

November 11, 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 Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the special and regular meetings of October 14, 2021 and the meeting of November 4, 2021.

The water report was made by Brady Taubert, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 315,261 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 936,660 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 36.91% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 46.23% this time last year. As of November 3, 2021, District's usable water balance is 47,004.5581 and storage water balance is 59,053.4320 acre-feet. This time last year, usable water balance was 54,787.6594 and storage water balance was 63,129.4662.

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

**5.1) Rancho Monteagua Subdivision** – Being a 19.53 acre tract of land (called 20.33 ac.) out of Block 215, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 51744, Page 18 (Tract 1) and Volume 22339, Page 265 (Tract 2) Official Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Guzman & Munoz Engineering and Surveying, Inc. This subdivision is located east of FM 345, east of the resaca, and west of Kornegay Road. At the meeting of October 14, 2021, the Attorney was instructed to review the subdivision plat to ensure there are no encroachments. Since then, Attorney Buddy Dossett has reviewed and requested several changes be made to the plat, which have been made by the Developer's Engineer/Surveyor. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

**5.2) Riverside Gardens Section III Subdivision** – A 43.750 acre tract of land more or less, being all of reserve "A", all of reserve "B", all within Riverside Gardens Subdivision Section II as recorded in Cabinet 1, Slots 3507, 3508, 3509, and 3510 of Cameron County, Texas, Map Records – Brown, Leal, & Associates. This subdivision is located south of Espinoza Road, north of U.S. 281, along the east side of Leal Rd. There will be a drainage culvert going under the District's canal so a license agreement will be required. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented, subject to a license agreement being issued. Motion carried.

**5.3) Del Rio Subdivision Phase VIII** – 4.26 acres being 2.66 acres of land out of Block E, James Dickinson Subdivision No. 1, Cameron County, Texas, recorded in Volume 4, Page 32, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, and 1.60 acres out of Lot 29 Del Rio Subdivision Phase IV, Map Records of

Cameron County, Texas. Being out of the tract of land described in Volume 15832, Page 154, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Moore Land Surveying, LLC. This subdivision is located north of U.S. 281 and east of the District’s No. 1 reservoir. There are no irrigation facilities in the platted area. No easements were dedicated and none are required. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

The Manager discussed with the Board a request from Emanuel Pizana to allow out of district water to 10 acres in Lot 5, Sweeny Subdivision, once the District has water available. Mr. Pizana stated that he has applied for funding for leveling of his land and a pipeline for irrigation from the Natural Resources Conservation Service who is requesting a letter from the district under what terms or conditions water can be made available. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize a letter be issued to Mr. Emanuel Pizana authorizing out of district water be delivered to 10 acres out of Lot 5, Sweeny Subdivision only when available to the district, the district is no longer under allocation, at the cost determined by the current rates of out of district water with no water rights, and Board approval. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the sign location lease for Benchmark Outdoor Advertising which expired September 30, 2021, for a location for their sign at the District’s Lateral B, on the south side of the frontage road of Expressway 77, in the City of San Benito, Tx. The current lease rate is \$4,500 per year for a 5-year term. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to renew the lease to Benchmark Outdoor Advertising for a sign location located at the District’s Lateral B, on the south side of the frontage road of Expressway 77, in the city of San Benito, TX. For a five-year term at \$4,500/year with the same terms and conditions with the lease expiring on September 30, 2026. Motion carried.

The Manager requested a resolution be passed authorizing an application be submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for WaterSMART grant funding for the piping of 6785 feet of Lateral A. A resolution is required to be submitted with the application. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adopt the following resolution authorizing an application for WaterSMART grant funding for the piping of 6785 feet of Lateral A be submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation:

**RESOLUTION**

November 1, 2021

2021-003

**LATERAL A BROWN**

APPLICANT’S NAME: Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2

**WHEREAS**, Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2 is an Irrigation District operating pursuant to Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes, Water Code, Chapter 58, and under Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2, (District), is committed to water conservation, and;

**WHEREAS**, the District is seeking opportunities to implement projects that account for water use, and;

**WHEREAS**, Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2, San Benito, Texas, has identified a project that involves replacement of an open earthen canal to a pipeline.

**WHEREAS**, the District has sufficient resources to match available funds to complete such improvements;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2 agrees and authorizes that:

1. The Board authorizes its General Manager, Sonia Lambert, to submit an application for the WaterSMART Grant.
2. The Board or governing body has reviewed and supports the proposal submitted;
3. The applicant is capable of providing the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions, specified in the funding plan; and
4. If selected, the applicant will work with Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sam Simmons, President

ATTEST:

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William Goad, Secretary  
Motion carried.

