Resolution*** established for 2022.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the ***Mining Rate Resolution*** established for 2022, in the amount of \$150 – \$1,000 per acre foot.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 23) Discuss and consider the approval of the ***Tank Water Rate Resolution*** established for 2022.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the ***Tank Water Rate Resolution*** established for 2022, for the rate of \$100.00 per unit per day.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 24) Discuss and consider the approval of the ***Texas Conservation Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Rio Grande Watermaster Contract Fee Water Rate Resolution*** established for 2022.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the ***Texas Conservation Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Rio Grande Watermaster Contract Fee Water Rate Resolution*** established for 2022, for the rate of \$25.00 per acre foot.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 25) Discuss and consider the approval of the ***Out of District Water Rate Resolution*** established for 2022.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to table the ***Out of District Water Rate Resolution*** established for 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 26) Discuss and consider the 2022 Annual Review and Adoption of the ***Investment Policy*** for Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the 2022 Annual Review and Adoption of the ***Investment Policy*** for Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 27) Discuss and consider the approval of the ***2022 Resolution Adopting an Investment Policy***.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the ***2022 Resolution Adopting an Investment Policy***.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 28) Discuss and consider the approval of a resolution calling a ***Hearing for Exclusion*** of Non-irrigated Land of Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 under Texas Water Code Section 51.759.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve resolution calling a ***Hearing for Exclusion*** of Non-irrigated Land of Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 under Texas Water Code Section 51.759.

Motion carried unanimously.

29) Discuss and consider the approval of HCID No.6 2021-2022 **Health Insurance Plans.**

Javier Ramos (IWC Insurance) presented to Board Members Blue Cross Blue Shield fully funded health insurance plan proposal. David Martinez (Pete Jaramillo Insurance Services) presented to Board Members a fully funded HMO plans, similar to current HCID No.6 medical plan.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to table this item.

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

30) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

***Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to enter to closed session at 3:25 p.m. to discuss item numbers 30a, 30b, 30c, 30d, 30e, 30f, 30g, 30h, 30i, 30j and 29.***

***Motion carried unanimously.***

- a) Discussion regarding **IOC** contract renewal proposals.
- b) Discussion regarding **USDA/Moorefield** contract renewal proposals.
- c) 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.
- d) Discuss and consider the approval of amending the **Interlocal Cooperative Agreement** between The County of Hidalgo acting through the **Office of Constable, Precinct #3** and Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6.
- e) Discussion regarding a request made by **L & G Engineering**, on behalf of **Texas Department of Transportation**, regarding the proposed taking of a tract of land containing 0.2455 of an acre (10,694 sq. ft.) situated in the Pedro Flores Survey, Abstract 577, Porcion 77, Hidalgo County, Texas, out of a 110' Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 Main Canal Right of Way, said canal being situated within Lot 206 and Lot 215 Homeville Association Subdivision "A" and out of Lot 1, Block 2, Homeville Association Subdivision D". (**Parcel 8**)
- f) Discussion regarding the advertisement/posting of the RFQ for the hiring of **alternative Engineering** firm for HCID No.6.
- g) Discussion regarding engaging with alternative engineering firms of **South Texas Infrastructure** and **Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC.** for HCID No.6 special projects.
- h) Discussion regarding **Hidalgo County, et. al vs. Garth Heitshusen**, CCD-0548-B in the County Court At Law No.2, Hidalgo County, Texas.
- i) 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.
- j) 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.

***Item 29.*** Discuss and consider the approval of HCID No.6 2021-2022 **Health Insurance Plans.**

***Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene to open session at 4:15 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza.***

*Motion carried unanimously.*

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

**Item 29.** Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson for General Manager to move forward with S9E3ADT Medical Plan as presented by David Martinez (Pete Jaramillo Insurance Services)

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 30a.** Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to allow General Manager to continue working with *IOC* contract renewal proposals.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item. 30b.** Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to allow General Manager to continue working on *USDA/Moorefield* contract renewal proposals.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item. 30c.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to take no action on the request made by Gracie Sturdivant, regarding property access and a driveway infrastructure on La Homa Road and Mile 3 ½ Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item. 30d.** Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve amending on *Interlocal Cooperative Agreement* between The County of Hidalgo acting through the *Office of Constable, Precinct #3* and Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item. 30e.** Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to allow HCID No.6 Engineer to provide new construction costs for the request made by *L & G Engineering*, on behalf of *Texas Department of Transportation*, regarding the proposed taking of a tract of land containing 0.2455 of an acre (10,694 sq. ft.) situated in the Pedro Flores Survey, Abstract 577, Porcion 77, Hidalgo County, Texas, out of a 110' Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 Main Canal Right of Way, said canal being situated within Lot 206 and Lot 215 Homeville Association Subdivision "A" and out of Lot 1, Block 2, Homeville Association Subdivision D". (*Parcel 8*)

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 30f.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to take no action regarding the advertisement/posting of the RFQ for the hiring of alternative Engineering firm for HCID No.6.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 30g.** Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve engaging with alternative engineering firms of *South Texas Infrastructure* and *Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC.* for HCID No.6 special projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 30h.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to allow General Manager to provide cost estimate on easement and

relocation of pipeline, regarding *Hidalgo County, et. al vs. Garth Heitshusen*, CCD-0548-B in the County Court At Law No.2, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 30i.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza 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 30j.** Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to ratify the filing on disclaimer of interest, 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.

### 32) Adjournment

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to adjourn the meeting of October 18, 2021, at 4:19 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