

MINUTES
Of the Regular Board Meeting conducted on June 24, 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 June 24, 2024, at the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 office located at 3735 N. FM 492, Mission, Texas 78574.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Ms. Diana Izaguirre at 1:10 p.m., June 24, 2024, at which time Ms. Diana 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
Ms. Giovana Benitez, Director
Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary

Member not present:

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, Office Manager, HCID No.6
Ms. Carmen Garcia, Bookkeeper, HCID No.6
Mr. Frank Ferris, Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC
Mr. David Martinez, Insurance
Mr. Vince Martinez, Amerex Energy

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 11:30 a.m., June 18, 2024.

- 4) Manager's Items:

- a) May 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) May 2024 Texas Regional Bank Credit Card Statement Transactions.

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

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

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

- d) Lower Rio Grande Valley Water District Water Right Account Balances

General Manager reported to Board Members the District's balance.

- 5) Minutes

- a) Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of May 20, 2024.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of May 20, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Penitas Beautification Project.

The City of Penitas contacted the District requesting to beautify the standpipes located along Old Expressway 83, Penitas, Texas. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to allow General Manager to research whether the standpipes are the District's property.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Discussion and possible action regarding a request made by General Manager to repair the 3D Lateral.

General Manager informed Board Members of an ongoing situation with a certain section of a lateral located on North Bentsen Palm and Mile 3 1/4 Road which was previously replaced with a 12" PVC pipe and has decreased the water flow to consumers. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to allow General Manager and Engineer to provide recommendations regarding a request made by General Manager to repair the 3D Lateral.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Discussion and possible action on engaging with Amerex Brokers, LLC to review energy provider options.

General Manager informed Board Members that the current energy provider contract will terminate on July 2, 2024, and introduced a potential provider recommended by neighboring irrigation districts. Mr. Vince Martinez presented a PowerPoint presentation on their process of providing the best price and terms for customers.

The Board of Directors moved this item into executive session.

- 9) Discussion and possible action on HCID No.6 2024-2026 Vision Service Protection Plan.

Mr. David Martinez presented the updated 2024-2026 Vision Service Protection Plan for District employees. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve HCID No.6 2024-2026 Vision Service Protection Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Discussion and possible action on HCID No.6 2024-2025 Life Insurance Plans.

Mr. David Martinez presented the updated 2024-2025 Life Insurance for District employees to Board Members. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the HCID No.6 2024-2025 Life Insurance Plans.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11) Discussion and possible action of the Water Conservation Plan Annual report.

Mr. Frank Ferris informed Board Members that the District's overall efficiency is 75% (seventy-five percent) for the Water Conservation Plan Annual report. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the Water Conservation Plan Annual report.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12) Discussion and possible action of the Five-Year update to the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.

Mr. Frank Ferris informed Board Members of the updated revisions to the Five-Year Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan report required by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and Texas Conservation Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The updates were made to the statistics and the upcoming projects the District will be conducting. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the Five-Year update to the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan contingent on the changes discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13) Discussion and possible action regarding the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Resolution.

HCID No.6 Legal Counsel informed Board Members of the required resolution attached to the Drought Contingency Plan, which is an official policy of the District, and the General Manager is to implement it. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14) Discussion and possible action on a proposal from Ferris Flinn & Medina, LLC regarding Geographic Information System (GIS) services.

Mr. Frank Ferris presented to Board Members a GIS System proposal and informed them it is a computerized mapping system and explained the different phases available to the District. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve Phase #2 GIS Services proposal from Ferris Flinn & Medina, LLC regarding Geographic Information System (GIS) services.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15) Discussion and possible action on implementing an emergency SCADA system to prevent hyper frequent repairs at the Third Lift Pump Station, the 4B Pump Station, and discussion on alternative solutions.

Mr. Frank Ferris presented to Board Members a SCADA system that would be a communication tool to prevent hyper frequent pump repairs due to low water levels in the canals.

The Board of Directors moved this item into executive session.

- 16) Discussion and possible action on a request made by the General Manager to renew and reinvest Texas Regional Bank Certificate of Deposit (ending in ***261) governed by Subchapter A, Chapter 2256, and Government Code Public Funds Investment Act.

General Manager presented one renewal CD and solicitation bids received by bank institutions. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to authorize Dr. Antonio Uresti, Investment Officer, to invest the amount of \$105,369.22 (one hundred five thousand three hundred sixty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents) plus interest 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-R0207.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 17) Discussion and possible action on 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 Board Members of new monies available for a Certificate of Deposit investment. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to authorize General Manager, Dr. Antonio Uresti, Investment Officer, to invest the amount of \$400,000.00 (four 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-R0208.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 18) Discussion and possible action on HCID No.6 Tank Water Rate.

