

December 8, 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, and Lupe Argullin. 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 Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2022.

The water report was made by William Goad, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 484,805 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 1,478,735 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 31.78% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 36.83% this time last year. As of December 8, 2022, District's usable and storage water balances are 52,674.7181 acre-feet. This time last year, usable water balance was 45,595.9113 and storage water balance was 49,921.6616.

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

**5.1) Aguilera Estate Subdivision** – Being 0.758 acre tract out of a 71.44 acres tract and being out of lots 7 and 10, Block 137, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, according to the map thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Casa Engineering Civil and Surveying Associates, Inc. This subdivision is located west of Williams Road, south of Mayfield Road. There are no easements reserved and none required. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

The Manager presented a request from Cameron County to purchase 376 square feet (0.009 of one acre) tract of land situated in Amigos Estates, Section One out of Block 44 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the sale of 376 square feet of land situated in Amigos Estates, Section One out of Block 44 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision to Cameron County, retain an easement for the District's Lateral E-6 pipeline and have the realignment cost assumed by Cameron County and performed by their contractor. Motion carried.

Mr. Rick Cavazos, representing himself as a private individual, and Ms. Patty Alexander, presented the Board with a request to use part of the District's south reservoir bank along US 281 as a nature observation area. Mr. Cavazos and Ms. Alexander stated there would be minimal disturbance to the area and were seeking approval to start communication with Cameron County Precinct #4, Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation, and the City of Los Indios for possible partnership. The board discussed requiring a barrier to keep vehicular traffic from accessing the reservoir. After discussion, a motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by William Goad, and

upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize a section of the District's Reservoir #1 bank, along the south side of the reservoir and north of US 281 be used as a nature observation, provided all plans are approved by the Manager before construction and use. Motion carried.

The board discussed and reviewed the district's 2022 water availability. No action was taken.

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

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21252	**VOID**	\$0.00
21253	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$310.45
21254	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$30,000.00
21255	Dainamik Business Solutions	\$490.00
21256	Lazo-Martinez Investments	\$265.95
21257	Goode Electric Co.	\$135.00
21258	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$80.00
21259	Gateway	\$142.14
21260	JR ITSoftware Solutions, LLC	\$1,771.42
21261	La Hormiga Tire Shop	\$18.00
21262	Mendez Tire Shop	\$60.00
21263	Pitney Bowes Services	\$178.68
21264	Romco Equipment	\$482.27
21265	Rubicon Systems America	\$1,101.95
21266	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
21267	Utility Trailer Sales	\$88.88
21268	Aflac	\$186.38
21269	AT&T Mobility	\$65.60
21270	American Heritage Life	\$350.99
21271	Alamo Iron Works	\$442.74
21272	American Water Services	\$2,737.00
21273	BC/BS of Texas	\$12,853.22
21274	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	\$171.90
21275	Direct Energy	\$5,877.94
21276	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
21277	Gateway Pipe & Supply	\$15,066.00
21278	Hollon Oil Co.	\$1,076.16
21279	John Deere Financial	\$149.87
21280	Johnny's True Value	\$38.82
21281	Sonia Lambert	\$45.00
21282	LRGV Water District	\$2,243.67
21283	Magic Valley Electric	\$104.75
21284	McCoy's	\$83.24
21285	Military Highway Water	\$144.51
21286	Office Depot	\$144.82
21287	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$2,238.51
21288	Powerplan	\$393.97
21289	Pro Billing & Funding Services	\$121.70
21290	Quipco Global, Inc.	\$15,225.36
21291	Romco Equipment	\$373.90

21292	Rio Hondo Lumber	\$36.38
21293	Rio Grande Steel, LTD	\$19.99
21294	Rey's Tire Service	\$70.00
21295	Southern Tire Mart	\$722.00
21296	South Texas Bolts & Supply	\$407.96
21297	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,562.00
21298	Texas A&M Agrilife Ext.	\$2,140.14
21299	Texas Child Support	\$260.77
21300	Unifirst	\$1,007.56
21301	Utility Trailer Sales	\$285.04
21302	Waste Management of Texas	\$180.53

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

- a) November Maintenance Report – Includes 12 jobs performed by the crews for the month. Clearing of brush has begun for the piping of Lateral G-2.
- b) November Machine Locations/Accomplishments – A report indicating work performed by the excavators and dozers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c) November Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 10/29 – 8 a.m. Rate of Cert 50 CFS, 10/31 – 3 p.m. Rate increased to 100 CFS through 11/3, 11/3 – 3 p.m. Cert dropped to 50 CFS, 11/5 – 4 p.m. New Cert 100 CFS, 11/7 – 3 p.m. Cert at 50 CFS, 11/8 – 2 p.m. Cert set at 50 CFS, 11/10 – 3 p.m. Cert at 50 CFS through 11/16- 3 p.m., 11/19 – 3 p.m. Pumping 50 CFS 24 hours, 11/21 – 3 p.m. through 11/23- 3 p.m. Cert at 50 CFS, 11/26 – 9 a.m. Cert set at 50 CFS through rest of pumping period; Pump Station #2 – 10/30 – 2 p.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 11/02 – 2 p.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 11/18 – 5 p.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 11/23 – 7 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 11/26 – 11 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 3.50"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 2792.7820; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 221.6525; 7) Average TDS readings: 722 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 1.69 acre-feet per acre for the month of November 2022 and 1.20 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) LRGV Program Agreement – Bureau of Reclamation and the District have agreed to a 10-year contract to line canals B North, B South, Upper Canal C , 13 A and 13 A-1. The contract for \$18,123,228.45 (50% cost share) is being worked on by Bureau of Reclamation for execution by both parties. The contract period is 02/01/2023 through 01/31/2033.
- h) Allocation – The District's allocation rules call for a requirement of property being irrigated at least once withing the preceding 24-month period from the date of allocation. The district acknowledges that due to the water shortage, the farmer has transferred water from some accounts to irrigate others, leaving those accounts ineligible for allocation under the existing rules. The Manager recommended that in order to address this issue, the district consider temporarily changing the 24-month period to 36 months. It was the consensus of the Board to temporarily change the 24-month period to a 36-month period. This item will be placed on the agenda for the Board meeting of January 2023.

- i) Assistant Manager – Ricardo Martinez will begin employment for Cameron County Irrigation District #2 and Cameron County Drainage District #3 as Assistant General Manager on January 05, 2023.

Attorney's report:

- a) Border Wall – State of Texas – Easement documents have been signed and sent to the State of Texas. Payment has been received.
- b) US Army Corp of Engineers – Easement documents have been signed and sent to USACE. It was noted that this utility and access easement along the east side of the Low Line Canal might be in conflict with the Border Wall.
- c) Border Patrol – Surveillance tower lease documents have been reviewed and comments sent back for revisions to the document. The Border Patrol has agreed to the 20% increase, increasing the monthly lease amount from \$510.00 to \$612.00 for a 20-year term beginning January 2023.
- d) Resaca Vista Subdivision – Cameron County Drainage District #3 is still locating the seep pipe along the Resaca Vista Subdivision to have Rios Surveying include it in the survey. Cameron County Irrigation District #2 previously approved to convey the easement to Cameron County Drainage District #3.

A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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Sam Simmons, President

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William Goad, Secretary