

April 14, 2022
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, 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 meetings of March 17th 2022, March 28th 2022, March 29th 2022, and April 2nd 2022.

The water report was made by William Goad, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 433,730 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 972,852 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 34.93% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 43.18% this time last year. As of April 11, 2022, District's usable and storage water balances are 51,795.7442 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 55,323.59.

Mr. Geary Berkman, C.P.A., was not ready to present the District's 2020 financial audit. No action was taken.

The District's 2022 1st Quarter Investment report was reviewed by the Board of Directors. The report showed the rate for the account with First Community Bank interest amount yielded for each month of the quarter and the ending value as of March 31, 2022. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the District's 1st Quarter Investment Report as presented. Motion carried.

The Manager informed the Board that Mr. Gustavo Cantu requested to lease 28.60 acres in Blocks 99, 159, and 162 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision. After discussion, a motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to deny Mr. Gustavo Cantu's request to lease approximately 28.60 acres in Blocks 99, 159, and 162 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision due to the district previously canceling this lease because of the district's policy that does not allow livestock on district banks along waterways. Motion carried.

A request from Paula Martin to release the block line along the south side of Block 47 and the north side of Block 55 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision was presented to the Board. William Goad disclosed that he has interest in Block 55 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision and abstained from discussion and voting. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, with Lupe Argullin and Sam Simmons voting aye and William Goad abstaining, passed to authorize the release of the District's interest in the Block line easement along the north side of Block 55 and the south side of Block 47 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, from the intersection of Gamble Road

and Long Lane, west approximately 720 feet to the existing driveway located at 3590 Gamble Road, San Benito, TX, with the requestor assuming all costs associated in the release and a survey of the area to be released. Motion carried.

It was noted that the District is only releasing its interest and the requestor would still need to get authorization from the underlying owners for the section released.

The Manager discussed possibly amending the district's policy regarding violation of out of district yard water use, to allow possible permanent loss of the yard during watering privilege for continued use during a drought or at any other time when not authorized. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adopt a yard water violation policy for out of district users, that would allow a possible permanent loss of the yard watering privilege for continued use during a drought or at any other time when not authorized. Motion carried.

The Manager discussed the district's 2022 projected water availability. No action was taken.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:49 a.m. pursuant to section 551.072 of the governmental code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; section 551.071 to discuss with attorney pending litigation; and 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of a joint Assistant General Manager of the Districts to succeed the current joint Manager upon her retirement: a) Legal issues – i) City of San Benito's refusal to approve plats with District's sign-off paragraph; ii) Acquisition of Right-of-Way by the State of Texas over District's High Line and Low Line Canals for border wall; iii) Employment of Assistant General Manager.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:06 a.m. and took the following actions: i) no action; ii) A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, authorized the conveyance of an easement to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, from the existing IBWC levee west of the district's pumping plant, over the high line and low line canals and south to the levee on the east side of the pumping plant for the construction of the border wall for Homeland Security, provided the construction did not impede or reduce the flow. Motion carried. A copy of the easement and map are included in the supplement to Minute book #22; iii) no action.

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

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20797	Aflac	\$352.29
20798	Autozone	\$4,159.99
20799	Alamo Iron Works	\$62.95
20800	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00
20801	City of San Benito	\$286.68
20802	Dearborn Life Insurance	\$159.00
20803	Direct Energy	\$3,859.76
20804	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$44.00
20805	Gateway	\$13.00
20806	Hollon Oil Co.	\$1,121.19
20807	Home Depot Credit Service	\$61.08

20808	John Deere Financial	\$92.23
20809	JR ITSoftware Solutions, LLC	\$1,113.58
20810	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$12,057.81
20811	Romco Equipment	\$1,042.65
20812	Tops the Outdoor Store	\$234.70
20813	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20814	Teksco USA	\$4,890.00
20815	Waste Management of Texas	\$165.96
20816	AT&T Mobility	\$155.17
20817	Autozone	\$24.77
20818	American Heritage Life	\$350.99
20819	Alamo Iron Works	\$135.36
20820	AT&T Mobility	\$64.40
20821	BC/BS of Texas	\$12,023.98
20822	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
20823	Direct Energy	\$265.92
20824	El Gato Rentals	\$42.52
20825	Goode Electric Co.	\$385.95
20826	Johnny's True Value	\$181.96
20827	JR ITSoftware Solutions, LLC	\$1,200.00
20828	Sonia Lambert	\$45.00
20829	Magic Valley Electric	\$124.32
20830	McCoy's	\$610.52
20831	Military Highway Water	\$118.24
20832	Office Depot	\$208.53
20833	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$14,309.51
20834	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$2,874.90
20835	Orkin	\$211.00
20836	Pro Billing & Funding Services	\$619.64
20837	Superior Alarms	\$150.00
20838	Sprint	\$338.84
20839	Smartcom Telephone LLC	\$631.66
20840	South Texas Bolts & Supply	\$63.85
20841	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,527.00
20842	Tamayo, Michael	\$219.74
20843	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20844	Unifirst	\$793.15
20845	United Rentals	\$1,952.00
20846	Verizon	\$494.06
20847	**VOID**	\$0.00
20848	Dossett Law Office	\$2,882.50

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

- a) March Maintenance Report – Includes 38 jobs performed by the crews for the month. In addition, the automated gates installation project was completed.
- b) March Machine Locations/Accomplishments – A report indicating work performed by the excavators and dozers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c) March Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 3/11 – 3 p.m. New Cert 50 CFS through 3/14 -3 p.m., 3/15 – 10 a.m. New Cert 50 CFS through 3/19 -10 a.m., 3/22 – 2 p.m. Cert set at 50 CFS through rest of pumping period. ; Pump Station #2 – 2/2 – No pumping; 4) Rainfall: 0.00"; 5)

Acre feet diverted: 1095.00; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 0; 7) Average TDS readings: 1153 p.p.m.

- d) March 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 75.05 acre-feet per acre for the month of March 2022 and 34.68 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) IBWC – The Manager met with IBWC Commissioner Giner and her Counsel, and provided information on authorized but unfunded projects, authorized through the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Conservation and Improvement Act, as well as proposed and not yet authorized projects for the Rio Grande Valley. IBWC will meet with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Washington, D.C. next week.
- h) Appropriations – The Manager worked with federal lobbyists, Water Strategies, to submit appropriation requests to Senator Cornyn and Representative Gonzalez for authorized but unfunded projects and proposed projects.

A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Simmons, President

William Goad, Secretary