

January 14, 2021  
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: Brady Taubert, William Goad, and Lupe Argullin. The following Directors were present by phone: Sam Simmons and Buck Rhyner. Also present were Sonia Lambert, General Manager, and Buddy Dossett, Attorney.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2020 and the special meeting of December 21, 2020.

The water report was made by William Goad, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 508,315 acre-feet of water, of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 1,242,008 acre-feet of water, of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 48.23% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 55.38% this time last year. District's usable and storage water balances as of January 13, 2021 are 67,101.3015 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 107,236.4541.

Mr. Geary Berkman C.P.A. presented the Board with the 2019 financial audit. A motion was made by Sam Simmons, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the 2019 financial audit as presented. Motion carried.

The Manager presented to the Board the District's 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report. The report showed interest yielded for the quarter and interest rates. A motion was made by William Goad seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the District's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report. Motion carried.

The Manager presented a petition from East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation, (ERHWSC), for the conversion of water rights from irrigation to municipal for urbanized and platted property for the following:

- Rancho "Los Pastores" Subdivision; 5.00 acres. Under the terms of the Water Rights Conversion Agreement between ERHWSC and the District, the following qualifies for transfer:
  - Rancho "Los Pastores" Subdivision: 1.00 acre. Total qualifying acreage is 1.00 x 1.25 per irrigable acre totaling 1.25 acre feet at 68% of the \$3,041.39 per municipal acre foot (\$2,068.14), established by the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority for 2020. ERHWSC has however, requested that the District consider delaying the transfer until such time that additional requests are made to have one transfer for the several requests as was authorized for 2019's request. This request was made only to comply with the deadline to submit the petition under Texas Water Code 49.501-49.512. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the transfer of the 1.25 acre feet of municipal water rights to East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation due to the recorded plat for 1.00 acres out of the Rancho "Los Pastores"

Subdivision but to place the transfer on hold (as is with the 2019 request), until such time that more requests are made for additional water rights and agreeable between both the District and ERHWSC. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the projected water availability for the 2021 calendar year and the predicted worsening of the drought for the Lower Rio Grande Valley, specifically this District. The Manager will closely monitor the District's water balance and report to the Board during the monthly Board meeting. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the Manager to send a letter to East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation, City of San Benito, and City of Rio Hondo, notifying them of the possible water shortage within 90 days. Motion carried.

The Manager reported that she and attorney Buddy Dossett have only met briefly , due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, to discuss the issues with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, (USACE), offer to purchase property going across the District's two main canals. Meetings will continue between the Manager and Attorney Dossett for the Board's review and consideration prior to sending a letter with those concerns to USACE. No action was taken.

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There was nothing to discuss in Executive Session. Accordingly, no executive session was held.

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

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
19843	HEB	\$1,000.00
19844	HEB	\$1,000.00
19845	HEB	\$150.28
19846	AutoZone	\$31.48
19847	Aguaworks	\$2,243.77
19848	Alamo Distribution, LLC	\$2,177.49
19849	AT&T	\$613.84
19850	AT&T Mobility	\$63.80
19851	BC/BS of Texas	\$13,120.75
19852	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$150.00
19853	Benitez Diesel Repair	\$852.90
19854	Central Ready Mix	\$776.00
19855	City of San Benito	\$128.34
19856	Cameron County Clerk	\$150.00
19857	Dainamik Business	\$1,190.00
19858	Direct Energy	\$13.10
19859	Uriel Guardado	\$8,000.00
19860	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$84.00

19861	Irrigation-Mart	\$3,461.42
19862	Harlingen Irrigation District	\$771.12
19863	Hollon Oil Co.	\$1,549.65
19864	Johnny's True Value	\$39.30
19865	Kyrish Truck Centers	\$402.61
19866	Matt's Building Materials	\$739.30
19867	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$11,552.58
19868	Romco Equipment	\$2,002.22
19869	Rio Hondo Lumber	\$119.47
19870	Rio Grande Concrete	\$36.23
19871	R & A Truck Repair	\$7.00
19872	Texas Gas Service	\$11.03
19873	Texas S.S. Program	\$35.00
19874	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
19875	Unifirst	\$780.28
19876	Utility Trailer Sales	\$170.17
19877	AT&T Mobility	\$65.18
19878	AT&T U-Verse	\$42.30
19879	Cameron County Clerk	\$300.00
19880	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	\$171.90
19881	Direct Energy	\$461.16
19882	Internal Revenue Service	\$49.21
19883	Magic Valley Electric	\$1,065.44
19884	Military Highway Water	\$106.97
19885	Powerplan	\$132.06
19886	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
19887	American Heritage Life	\$350.99
19888	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$126.50
19889	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
19890	Direct Energy	\$9,563.72
19891	Goode Electric	\$1,681.35
19892	Gigabit Communications LLC	\$250.00
19893	Hardware Software Service	\$440.00
19894	Home Depot Credit Service	\$129.65
19895	John Deere Financial	\$568.19
19896	Sonia Lambert	\$45.00
19897	McCoy's	\$791.52
19898	Jesus Moncivaiz	\$49.99
19899	Office Depot	\$223.74
19900	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	\$1,966.68
19901	Orkin	\$195.00
19902	Pro Billing & Funding Services	\$294.19
19903	Rio Grande Steel, LTD	\$95.00
19904	Rubicon Systems America	\$6,540.00
19905	Sprint	\$808.68
19906	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,623.00
19907	Tractor Supply	\$253.97
19908	Utility Trailer Sales	\$58.75
19909	Verizon	\$77.26
19910	Your Auto Repair Shop	\$287.95
19911	BC/BS of Texas	\$10,406.39

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

- a) December Maintenance Report – Includes 40 jobs performed by the crews for the month. In addition, the crews worked on the piping of Lateral F off of Nelson Rd.
- b) December Machine Locations/Accomplishments – A report indicating work performed by the excavators, dozers, and mowers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c) December Pumping Plant Report – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of grounds and plant; 3) Pumping for the month: 11/29 – 10 a.m. rate set at 50 CFS, 12/4 – 10 a.m. at 0 CFS, 12/7 – rate set at 50 CFS through 12/23, 12/24 – 10 a.m. rate at 0 CFS; 4) Rainfall: .75"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 2,327; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 0; 7) Average TDS readings: 881 p.p.m.
- d) December 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 0.00 acre-feet per acre for the month of December 2020 and 1.16 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.

Attorney's report:

- a) The water rights previously under CCID #16 have been transferred to CCID#2. An application to merge the irrigation rights into one account will be submitted.
- b) AEP is installing fiber optics cable through the District's Reservoir 6 Extension off of Nixon Rd. in San Benito. A License Agreement is being prepared by the Attorney and the \$20/foot fee is being charged including on the existing AEP utilities previously installed where no license agreement was obtained.
- c) The annual required eminent domain report to the State Comptroller's Office has been filed. The report is due February 01, 2021.

A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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Sam Simmons, President

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William Goad, Secretary