

MINUTES
Of the Regular Board Meeting conducted on February 26, 2024

Take notice that a Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 was held at 1:00 p.m. on February 26, 2024, at the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 office located at 3735 N. FM 492, Mission, Texas 78574.

- 1) Ms. Diana Izaguirre called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m., February 26, 2024, at which time Ms. Diana Izaguirre acknowledged the presence of the Elected Members of the Board of Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6.

Members present included:

Ms. Diana Izaguirre, President
Mr. Santana Gutierrez, Vice-President
Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary
Ms. Giovana Benitez, Director
Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director (Arrived at 1:31 pm)

Also present included:

Dr. Antonio Uresti, General Manager, HCID No.6
Ms. Deborah Cordova, Attorney at Law, HCID No.6
Ms. Minnie Mueller, Office Manager, HCID No.6
Ms. Carmen Garcia, Bookkeeper, HCID No.6
Mr. Frank Ferris, HCID No.6 Engineer
Mr. Romeo Cantu, Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP
Mr. Hiram Gutierrez, Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP
Ms. Janelle Caso, Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP
Mr. Rex A. Costley, TxDOT
Mr. Hector Siller, TxDOT
Mr. Jesus Noreiga, TxDOT
Mr. Jose Luis Lozano, TxDOT
Ms. Aurora Villarreal, Landowner

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

- 2) Recognition of visitors and public comments.

Ms. Aurora Villarreal - Landowner

- 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 12:28 p.m., February 21, 2024.

- 4) Manager's Items:

- a) January 2024 Internal Bank Transfers and Expenditures.

General Manager presented an analysis of all HCID No.6 Internal Bank Transfers and Expenditures to Board Members.

- b) January 2024 Texas Regional Bank Credit Card Statement Transactions.

General Manager reported all Texas Regional Bank credit card transactions for previous month to Board Members.

- c) January 2024 Sam's Credit Card Statement Transactions.

General Manager reported all transactions for main office and shop supply expenses to Board Members.

5) Minutes

- a) Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2023.
- b) Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of January 15, 2024.
- c) Approval of Minutes for Special Board Meeting of February 12, 2024.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve item numbers 5a, 5b, and 5c.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Conduct an official drawing regarding each candidate's placement on the election ballot for the 2024 election.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to take no action on items number 6 and 7.

- 7) Discuss and consider the compiled list of Eligible Voters for the May 4, 2024 election.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to take no action on items number 6 and 7.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Discussion regarding Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP 2023 update.

Mr. Hiram Gutierrez presented a collection report for the year 2023.

This item was for discussion only.

- 9) Discuss and consider a request made by the General Manager to renew and reinvest ***Texas Regional Bank Certificate of Deposit*** (ending in ***186) governed by Subchapter A, Chapter 2256, and Government Code Public Funds Investment Act.

General Manager presented two renewal CDs and solicitation bids received by bank institutions. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to authorize Dr. Antonio Uresti, Investment Officer, to invest the amount of \$910,528.47(nine hundred ten thousand five hundred twenty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents) with Lone Star National Bank into a Certificate of Deposit at a rate of 4.25%, for twelve months, governed by Subchapter A, chapter 2256, and government Code Public Funds Investment Act, reference Doc. No. 24-R0202.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Discuss and consider a request made by the General Manager to renew and reinvest ***Texas Regional Bank Certificate of Deposit*** (ending in ***210) governed by Subchapter A, Chapter 2256, and Government Code Public Funds Investment Act.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to authorize Dr. Antonio Uresti, Investment Officer, to invest the amount of \$910,528.47(nine hundred ten thousand five hundred twenty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents) with Lone Star National Bank into a Certificate of Deposit at a rate of 4.25%, for twelve months, governed by Subchapter A, chapter 2256, and government Code Public Funds Investment Act, reference Doc. No. 24-R0201.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11) Discuss and consider a request made by the General Manager to invest Texas Regional Bank funds to ***Certificate of Deposits*** governed by Subchapter A, Chapter 2256, and Government Code Public Funds Investment Act.