General Manager informed Board Members the increase of requests for Tank Water purchases. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the HCID No.6 Tank Water Rate to \$150.00 per day/per unit for the remainder of 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 19) Discussion and possible action regarding the 2017 Out of District Water Resolution approved regarding Arturo Ramirez (Bell Farms).

General Manager presented the 2017 Out of District Water Resolution and asked Board Members to reconsider the resolution. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson for the 2017 Out of District Water Resolution regarding Arturo Ramirez (Bell Farms) to remain the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 20) Discussion and possible action on a request made by M2 Engineering, PLLC on behalf of Jose Cavazos Jr., regarding, the review and exclusion of the Carolina Cavazos Subdivision, being a 10.026 acres tract of land, out of Lot 120 and 122, Bentsen Groves Subdivision, as recorded in Vol 7, Pg. 13, Map Records Hidalgo County, Texas.

General Manager informed Board Members that HCID No.6 Engineer, Mr. Ruben De James, reviewed the tract of land and advised there is currently infrastructure on said property. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the request made by M2 Engineering, PLLC on behalf of Jose Cavazos Jr., regarding, the review and exclusion of the Carolina Cavazos Subdivision, being a 10.026 acres tract of land, out of Lot 120 and 122, Bentsen Groves Subdivision, as recorded in Vol 7, Pg. 13, Map Records Hidalgo County, Texas contingent on a 30' foot irrigation easement on Westside of said property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to enter closed session at 2:31 p.m. to discuss item numbers 21a 21b, 8, and 15.

Motion carried unanimously.

21) CLOSED SESSION

- A) Discussion pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding Frontera Generation Limited Partnership contract.

- B) Discussion pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding exemptions and exclusions.

Item 8. Discussion and possible action on engaging with Amerex Brokers, LLC to review energy provider options.

Item 15. Discussion and possible action on implementing an emergency SCADA system to prevent hyper frequent repairs at the Third Lift Pump Station, the 4B Pump Station, and discussion on alternative solutions.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion for the Board of Directors to reconvene open session at 2:57 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez.

Motion carried unanimously.

22) END OF CLOSED SESSION/RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

- A) Discussion and possible action regarding Frontera Generation Limited Partnership contract.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to take no action regarding Frontera Generation Limited Partnership contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B) Discussion and possible action regarding exemptions and exclusions.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to take no action regarding exemptions and exclusions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to take no action on engaging with Amerex Brokers, LLC in order to review energy provider options.

Motion carried unanimously.

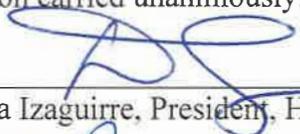
Item 15. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to table implementation of an emergency SCADA system to prevent hyper-frequent repairs at the Third Lift Pump Station, the 4B Pump Station, and discuss alternative solutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

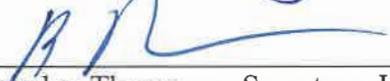
23) Adjournment.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to adjourn the meeting of June 24, 2024, at 2:59 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Diana Izaguirre, President, HCID No.6



Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID No.6

RESOLUTION REGARDING 2024 TANK WATER RATE

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6, (the “District”) is a local government body organized under the Texas Constitution and the Laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the District acts by and through duly elected and constituted Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, during the Regular Board Meeting on June 24, 2024, duly posted, and Motion pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board discussed and approved the Tank Water Rate in the amount of \$150.00 per day/per unit for the remainder of 2024 (the “New Rate”);

WHEREAS, during the Regular Board Meeting on June 24, 2024, duly posted, and Motion pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board adopted the New Rate effective immediately as of June 24, 2024;

WHEREAS, during the Regular Board Meeting on July 15, 2024, duly posted, and Motion pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the District discussed and considered Agenda Item No. 12 regarding the approval of the Tank Water Rate Resolution established for the remainder of 2024; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of Agenda Item No. 12 of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Tank Water Rate in the amount of \$150.00 per day/per unit for the remainder of 2024 is approved and ratified by the Board of Directors of the District for any sales at that rate since June 24, 2024.

READ, CONSIDERED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE on this 15th day of July 2024 at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the District at which a quorum was present and in accordance with the Texas Government Code and pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act.