The Manager requested a resolution be passed authorizing an application be submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for WaterSMART grant funding for the piping of 3500 feet of Lateral 13A-2. A resolution is required to be submitted with the application. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adopt the following resolution authorizing an application for WaterSMART grant funding for the piping of 3500 feet of Lateral 13A-2 be submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation:

**RESOLUTION**

November 1, 2021  
2021-004

**LATERAL 13-A2**

APPLICANT'S NAME: Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2

**WHEREAS**, Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2 is an Irrigation District operating pursuant to Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Water Code, Chapter 58, and under Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution; and

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DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sam Simmons, President

ATTEST:

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William Goad, Secretary  
Motion carried.

The Manager requested a resolution be passed authorizing an application be submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for WaterSMART grant funding for the piping of 2344 feet of Lateral 13A-3. A resolution is required to be submitted with the application. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adopt the following resolution authorizing an application for WaterSMART grant funding for the piping of 2344 feet of Lateral 13A-3 be submitted to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation:

**RESOLUTION**

November 1, 2021  
2021-005

**LATERAL 13-A3**

APPLICANT'S NAME: Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2

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4. If selected, the applicant will work with Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sam Simmons, President

ATTEST:

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William Goad, Secretary  
Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the current water balance and projections for the remainder of 2021. No action was taken.

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

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>
20479	Autozone	\$8.09
20480	AT&T U-Verse	\$43.01
20481	AT&T Mobility	\$63.92
20482	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00
20483	City of San Benito	\$286.67
20484	Core & Main	\$2,139.48
20485	Dearborn Life Insurance	\$343.80
20486	Direct Energy	\$11,924.10
20487	First Community Bank	\$358.23
20488	Villarreal, Robert & Angelica	\$951.94
20489	Irrigation-Mart Inc.	\$7,083.99
20490	Hollon Oil Co.	\$227.86
20491	H & V Equipment	\$988.76
20492	Mendez Tire Shop #2	\$74.00
20493	Praxair Distribution, Inc.	\$414.32
20494	Pico Propane and Fuels	\$18,116.40
20495	Romco Equipment	\$3,169.72
20496	Rubicon Systems America	\$901.70
20497	R & A Truck Repair	\$14.00
20498	Superior Alarms	\$150.00
20499	Smartcom Telephone LLC	\$349.00
20500	Texas Gas Service	\$429.23
20501	Texas Department of Agriculture	\$75.00
20502	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20503	United Rentals, Inc.	\$1,952.00
20504	Your Auto Repair Shop	\$75.00
20505	Aflac	\$234.86
20506	AT&T Mobility	\$65.19
20507	American Heritage Life	\$350.99
20508	Alamo Iron Works	\$1,324.08
20509	BC/BS of Texas	\$10,406.39
20510	Diamond Plastics Corp.	\$53,977.44
20511	Direct Energy	\$276.05
20512	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00

20513	Johnny's True Value	\$169.78
20514	JR ITSoftware Solutions, LLC	\$1,601.48
20515	Sonia Lambert	\$45.00
20516	McCoy's	\$352.36
20517	Jesus Moncivaiz	\$49.99
20518	Nutrien AG Solutions	\$6,120.00
20519	Office Depot	\$328.43
20520	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$12,131.77
20521	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$2,780.19
20522	Rubicon Systems America	\$2,372.24
20523	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,527.00
20524	TCEQ	\$50,666.25
20525	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20526	Unifirst	\$653.32
20527	Waste Management of Texas	\$149.80

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

- a) October Maintenance Report – Includes 15 jobs performed by the crews for the month. In addition, one crew was working on the canal rehabilitation project of piping of Lateral 8 and the other crew was installing an NRCS funded pipeline.
- b) October Machine Locations/Accomplishments – A report indicating work performed by the excavators and dozers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c) October Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 9/26 – 10 a.m. Cert at 50 CFS, 10/5 – 4 p.m. Cert at 0 CFS, 10/22 – 11:30 a.m. Cert at 50 CFS through rest of pumping period; Pump Station #2 – 9/28 – 10 a.m. rate set at 6 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 5.15"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 1,564.1760; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 0; 7) Average TDS readings: 852 p.p.m.
- d) October 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 1.48 acre-feet per acre for the month of October 2021 and 1.14 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 – City of McAllen has filed a 200-page filing to the Public Utility Commission regarding Hidalgo County Water Improvement District #3's rate increase for municipality use.
- h) Turkeys/Hams – Turkeys and hams will be given to employees for Thanksgiving and Christmas subject to availability.
- i) Bureau of Reclamation Agreement – The Manager is waiting on information regarding the District's existing agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation, to determine which projects are still pending construction and/or funding to extend the contract for another 5 years. These projects are authorized through the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation Act of 2000.

Attorney's report:

- i. Attorney Buddy Dossett reported on the requirement and deadline to file its continued eminent domain authority by the February 2022 deadline;
- ii. Mr. Dossett is working on the documents for the sale of property to Robert McDonald previously authorized by the Board;

iii. Mr. Dossett is working on indexing the District's recorded documents.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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Sam Simmons, President

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Brady Taubert, Vice-President