

February 10, 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 William Goad, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13th 2022.

The water report was made by Brady Taubert, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 428,866 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 1,101,755 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 36.74% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 47.85% this time last year. As of February 10, 2022, District's usable and storage water balances are 54,627.3227 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 104,551.3016.

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

**5.1) Russell Ranch Subdivision** – Being 27.27 acres out of Lots 21, 22, 49, 51, 52, and 53 Resaca Front Subdivision, in the City of San Benito, Cameron County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 2, Page 21, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Moore Land Surveying, LLC. This subdivision is located at the southwest intersection of Russell Lane and Lovett Road. There are no irrigation district facilities on the platted land. No easements were reserved and none required. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

**5.2) Alvarado Estates** – Being a 2.77-acre tract out of a 6.51 acre tract as recorded in Volume 15583, Page 243, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas, being out of Block 153 San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision as recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Altex Engineering. The engineer is waiting on the City of Harlingen, and was not ready to present the plat to this Board. No action was taken.

Mr. Geary Berkman, C.P.A., was ill and not available to present audit.

The Manager informed the Board that the District's CAT D6 Dozer was stolen off of Canal A and the new FM 732 on either January 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. The District filed a report with the police department and filed a claim with the insurance company, who have since paid the District \$70,600, (less \$1,000 deductible). The Manager asked for authorization to look for and purchase a used dozer equivalent in size to the CAT D6 Dozer, since a new one would not be financially feasible for the District to purchase and also given the lengthy delays in receiving equipment due to the pandemic. After discussion, a motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the Manager to look for a used CAT D6 Dozer, or

the equivalent and bring the information back to the Board for approval. Motion carried.

The Manager discussed the District's current balance and projected water availability for 2022. It was noted that .30 of an acre, to every eligible acre was allocated on January 17, 2022. No action was taken.

The Manager informed the Board that she has received 44 applications as of today, for the Assistant General Manager's position. Each Board member for both the Irrigation and Drainage Districts will make their selection of candidates to be interviewed by both Boards simultaneously. A joint meeting of both the Irrigation and Drainage Districts will be scheduled in the near future to interview the selected candidates. No action was taken at this time.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:17 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 District's sign-off paragraph; ii) Discussion and possible action regarding request from Melvin Rostron to purchase 48.68 acres in the Arroyo Gardens Unit 1 Subdivision, Reservoir #2; iii) Discussion and possible action regarding sale of District's old office building located at 216 S. Sam Houston St., San Benito, TX; iv) Discussion and possible action regarding the sale of .320 acres to the State of Texas across the low line and high line for the border wall.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:32 a.m. and took the following actions: i) no action; ii) a motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to deny Mr. Melvin Rostron's request to purchase 48.68 acres in the Arroyo Gardens Unit 1 Subdivision, Reservoir #2. Motion carried.; iii) no action; iv) A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to request plans from Universal Field Services, Inc. (requestor of the acquisition of an easement for the State of Texas' border wall), to ensure the construction of any infrastructure affecting the District's 2 main canals, that carry 100% of the District's irrigation and municipal water, will not negatively affect future deliveries. Motion carried.

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

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20665	AT&T Mobility	\$63.73
20666	City of San Benito	\$129.99
20667	Camco Truck & Trailer Solutions	\$4,633.51
20668	JR ITSoftware Solutions, LLC	\$1,387.16
20669	Sprint	\$171.94
20670	Texas Gas Service	\$989.02
20671	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20672	Utility Trailer Sales	\$99.98
20673	AT&T U-Verse	\$4.30
20674	Allterra Central, Inc.	\$250.00
20675	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$159.60
20676	City of San Benito	\$286.68
20677	Constellation New Energy	\$1,932.85

20678	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	\$165.90
20679	Dainamik Business Solutions	\$525.00
20680	Direct Energy	\$8,710.43
20681	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$76.00
20682	John Deere Financial	\$305.30
20683	Military Highway Water	\$132.20
20684	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$19,224.13
20685	Rey's Tire Service	\$90.00
20686	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20687	Verizon	\$643.76
20688	Waste Management of Texas	\$153.52
20689	Sonia Lambert	\$399.75
20690	Eduardo Rodriguez	\$8,850.00
20691	Aflac	\$234.86
20692	AT&T Mobility	\$155.17
20693	Autozone	\$7.89
20694	A to Z Lawn Mower	\$45.00
20695	American Heritage Life	\$350.99
20696	Alamo Iron Works	\$49.22
20697	BC/BS of Texas	\$11,617.49
20698	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$648.40
20699	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00
20700	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
20701	Dainamik Business Solutions	\$525.00
20702	Direct Energy	\$580.58
20703	Hull, Janet Starr	\$18.07
20704	Irrigation-Mart Inc.	\$7,806.52
20705	Johnny's True Value	\$40.23
20706	JR ITSoftware	\$1,200.00
20707	Sonia Lambert	\$45.00
20708	LRGV Water District	\$1,765.61
20709	McCoy's	\$1,293.76
20710	Office Depot	\$817.25
20711	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$10,102.71
20712	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$1,543.43
20713	Orkin	\$197.00
20714	Pitney Bowes/Reserve Acct.	\$1,000.00
20715	Pitney Bowes Services	\$106.70
20716	Rey's Tire Service	\$240.00
20717	RGV Pumps & Equipment LLC	\$180.00
20718	Southern Tire Mart	\$1,132.72
20719	Smartcom Telephone LLC	\$635.06
20720	TCEQ	\$3,364.00
20721	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,527.00
20722	Unifirst	\$626.05
20723	United Rentals, Inc.	\$1,952.00
20724	Utility Trailer Sales	\$12.99

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

- a) January Maintenance Report – Includes 14 jobs performed by the crews for the month. The crews also worked on the automated gates rehab project.

- b) January Machine Locations/Accomplishments – A report indicating work performed by the excavators and dozers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c) January Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 1/1-1/22 –0 CFS, 1/14 – 10 a.m. New Cert 50 CFS through 1/18 10 a.m., 1/27 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 50 CFS through rest of pumping period; Pump Station #2 – 1/26 – 10 a.m. rate set at 12 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 2.40”; 5) Acre feet diverted: 522.1250; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 0; 7) Average TDS readings: 1012 p.p.m.
- d) January 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 4.40 acre-feet per acre for the month of January 2022 and 4.40 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) USIBWC – TCEQ Stakeholders Meeting will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022. Discussions regarding implementation of Minute 325 and US-Mexico Colorado River cooperation and opportunities for US-Mexico Rio Grande water conservation and new water sources will be held.

Attorney’s report:

- a) Special Purpose Report – due April 1<sup>st</sup> to the State Comptroller has been filed.
- b) License agreement – AEP has requested permit to install fiber optics cable. Attorney requested complete location information from AEP.
- c) Attorney is working on cataloging District’s Rights of way for scanning.

A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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Sam Simmons, President

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William Goad, Secretary