Diana Izaguirre, President



Brandon Thompson, Secretary

RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 (“HCID#6”) is a local government body organized under the Texas Constitution and the Laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, HCID#6 acts by and through duly elected and constituted Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, during the Regular Board Meeting on June 24, 2024, duly posted and Motion pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board discussed and considered Agenda Item No. 16, regarding the approval of investing District funds in certificates of deposit with Lone Star National Bank;

WHEREAS, HCID#6’s Investment Policy and Strategy provides that funds in excess of those needed for immediate expenditure shall be invested in certificates of deposit and insured by FDIC or guaranteed by the pledge of United States governmental obligations;

WHEREAS, HCID#6 Investment Officer, Dr. Antonio Uresti, has proposed investment of excess HCID#6 funds into a Certificate of Deposit with Lone Star National Bank in the amount of \$ 105,114.90, plus interest on June 24, 2024, for a term of 12 months at a rate of 4.25%.

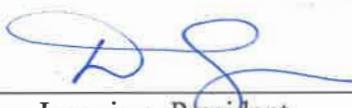
WHEREAS, after due consideration of Agenda Item No. 16 of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 24, 2024, the Board took affirmative action on Agenda Item No. 16.

NOW THEREFORE, it was RESOLVED as follows:

That Motion was made by Ms. Giovana Benitez and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to authorize HCID#6’s Investment Officer to re-invest excess funds into Certificate of Deposit with Lone Star National Bank in the amount of \$ 105,114.90 (one hundred five thousand three hundred sixty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents) plus interest on June 24, 2024, for a term of 12 months at a rate of 4.25%.

The Motion carried unanimously by the Board action taken on June 24, 2024.

Dated this 24th day of June 2024.



Diana Izaguirre, President
Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6

Attest:



Brandon Thompson, Secretary
Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6

RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 (“HCID#6”) is a local government body organized under the Texas Constitution and the Laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, HCID#6 acts by and through duly elected and constituted Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, during the regular Board Meeting on June 24, 2024, duly posted and Motion pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the District discussed and considered Agenda Item No. 17, regarding the approval of investing District funds in Certificate of Deposit with Lone Star National Bank.

WHEREAS, HCID#6’s Investment Policy and Strategy provides that funds in excess of those needed for immediate expenditure shall be invested in certificates of deposit and insured by FDIC or guaranteed by the pledge of United States governmental obligations.

WHEREAS, HCID#6 Investment Officer, Dr. Antonio Uresti, solicited bids for investing excess District funds into certificates of deposit and has proposed investment of principal to be structured in varied amounts and terms that will allow for any probable foreseeable expenditure should such funds be needed.

WHEREAS, after due consideration of Agenda Item No. 17 of the Board Meeting held on June 24, 2024, the Board took affirmative action on Agenda Item No. 17.

NOW THEREFORE, it was RESOLVED as follows:

That Motion was made by Ms. Giovana Benitez and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve and authorize, Dr. Antonio Uresti, Investment Officer for HCID#6, to purchase a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$400,000.00 (four hundred thousand dollars) for 12 months, investment at an interest rate of 4.25%.

The Motion carried unanimously by the Board action taken on June 24, 2024.

DATED ON THIS THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.



Diana Izaguirre, President
Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6

Attest:



Brandon Thompson, Secretary
Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF A WATER CONSERVATION & DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R206

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIDALGO COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 6 ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION & DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County Irrigation District No.6 Board recognizes that the amount of water available to the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 and its water customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought;

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County Irrigation District No.6 Board recognizes that natural limitations due to drought conditions and other acts of God cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes;

WHEREAS, the Water Code and the regulations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the "Commission") and the Texas Water Development Board (the "TWC Board") require that HCID#6 adopt water conservation and drought contingency plans;

WHEREAS, as authorized under law, and in the best interests of the customers of the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6, the Board deems it expedient and necessary to establish certain rules and policies for the orderly and efficient management of limited water supplies during drought and other water supply emergencies;

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Plan shall apply to all persons, individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and legal entities utilizing water provided by Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6;

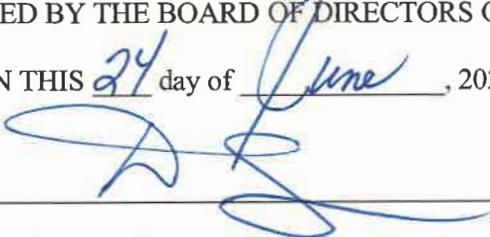
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 6:

SECTION 1. That the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto and made part hereof for all purposes be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the official policy of the Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6.

SECTION 2. That the General Manager is hereby directed to implement, administer, and enforce the Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 6, ON THIS 24 day of June, 2024.

Board of Directors _____


ATTESTED TO:

Board of Directors _____