General Manager informed the District Board of new monies available for a Certificate of Deposit investment. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to authorize General Manager, Dr. Antonio Uresti, Investment Officer, to invest the amount of \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) with Lone Star National Bank into a Certificate of Deposit at a rate of 4.25%, for twelve months, governed by Subchapter A, Chapter 2256, and Government Code Public Funds Investment Act, reference Doc. No. 24-R0203.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12) Discuss and consider General Manager attending the ***TWCA (Texas Water Conservation Association) 80th Annual Convention***, March 06-08, 2024 in Lost Pines, Texas.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to approve the General Manager attending the ***TWCA (Texas Water Conservation Association) 80th Annual Convention***, March 6-8, 2024 in Lost Pines, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13) Discuss and consider a request made by ***Hinojosa Engineering, Inc. Structural and Civil Engineering*** on behalf of Palmview Municipal Development District, regarding the review and exclusion of ***City of Palmview Main Street Development Subdivision***, being 8.489 acres of land, more or less, being part or portion of Lot 70, 72, 74 and 76, Bentsen Groves Subdivision, recorded in Volume 7, Pages 19, Hidalgo County Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Mr. Frank Ferris, HCID No.6 Engineer informed the District Board that he was pending a response from the Developer. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to take no action for the request made by ***Hinojosa Engineering, Inc. Structural and Civil Engineering*** on behalf of Palmview Municipal Development District, regarding the review and exclusion of ***City of Palmview Main Street Development Subdivision***, being 8.489 acres of land, more or less, being part or portion of Lot 70, 72, 74 and 76, Bentsen Groves Subdivision, recorded in Volume 7, Pages 19, Hidalgo County Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14) Discuss and consider the review of ***FM676*** from SH 364 to SH 107; CSJ: 1064-01-032 Expansion.

Mr. Hector Siller provided a brief update for the project along with the District's concerns some area crossings. Mr. Frank Ferris, HCID No.6 Engineer notified District Board of identified and unidentified crossings and other changes. Mr. Rex Costley also updated the District Board on the straining of costs with changes being requested by the District and would like a resolution for this project to move forward. Mr. Frank Ferris recommended an onsite meeting with TxDOT and the District. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to allow General Manager and engineer to find a resolution to the current conflicts regarding the review of ***FM676*** from SH 364 to SH 107; CSJ: 1064-01-032 Expansion.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15) ***CLOSED SESSION:***

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to enter closed session at 1:47 p.m. to discuss item numbers 15a, 15b, 15c, and 15d.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a) Attorney consultation pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 and deliberation about real property pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.072

regarding a request made by **R. E. Garcia & Associates.**, on behalf of Charles Phelps regarding the purchase of a tract of land containing a 0.34 of an acre tract of land being a portion of that certain 70.00-foot Hidalgo County Irrigation District No.6 Right-of-Way adjacent to the west line of Lots 80, Block 2, La Homa Ranch Citrus Groves, Unit 2, as recorded in Volume 8, Page 9, Map Records, Hidalgo County, Texas.

- b) Attorney consultation pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 regarding the lawsuit styled and numbered Gloria Garza, et al. vs. City of McAllen and HCID#6, Cause C-0136-24-G in the 370th Judicial District Court, Hidalgo County, Texas.
- c) Discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 regarding Sick Leave Policy set forth in HCID#6 Employee Handbook.
- d) Attorney consultation pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 and discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074 regarding actions of General Manager related to Sick Leave Policy set forth in HCID#6 Employee Handbook.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene open session at 2:53 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson.

Motion carried unanimously.

16) End of Closed Session/Return to Open Session.

17) Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in Closed Session.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to take no action on **item numbers 15a and 15b.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 15c. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to allow legal counsel to review the policies and report to the District Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 15d. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson that the cash-out of sick leave be reconciled with vacation leave pursuant to HCID No. 6 Employee Handbook. If vacation balance is not available, reimbursement must be made by March 26, 2024 and Legal Counsel shall prepare any necessary documentation for Board President to present to personnel.

Motion carried unanimously.

18) Adjournment.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to adjourn the meeting of February 26, 2024, at 2.55 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Diana Izaguirre, President, HCID No.6



Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID No.6