

June 8, 2023
San Benito, Texas 78586

The Board of Directors of Cameron County Irrigation District #2 met in regular session in the office of the District upon the above date at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present: Sam Simmons, Brady Taubert, William Goad, Buck Rhyner, and Lupe Argullin. Also present were Sonia Lambert, General Manager, Rick Martinez, Assistant Manager, and Buddy Dossett, Attorney.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2023.

The water report was made by William Goad, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 644,514 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 1,102,566 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 30.10% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 29.29% this time last year. As of June 8, 2023, District's usable and storage water balances are 50,051.4255 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 40,580.2529.

Mrs. Idalia Garcia Garza requested assistance in the installation of 352 feet of 12" pvc pipe in Block 108 of San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision that was going to be funded by NRCS. Mrs. Garcia Garza had already received 3 extensions and was requesting the District complete the installation within a 30-day period in order to meet her new deadline. The Manager declined to install the pipeline due to the tight deadline, and the District's workload. Mrs. Garcia Garza has requested the pipeline installation without assistance from NRCS to allow the District the required time for approval and installation that will work with the District's schedule and is also asking for assistance with labor and equipment. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the District's labor and equipment in the installation of 352 feet of 12" pvc pipe in Block 108 of San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision for Mrs. Garcia Garza. Motion carried.

The Manager discussed with the Board the labor and equipment for non-grant funded pipeline installations. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to no longer participate in no cost of labor and equipment to the requestor when installing pipelines with a funded or non-funded grant. Motion carried.

The Manager discussed with the Board Third Pillar Solar's request to lease reservoirs #1 and #2 for floating solar panel installation. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, approved a contract with Third Pillar Solar with a lease agreement \$10/acre/year with a 2% escalator for 850 acres which equals to \$8,500 per year for the initial 3-5 years of the project development (pre-construction). Once completed, the lease term is for 35 years, with the initial max project size at 261.7 MW-dc multiplied by \$600/MW-dc/year which equals \$157,020 in 1 year with a 2% escalator/year thereafter.

The Board reviewed the District's projected water availability for 2023 and the Manager's projections. No action was taken. The Manager recommended a special meeting be held as soon as possible to discuss possibly allocating.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the following bills:

| <u>Ck#</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| 21616 | Cameron County Drainage District #3 | \$7,500.00 |
| 21617 | City of San Benito | \$11,562.40 |
| 21618 | Constellation New Energy | \$844.03 |
| 21619 | Direct Energy | \$587.55 |
| 21620 | Firestone/Bridgestone | \$335.98 |
| 21621 | Hurricane Fence | \$1,055.66 |
| 21622 | Hollon Oil Co. | \$629.06 |
| 21623 | J & M Hydraulics | \$2,313.04 |
| 21624 | LRGV Water District | \$4,587.34 |
| 21625 | Orkin | \$225.99 |
| 21626 | Pancho's Auto Electric | \$125.00 |
| 21627 | Quipco Global Inc. | \$538.37 |
| 21628 | Texas Gas Service | \$461.36 |
| 21629 | TWCA Risk Management Fund | \$2,562.00 |
| 21630 | Texas Child Support | \$464.30 |
| 21631 | Aflac | \$261.02 |
| 21632 | Autozone | \$51.98 |
| 21633 | American Heritage Life | \$350.99 |
| 21634 | AT&T | \$65.61 |
| 21635 | BC/BS of Texas | \$17,785.88 |
| 21636 | Cameron County Drainage District #3 | \$7,500.00 |
| 21637 | Dearborn Life Insurance | \$183.90 |
| 21638 | Dainamik Business Solutions | \$490.00 |
| 21639 | Direct Energy | \$672.74 |
| 21640 | Dossett Law Office | \$400.00 |
| 21641 | First Community Bank | \$575.46 |
| 21642 | Firestone/Bridgestone | \$144.80 |
| 21643 | Gateway | \$105.22 |
| 21644 | Harlingen Irrigation District | \$781.20 |
| 21645 | Holt CAT | \$244.08 |
| 21646 | Home Depot Credit Service | \$1,241.32 |
| 21647 | Johnny's True Value | \$198.92 |
| 21648 | JR ITSoftware Solutions, LLC | \$1,789.92 |
| 21649 | Sonia Lambert | \$45.00 |
| 21650 | Matt's Building Materials | \$1,304.40 |
| 21651 | McCoy's | \$222.43 |
| 21652 | Mata's Welding | \$3,800.00 |
| 21653 | Office Depot | \$130.95 |
| 21654 | O'Reilly Automotive Inc. | \$3,110.91 |
| 21655 | Powerplan | \$378.17 |
| 21656 | Pitney Bowes Global | \$223.53 |
| 21657 | Pitney Bowes Inc. | \$182.58 |
| 21658 | Rubicon Systems America | \$4,218.65 |
| 21659 | R & A Truck Repair | \$40.00 |

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| 21660 | Silva's Transmissions | \$1,150.00 |
| 21661 | Sprint | \$339.84 |
| 21662 | South Texas Bolts & Supply | \$431.64 |
| 21663 | Texas Child Support | \$464.30 |
| 21664 | Unifirst | \$602.08 |
| 21665 | Verizon | \$678.36 |
| 21666 | Valley Fire & Safety | \$258.00 |
| 21667 | Waste Management of Texas | \$168.05 |

The Manager reported on the following items to the Board of Directors:

- a) May Maintenance Report – Includes 22 jobs performed by the crews for the month and \$781.20 billed for private work performed.
- b) May Machine Locations– A report indicating work performed by the excavators and dozers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c) May Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 5/1 – No Cert for pumping all period. Only NC water; Pump Station #2 – 4/30 – 3 p.m. Rate set at 6 CFS, 5/2 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 5/9 – 4 p.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 5/11 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 4.00"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 910.8837; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 835.0401; 7) Average TDS readings: 653 p.p.m.
- d) May Financial Reports:
 - 1) M&O Account – The financial report was presented.
 - 2) Rehab Account – The financial report was presented.
 - 3) Canal Rehab Account – The financial report was presented.
 - 4) WaterSMART Account – The financial report was presented.
- e) Water Duty – was 6.44 acre-feet per acre for the month of May 2023 and 1.91 acre-feet per acre year to date.
- f) Sign/Land Leases – A report with a listing of all contracts and amounts due was presented to the Board.
- g) Legislative –
 - SB 1056 – Relating to the Directors and administration of the Hidalgo County Water Improvement District #3 has passed, as amended, which now primarily deals with elections but is specific to Hidalgo County Water Improvement District #3.
 - SB 232 – Relating to the removal from office of an officer of a political subdivision for commission of certain criminal offences.

Attorney's report:

- a) Research on Lateral D on address 767 E. Business 77, San Benito, TX, is ongoing.
- b) AEP license agreement 77/83 Corridor.
- c) USACE requested easement along east side of low line – document has not been returned to the District.
- d) Border Patrol tower easement has not been returned and finalized.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Simmons, President

William Goad, Secretary