

MINUTES
Of the Regular Board Meeting conducted on July 15, 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 July 15, 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 1:09 p.m., July 15, 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 (left at 1:59 p.m.)
Mr. Santana Gutierrez, Vice-President
Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary
Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director
Ms. Giovana Benitez, 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. Kyle Ferris, Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC
Mr. Isidro Rosales, HCID No.6

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., July 10, 2024.

- 4) Manager's Items:

- a) June 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) June 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) June 2024 Sam's Credit Card Statement Transactions.

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

- d) Emergency Management with Heavy Machinery Equipment.

Mr. Isidro Rosales reported the District was contacted by Hidalgo County Precinct No.3 to assist with heavy equipment needed to pull a heavy tractor-trailer from an incident in Palmview.

- 5) Discussion and possible action to renew and reinvest *Texas Regional Bank Certificate of Deposit* funds (ending in ***638) for approximately \$105,369.22

(one hundred five thousand, three hundred sixty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents) plus interest 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. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the renewal and reinvest **Texas Regional Bank Certificate of Deposit** funds (ending in ***638) of approximately \$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 (12) months, governed by Subchapter A, Chapter 2256, and Government Code Public Funds Investment Act, reference Doc. No. 24-R0210.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Discussion and possible action to invest Texas Regional Bank funds to Certificate of Deposits governed by Subchapter A, Chapter 2256, and Government Code Public Funds Investment Act.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to table the investment of Texas Regional Bank funds to Certificate of Deposits.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Discussion and possible action to ratify the Release of Earnest Money regarding the Charles Phelps real estate contract.

Legal Counsel notified Board Members of a title commitment indicating surplus property not belonging entirely to the District, and Mr. Charles Phelps requested reimbursement for his funds due to the timing and expiration of the contract that Board President has executed. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the ratification of the Release of Earnest Money.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Discussion and possible action to ratify the energy contract by and between Hudson Energy and HCID No.6.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to approve the ratification of the energy contract by and between Hudson Energy and HCID No.6 for the term of twelve (12) months at a rate of .07 per KWH.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Discussion and possible action regarding an encroachment located at 3209 Mar Verde, Mission, Texas.

General Manager informed Board Members of a 15' foot easement on said property and the property owner-built infrastructure approximately 8 feet from District pipeline. Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to table the item regarding the encroachment located at 3209 Mar Verde, Mission, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Discussion and possible action on a request made by Rosinaldo Benitez for outstanding assessments due in connection with 10.00 (ten) acres out of Doffing #1, Lot 094. (FR#1825)

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to table the request made by Rosendo Benitez for outstanding assessments due in connection with 10.00 (ten) acres out of Doffing #1, Lot 094. (FR#1825)

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11) Discussion and possible action regarding Amendment No.1 to Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC Engineering Agreement, and Task Order No. 014, on GIS Services.

HCID No.6 Engineer informed Board Members of the two-year term Standard Agreement between the District and Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC Engineering. The agreement needs to be in place for discussion of projects, and the District will then approve task orders for each project. Amendment No.1 will extend the agreement two additional years and will adopt the new scheduled fees. If fees approved, the fees will be locked until July 15, 2026. Task Order No.014 is the assigned number for the GIS System only. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve Amendment No.1 to Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC Engineering Agreement and Task Order No. 014 on GIS Services.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12) Discussion and possible action regarding the Tank Water Resolution for the remainder of 2024.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the Tank Water Resolution for the remainder of 2024, reference Doc. No. 24-R0209.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to enter closed session at 1:16 p.m. to discuss item numbers 13a, 13b, 13c, and 13d.

Motion carried unanimously.

13) **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.
- C) Discussion pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding the request made by the City of McAllen to lease surplus municipal water rights.
- D) Discussion pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) monthly rate increase.

Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez for the Board of Directors to reconvene to open session at 2:41 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

14) **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 approve the Frontera Generation Limited Partnership contract as presented in closed session.

Motion carried unanimously.

B) Discussion and possible action regarding exemptions and exclusions.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to allow General Manager and legal counsel to develop a policy regarding exemptions and exclusions for the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

C) Discussion and possible action regarding the request made by the City of McAllen to lease surplus municipal water rights.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to allow General Manager to enter into a lease agreement between the District and City of McAllen to lease 1,000 acre-feet of water rights for \$80.00 per acre-foot through December 31, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

D) Discussion and possible action regarding the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) monthly rate increase.

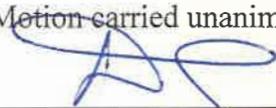
Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to increase the monthly billing rate to \$341.23, effective September 01, 2024, regarding the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) monthly rate increase.

Motion carried unanimously.

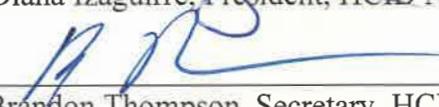
15) Adjournment.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to adjourn the meeting of July 15, 2024, at 2:15 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Diana Izaguirre, President, HCID No.6



Brandon Thompson, Secretary, HCID No.6

RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 (“HCID#6” or “District”) 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 July 15, 2024, duly posted, and Motion pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board discussed and considered Agenda Item No. 5, 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 \$ 105,369.22, plus interest on July 15, 2024, for a term of 12 months at a rate of 4.25%.

WHEREAS, after due consideration of Agenda Item No. 5 at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2024, the Board took affirmative action on Agenda Item No. 5.

NOW THEREFORE, it was RESOLVED as follows:

That Motion was made by Ms. Giovana Benitez and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to authorize HCID#6’s Investment Officer to re-invest excess funds into a Certificate of Deposit with Lone Star National Bank in the amount of \$ 105,369.22 (one hundred five thousand three hundred sixty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents) plus interest on July 15, 2024, for a term of 12 months at a rate of 4.25%.

The Motion carried unanimously by the Board action taken on July 15, 2024.

Dated this 15th day of July 2024.



Diana Izaguirre, President
Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6

Attest:



Brandon Thompson, Secretary
Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6