

**MINUTES**  
**Of the Regular Board Meeting conducted on November 18, 2024**

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 November 18, 2024, 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 1:01 p.m., November 18, 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 (left at 2:31 p.m.)  
Mr. Santana Gutierrez, Vice-President  
Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza, Director  
Ms. Giovana Benitez, Director  
Mr. Brandon Thompson, Secretary

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. Ruben De Jesus, Engineer, HCID No.6  
Mr. Isael Posadas Jr, Sames Engineering  
Mr. Rusbel Pena, Sames Engineering

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.

Dr. Armando Ocana, Sr. with AJM&M mentioned to the Board Members that farmers and ranchers in the northside community of the District are requesting water services.

- 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 11:55 a.m., November 13, 2024.

- 4) Manager's Items:

- a) October 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) October 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) October 2024 Sam's Credit Card Statement Transactions

General Manager reported no transactions for the main office and shop supplies to Board Members.

- d) Purchased Vehicles - Update

General Manager presented the purchased vehicles previously approved which are slightly used and low in miles.

e) Wellness Clinic - Update

General Manager presented an update for the wellness clinic part 2

f) Surplus Property - Update

General Manager presented the list of surplus property taken to auction

5) Minutes

Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2024.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Santana Gutierrez to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion and possible action regarding HCID No.6 job descriptions.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to table regarding HCID No.6 job descriptions.

Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discussion and possible action on engaging Guillermo Reyna, CPA firm for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal year audits.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to approve engaging with Guillermo Reyna, CPA firm for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal year audits.

Motion carried unanimously.

8) Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 WaterSMART Grant Application for Lining and Piping of the 4B Canal and SCADA System.

Mr. Frank Ferris informed the Board Members the 2025 WaterSMART grant application was submitted on November 13, 2024, and the highlight of this grant is to conserve 1,100 acre-feet of water per year and 270,000 kilowatt hours of energy which equates to \$36,000 a year in conservation savings. The SCADA system will be installed for the First, and Second lift stations, Agua Sud, Pump Station 3, 4B Canal, and Pump 5 Station, which will be remotely controlled. This grant projection will be completed by the end of 2027 fiscal year. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to approve the 2025 WaterSMART Grant Application for Lining and Piping of the 4B Canal and SCADA System.

Motion carried unanimously.

9) Discussion and possible action to sell less than 1.50 acres out of Canal Right of Way out of Lots 80 and 83, La Homa Ranch Citrus Groves Farms 2 Subdivision, to the adjoining land owner.

Mr. Frank Ferris informed the Board Members that the surplus property sell interest is only for 0.34 acres out of the 1.50 acres previously declared surplus for \$45,000.00 (forty-five thousand dollars). Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the sale of less than 1.50 acres, being 0.34 acres out of Canal Right of Way out of Lots 80 and 83, La Homa

Ranch Citrus Groves Farms 2 Subdivision, to the adjoining land owner.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Discussion and possible action of converting the Irrigation District to a Utility District facility.

General Manager informed the Board Members of potentially converting the District into a Utility District. Mr. Frank Ferris shared his experience with other irrigation districts and the converting to a utility facility would mainly be a legal process, action of the board, and notice. The process of converting is not difficult but will take a few years. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to take no action in converting the Irrigation District to a Utility District facility.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 11) Discussion and possible action to ratify the 4B (6 head) pump repairs by Lewis Electric.

General Manager informed the Board Members that since the pump was not previously repaired properly and was not aligned correctly General Manager had to repair it out of necessity. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to approve the ratification of the 4B (6 head) pump repairs by Lewis Electric.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12) Discussion and possible action to ratify the Pump Station #2 (24 head) pump repairs by Lewis Electric.

General Manager informed the Board Members this ratification is similar to the 6 head pump repair. Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to approve the ratification for the Pump Station #2 (24 head) pump repairs by Lewis Electric.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13) Discussion and possible action to set a policy to authorize the General Manager to make emergency repairs to District facilities.

Mr. Frank Ferris informed the Board Members of the wear and tear of motors and pumps. As soon as they break down the pump/motor needs to be taken for repairs immediately and sometimes the repair is not completed properly and the pump/motor breaks down again and becomes an emergency. He presented a policy based on the Texas Water Code Emergency instructions for types of situations for corrective actions by the General Manager. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to approve the policy to authorize the General Manager to make emergency repairs to District facilities.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14) Discussion and possible action on a request from L & G Engineering, on behalf of Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3 regarding the Roadway Improvement to Liberty Blvd.

Mr. Ruben James informed the Board Members this project had been discussed since 2019 and the previous set of plans submitted by Sames Engineering had concerns about the overhead clearance for maintenance operations and part of the approval was to reline the existing concrete canal. Mr. Isael Posadas mentioned they are still trying to iron out some details with the neighboring irrigation district and Precinct #3 and some of the Districts' requests will need to be presented to their group since it will increase their cost.

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

- 15) Discussion and possible action on a request made by MAS Engineering, on behalf of Julita Garcia regarding Julita Subdivision being 1.744 acres out of Lot 67, Bentsen Groves Subdivision, recorded in Volume 7, Pages 7-13, Map Records Hidalgo County, Texas.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Brandon Thompson to take no action regarding Julita Subdivision being 1.744 acres out of Lot 67, Bentsen Groves Subdivision, recorded in Volume 7, Pages 7-13, Map Records Hidalgo County, Texas.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 16) Public Hearing on the Exclusion of HCID No. 6 Non-irrigated Land of Hidalgo County pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 51.759.

El Rancho Estates Phase 4,	2.840
Maebelle Estates Subdivision	2.970
The Crossing at Bentsen Palm Subdivision	12.679
Ezequiel Ortiz	5.000
Minerva Benitez	7.790
Total	31.280

The Public Hearing opened at 1:56 p.m. and due to no one being present for or against, the public hearing closed at 1:57 p.m.

- 17) Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution and order authorizing the Exclusion of HCID No. 6 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 Ms. Giovana Benitez to approve the resolution and order authorizing the Exclusion of HCID No. 6 Non-irrigated Land of Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 under Texas Water Code Section 51.759, referencing Doc. No. 24-R0226.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Ms. Giovana Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to enter closed session at 2:02 p.m. to discuss item number 34A.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

- 18) **CLOSED SESSION**

- A) Consultation with Attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation as permitted under Section 551.071 under the Texas Government Code.
- B) Discussion pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding Frontera Energy Center Contract Amendment proposed.

The Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 6 will reconvene in open session to take any actions necessary.

*Mr. Brandon Thompson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez for the Board of Directors to reconvene to open session at 2:31 p.m.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

Item 14. Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to approve the current plans requested from L & G Engineering, on behalf of Hidalgo County Precinct No. 3 regarding the Roadway Improvement to Liberty Blvd, however regarding the sanitary sewer crossing will need to go with the permit crossing process.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza made a motion and seconded by Ms. Giovana Benitez to take no action for item numbers 18a and 18b.

Motion carried unanimously.

19) Adjournment.

Ms. Giovana Benitez made a motion and seconded by Mr. Oscar Arturo Garza to adjourn the meeting of November 18, 2024, at 2:32 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