

November 9, 2023
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: Brady Taubert, Buck Rhyner, and Lupe Argullin. Also present were Sonia Lambert, General Manager, Craig Harmon, Assistant Manager, and Buddy Dossett, Attorney.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 2, 2023 and the special regular meetings of October 12, 2023.

The water report was made by Buck Rhyner, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 413,462 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,666,203 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 957,449 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,226,704 acre-feet which 21.04% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 31.55% this time last year. As of November 8, 2023, District's usable and storage water balances are 28,321.5355 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 54,978.1621.

The Assistant General Manager proposed the Directors adopt resolutions for the piping of Canals 15 and C2 as part of the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART program. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adopt the following resolutions authorizing the applications for funding for these projects:

RESOLUTION

October 12, 2023
2023-006

LATERAL C2

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: _____

Sam Simmons, President

ATTEST:

Buck Rhyner, Secretary

RESOLUTION

October 12, 2023

2023-007

LATERAL 15

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

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DATED: _____

Sam Simmons, President

ATTEST:

Buck Rhyner, Secretary

Motion carried.

The Assistant General Manager reported he made contact with Third Pillar Solar to solicit an update on the contract for the proposed floating solar panel project on the District's reservoirs. Third Pillar Solar is working to complete the appendixes for the

contract and will forward it for review as soon as it is complete. No action was taken at this time.

The Assistant General Manager informed the Directors that the CCID #2 Personnel Policy Manual was revised and requested the Directors approve the amendments. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the revisions to the District's Personnel Policy Manual. Motion carried.

The Assistant General Manager informed the Directors that the CCID #2 District Policies were revised and requested the Directors approve the amendments. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the amendments to the District's policies. Motion carried.

The Assistant General Manager recommended the Directors take action to approve a contingent contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott, LLP to take over collections of delinquent (greater than 1 year) government receivables owed to the District. Additionally, the Assistant General Manager recommended the Directors to make and approve the written findings pursuant to Section 2254.1036(b) of the Government Code regarding approving a contingent fee contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott, LLP. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the District taking action with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott, LLP. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the District's water availability for 2023. No action was taken.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:27 a.m. pursuant to section 551.071 of the governmental code to discuss with attorney pending litigation and 551.074: a) Legal issues – i) Consider settlement of suit for Cameron County Irrigation District #2 and Cameron County Drainage District #3 vs City of San Benito.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:33 a.m. and took the following actions: a) Legal issues – Consider settlement of suit for Cameron County Irrigation District #2 and Cameron County Drainage District #3 vs City of San Benito: no action.

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

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21884	Aflac	\$261.02
21885	Autozone	\$25.73
21886	Alamo Iron Works	\$139.54
21887	City of San Benito	\$200.37
21888	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$7,500.00
21889	Core & Main	\$1,170.00
21890	Dearborn Life Insurance	\$159.90
21891	Direct Energy	\$14.71
21892	Harlingen Irrigation District	\$390.60
21893	JR ITSoftware, LLC	\$4,218.99
21894	NRG Business	\$16,111.71
21895	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$1,647.20
21896	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	\$1,839.31

21897	Orkin	\$225.99
21898	Pro Billing & Funding Services	\$29.45
21899	R & A Truck Repair	\$7.00
21900	Rey's Tire Service	\$60.00
21901	Smartcom Telephone, LLC	\$629.03
21902	Texas Child Support SDU	\$228.92
21903	Texas Gas Service	\$961.41
21904	Texas Department of Agriculture	\$75.00
21905	AT&T Mobility	\$65.19
21906	American Heritage Life	\$290.99
21907	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$7,500.00
21908	Constellation New Energy	\$17.23
21909	Dainamik Business Solutions	\$490.00
21910	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
21911	First Community Bank	\$490.32
21912	Firestone/Bridgestone	\$102.99
21913	Fresno Valve & Casting	\$308.66
21914	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$67.00
21915	Gil's Service Station	\$7.00
21916	Irrigation Mart	\$2,154.69
21917	Harlingen Irrigation District	\$401.45
21918	Holt CAT	\$95.89
21919	Johnny's True Value	\$75.06
21920	Kyrish Truck Centers	\$156.82
21921	Sonia Lambert	\$45.00
21922	Magic Valley Electric	\$121.95
21923	Office Depot Credit Plan	\$351.22
21924	Orkin	\$225.99
21925	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	\$2,003.50
21926	Rey's Tire Service	\$90.00
21927	TCEQ	\$63,649.33
21928	Thomson Reuters-West	\$720.00
21929	Texas Child Support	\$228.92
21930	Tellus Equipment Solutions	\$142.22
21931	Triple-S Steel	\$1,217.00
21932	Unifirst	\$663.92
21933	Verizon	\$1,023.68
21934	Waste Management of Texas	\$219.29
21935	Your Auto Repair Shop	\$1,148.96

Assistant Manager, Craig Harmon, reported on the following items to the Board of Directors:

- a) October Maintenance Report – Includes 19 jobs performed by the crews for the month and \$10,811.28 billed for private work performed.
- b) October Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 10/1 – 10 a.m. Cert at 100 CFS through 10/6, 10/6 – 10 a.m. Rate at 0 CFS. No pumping through 10/28; Pump Station #2 – 10/2 – 11 a.m. Rate set at 6 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 3.00"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 988.6650; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 0.00; 7) Average TDS readings: 712 p.p.m.
- c) 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.
- d) Water Duty – was 0.20 acre-feet per acre for the month of October 2023 and 1.73 acre feet per acre year-to-date.
- e) The Assistant General Manager informed the Directors that turkeys and hams would be distributed to the employees for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Attorney's report:

- a) The water rights conveyance to East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation has been completed and filed of record.
- b) The water rights conveyance to Harlingen Water Works System has been completed and filed of record.

A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Simmons, President

Buck Rhyner, Secretary