

May 13, 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: Sam Simmons, Brady Taubert, Buck Rhyner, and Lupe Argullin. Also present were Sonia Lambert, General Manager, and Buddy Dossett, Attorney.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the special and regular meetings of April 8, 2021 and regular meeting of April 19, 2021.

The water report was made by Brady Taubert, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 392,384 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 1,055,544 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 39.17% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 47.13% this time last year. District's usable and storage water balances as of May 13, 2021 are 39,430.5903 acre-feet. This time last year, usable water balance was 71,408.3490 and storage water balance was 72,057.1036.

The Board reviewed the following subdivision plats and took the following action:

5.1) Del Rio Subdivision Phase VI – 12.00 acres of land out of Block C & D, James Dickinson Subdivision No. 1, Cameron County, Texas, recorded in Volume 4, Page 32, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas being out of the tract of land described in Volume 9826, Page 114, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas – Moore Land Surveying, LLC. This subdivision is located northeast of US 281 and the District's Reservoirs. There are no irrigation facilities in the platted area and no easements dedicated or required. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

5.2) Russell Massey Subdivision (Name changed to Massey Subdivision) – Being a re-plat of the following tracts:

Tract 1: 0.56 acre of land comprised of all of lots 1,2,3,4, and 5, Block number 41, third addition to the City of San Benito, Cameron County, Texas, recorded in Volume 2, Page 5, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas;

Tract 2: 0.30 acre of land described as 0.299 acre tract recorded in Volume 23216, Page, 229, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas;

Tract 3: 0.41 acre of land described as a 0.455 acre tract recorded in Volume 23216, Page 229, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas – Ferris, Flinn, & Medina, LLC. This subdivision's name was changed to Massey Subdivision and is located within the city limits of the City of San Benito and previously excluded. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Eutimio Cantu requested the District's assistance for the installation of 1,400 feet of 15" pvc pipe in Block 89-90 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision and 800 feet of 12" pvc pipe in Block 9 of the Landrum Subdivision, a project partially

funded by the USDA-NRCS. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the District's assistance in the installation of 1,400 feet of 15" pvc pipe in Block 89-90 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision and 800 feet of 12" pvc pipe in Block 9 of the Landrum Subdivision as set forth in the executed agreement between Eutimio Cantu and the District. Motion carried.

Mr. Jack Kyle Stevens requested the District's assistance for the installation of 450 feet of 15" pvc pipe in Block 343 of the San Benito Irrigation Company Subdivision, a project partially funded by USDA-NRCS. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the District's assistance in the installation of 450 feet of 15" pvc pipe in Block 343 of the San Benito Irrigation Company Subdivision. Motion carried.

Ms. Valeriana Flores requested the Board's consideration to waive interest to flat rate accounts #24292 and #23559. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to deny Ms. Valeriana Flores's request to waive interest to flat rate accounts #24292 and #23559. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert McDonald requested to purchase the property under lease from the District. The Manager did not have the documentation ready for presentation at this meeting. No action was taken. This item will be placed on the agenda for the June meeting.

The Manager requested Board authorization to solicit bids for the purchase of a new 1-ton pick-up for a maintenance crew. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the Manager to solicit bids for the purchase of a new 1-ton pick-up. Motion carried. The bids will be presented at the June meeting for Board consideration.

The Manager requested Board authorization to solicit bids for the purchase of a new backhoe. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the Manager to solicit bids for the purchase of a backhoe. Motion carried. The bids will be presented at the June meeting for Board consideration.

The Board reviewed the District's water availability and projected water balance and projected water use and balance for 2021. The Manager reported that due to the rain received on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, the majority of the water orders were canceled but since the District is on a four-day travel from Falcon Reservoir, water had already been released by the Water Master and therefore charged to the District's account. This water will be stored in the reservoir which only serves the north side of the District. Consequently, if full credit is given to all canceled orders, the District will require additional water to account for the credit to each account or prorate the losses to all canceled orders. The Manager did state that there is an expected allocation for the month of April that could be used to cover for those losses. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize all canceled orders, placed from allocated water, be given full credit for the canceled acreage by using the expected allocation to the District by the Water Master. Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:38 a.m. pursuant to section 551.072 of the governmental code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property,

and section 551.071 to discuss with attorney pending litigation: a) Legal issues – i) City of San Benito’s refusal to approve plats with the District’s sign-off paragraph.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:00 a.m. and took the following actions: a) no action.

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

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20083	Allegra Print & Imaging	\$189.50
20084	AT&T	\$624.90
20085	Burton Auto Supply, Inc.	\$121.62
20086	City of San Benito	\$127.79
20087	Esri	\$403.00
20088	Firestone/Bridgestone	\$218.54
20089	Matt’s Building Materials	\$79.41
20090	San Benito News	\$451.00
20091	Sprint	\$829.16
20092	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$1,000.00
20093	Texas Child Support	\$135.99
20094	Direct Energy	\$217.43
20095	Aflac	\$234.86
20096	Autozone	\$3.99
20097	AT&T U-Verse	\$42.30
20098	Alamo Iron Works	\$384.88
20099	AT&T Mobility	\$64.12
20100	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00
20101	City of San Benito	\$278.41
20102	Constellation New Energy	\$747.30
20103	Core & Main	\$1,820.45
20104	Dearborn Life Insurance Co	\$171.90
20105	Dainamik Business	\$595.00
20106	Direct Energy	\$596.14
20107	Goode Electric Co.	\$164.50
20108	Hollon Oil Co.	\$1,683.74
20109	H&V Equipment	\$728.42
20110	Johnny’s True Value	\$14.24
20111	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$15,241.64
20112	Quipco Global Inc.	\$1,798.26
20113	Romco Equipment	\$522.18
20114	Rio Grande Steel, Ltd.	\$522.18
20115	Rey’s Tire Service	\$180.00
20116	San Benito Medical Associates	\$255.00
20117	Texas Gas Service	\$2,567.31
20118	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20119	United Rentals, Inc.	\$1,991.04
20120	AT&T Mobility	\$65.19
20121	American Heritage Life	\$350.99
20122	BC/BS of Texas	\$9,661.60
20123	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$973.72
20124	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00

20125	Constellation New Energy	\$3,951.31
20126	Dropped Dead Pest Control	\$425.00
20127	Dainamik Business	\$560.00
20128	Direct Energy	\$19,788.02
20129	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
20130	First Community Bank	\$296.89
20131	La Bell, Jack	\$152.83
20132	Gigabit Communications, LLC	\$250.00
20133	Hardware Software Service	\$600.00
20134	Hollon Oil Co.	\$1,770.71
20135	Holt CAT	\$418.68
20136	Johnny's True Value	\$50.64
20137	Sonia Lambert	\$45.00
20138	Magic Valley Electric	\$1,316.34
20139	McCoy's	\$554.33
20140	Jesus Moncivaiz	\$49.99
20141	Office Depot	\$317.24
20142	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$14,082.12
20143	Online Stores, Inc.	\$103.43
20144	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$1,711.88
20145	Orkin	\$197.00
20146	Powerplan	\$61.16
20147	Romco Equipment	\$1,370.33
20148	Rio Grande Concrete	\$60.67
20149	Rivera, Juan E., CPA	\$1,000.00
20150	Rio Grande Steel, Ltd	\$70.99
20151	Sprint	\$506.16
20152	Southern Tire Mart	\$1,029.74
20153	Smartcom Telephone LLC	\$599.00
20154	Tops the Outdoor Store	\$147.38
20155	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,623.00
20156	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20157	Unifirst	\$944.13
20158	United Rentals, Inc.	\$1,991.04
20159	Utility Trailer Sales	\$71.16
20160	Verizon	\$3,430.45
20161	Waste Management of Texas	\$137.71

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

- a) April Maintenance Report – Includes 61 jobs performed by the crews for the month and \$7,108.48 billed for private work performed.
- b) April Machine Locations/Accomplishments – A report indicating work performed by the excavators and dozers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c) April Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds: Goode Electric replaced two parts: #5-voltage regulator and High Line panel phase protector; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 3/28 – 10 a.m. Cert at 200 CFS, 4/5 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 250 CFS, 4/9 – 10 a.m. rate reduced to 200 CFS, 4/13 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 250 CFS, 4/13 – 4 p.m. rate increased to 300 CFS, 4/19 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 350 CFS, 4/23 – 10 a.m. rate reduced to 350 CFS, 4/24 – 10 a.m. rate reduced to 250 CFS through rest of pumping period; Pump Station #2 – 3/31 – 10 a.m. rate set at 6 CFS, 4/17 – 10 a.m. rate set at 6 CFS, 4/20 – 10 a.m. rate set at 6 CFS, 4/24 – 10 a.m.

rate set at 6 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 0.30"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 13,746.9585; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 165.2890; 7) Average TDS readings: 769 p.p.m.

- d) April 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 1.20 acre-feet per acre for the month of April 2021 and 1.29 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) Legislation:
- SB 2185 – filed by Senator Chuy Hinojosa relating to procedures for the dissolution of the Hidalgo County Water Improvement District was voted favorably out of the Senate. Companion Bill HB was referred to House Urban Affairs and later sent to Calendars.
 - SB 1008 – Relating to fees for pipeline construction imposed by certain districts, would prohibit irrigation districts from imposing on a retail utility unduly burdensome requirements for constructing a water sewer pipeline or assessing fees or deposits that are greater than the actual costs to review and approve the construction proposal. Passed out of the Senate.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Simmons, President

William Goad, Secretary