

May 9, 2024
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 Craig Harmon, General Manager, and Buddy Dossett, Attorney.

Mr. Luis A. Arevalo was present to discuss Raymond Estates Subdivision. No action was taken at this time. This subdivision will be placed on the agenda for the June Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the special and regular meetings of April 11, 2024.

The water report was made by Buck Rhyner, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 213,291 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,666,203 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 508,736 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,226,704 acre-feet which 28.03% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 28.74% this time last year. As of May 4, 2024, the District's usable and storage water balances are 24,284.2273 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 43,267.56473.

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

5.1) The Cross Subdivision – Being 2.62 acre tract of land out of 10 acres out of Block 130, Instrument Number 2011-0023009, and out of 65.37 acres of land consisting of that portion of Lot 12 lying north of the North Right-of-Way line of U.S. Highway 77, and all of Lot 13 lying north of U.S. Highway 77, out of Block 130, of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, of the Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. – AGH Engineering & Surveying. This subdivision is located on the corner of Williams Rd and Business 77. Since there is a pipeline that runs parallel to Business 77, the Board requested the developer to realign the easement to cover the existing pipeline. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat pending a license agreement for a crossing. Motion carried.

5.2) Del Rio Phase 9 Subdivision – 10.34 acres out of Block E, James Dickinson Subdivision No. 1, Cameron County, Texas, recorded in Volume 4, Page 32, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Moore Land and Surveying LLC. This subdivision is located on FM 281, west of Sam Houston, and south of Reservoir #1. This subdivision was previously approved on April 13, 2023 but was omitted from the minutes. No action was taken

5.1) Camperos No. 1 Subdivision – 10.00 acres of land out of Block 123, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, being of the tract of land described in Document No. 2021-42894, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Moore Land Surveying LLC. This subdivision is located off Mayfield Rd. and Shafer Rd. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert,

and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat pending a license agreement for a crossing. Motion carried.

5.4) San Sebastian Subdivision – Being a south 5.0 acres of the north 15.0 acre tract of land, out of Block 253 San Benito Irrigation Land Company Subdivision in Volume 3, Pages 16-18, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Altex Engineering. This subdivision is located off E. Brown Tract Rd. and North of Villafranco Rd. No easements were dedicated, and none needed. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

5.5) Los Reyes Subdivision – Being a 22.55 acre tract out of a 63.56 acre tract and a 10.68 acre tract out of Block 33, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision in Cameron County, Texas, according to map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, of the Map Records of Cameron County, Texas and being the same tracts of land described in deed recorded in Document Number 26240, Official Records Cameron County, Texas. – Ferris, Flinn, & Medina LLC. This subdivision is located east of Gamble Rd. and north of Pennsylvania Rd. No easements were dedicated, and none needed. 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 informed the Board that Chapter 11 of the Texas Water Code and Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 288 requires Irrigation Districts to submit a Water Conservation Plan and a Drought Contingency Plan every five years. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adopt the following resolution adopting the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADOPTING A
WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND
A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR
THE CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #2
May 1, 2024
2024-002**

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the amount of water available to the Cameron County Irrigation District #2 and to its irrigation water customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that natural limitations due to drought conditions and other acts of God cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes;

WHEREAS, Applicable rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality require all public water supply systems in Texas to prepare a water conservation plan;

WHEREAS, Section 11.039 of the Texas Water Code authorizes water suppliers to distribute available water supplies on a pro rata basis during times of water supply shortage; and

WHEREAS, as authorized under law, and in the best interests of the customers of the Cameron County Irrigation District #2, the Board deems it expedient and necessary to establish certain rules and policies for the orderly and efficient management of limited water supplies during drought and other water supply emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #2:

SECTION 1. That the Water Conservation Plan and the Drought Contingency Plan attached hereto and are hereby adopted as the official policy of the Cameron County Irrigation District #2.

SECTION 2. That the General Manager is hereby directed to implement, administer, and enforce the Water Conservation Plan and the Drought Contingency Plan.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #2, ON THIS THE 1ST DAY OF MAY 2024.

Sam Simmons, President

Buck Rhyner, Secretary

The Board discussed the District's water availability for 2024. No action was taken.

The Manager presented the results for the Board of Directors' Election held Saturday, May 4, 2024, and reported the final tally for the election. The return revealed the total votes received by the following candidates:

	<u>Total</u>
Lupe Argullin	73
Manuel (M.R.) Garcia II	55
Sam Simmons	54
William Goad	53

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to accept the return as submitted by Manager, Craig Harmon, showing Lupe Argullin, Manuel (M.R.) Garcia II, and Sam Simmons with the most votes and duly elected Directors for a term to begin May 15, 2024. Motion carried.

President Sam Simmons called for nominations for Board positions. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to continue with the Board as it currently is with Sam Simmons as Board President, Brady Taubert as Board Vice-President, Buck Rhyner as Board Secretary, Lupe Argullin as Board Member, and to include Manuel (M.R.) Garcia II as Board Member. Motion carried.

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>
22196	Aflac	\$261.02
22197	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$12,480.90
22198	Certified Laboratories	\$756.86
22199	Core & Main	\$1,400.00
22200	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	\$6.00
22201	Irrigation Mart Inc.	\$424.12
22202	Johnny's True Value	\$41.98
22203	JR ITSoftware Solutions, LLC	\$2,379.09

22204	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$1,521.90
22205	Pitney Bowes Global	\$223.53
22206	Romco Equipment	\$483.37
22207	Rio Hondo Implement	\$14.42
22208	T-Mobile	\$169.62
22209	Texas Gas Service	\$501.00
22210	TWCA	\$1,754.00
22211	Texas Child Support	\$228.92
22212	Drake, Larry	\$599.99
22213	AT&T Mobility	\$63.92
22214	American Heritage Life	\$272.03
22215	Benitez Diesel Repair	\$200.00
22216	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$8,682.14
22217	Central Ready Mix	\$1,184.00
22218	Constellation New Energy	\$7.34
22219	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
22220	First Community Bank	\$539.51
22221	Firestone/Bridgestone	\$795.72
22222	Irrigation-Mart, Inc.	\$1,124.16
22223	Hollon Oil Co.	\$814.23
22224	Health Care Service Corp.	\$18,978.90
22225	Holt CAT	\$465.80
22226	Home Depot Credit Service	\$59.14
22227	John Deere Financial	\$787.60
22228	Johnny's True Value	\$82.96
22229	JR ITSoftware Solutions, LLC	\$2,629.09
22230	Magic Valley Electric	\$122.45
22231	McCoy's	\$814.93
22232	Military Highway Water	\$93.49
22233	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc	\$1,211.42
22234	Romco Equipment	\$694.79
22235	Rio Hondo Lumber	\$29.91
22236	Rubicon Systems America	\$1,249.00
22237	Reliant Dept 0954	\$16.75
22238	Septic Services By R&R	\$500.00
22239	TWCA	\$1,000.00
22240	Texas Child Support	\$228.92
22241	Unifirst	\$706.86
22242	Verizon	\$681.82
22243	Waste Management of Texas	\$208.80

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

- a) April Maintenance Report – Includes 84 jobs performed by the crews for the month.
- b) April Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 3/30-3/31 – No Cert, 4/1 – 10 a.m. Cert at 50 CFS, 4/1 – 4 p.m. Cert increased to 100 CFS, 4/5 – 10 a.m. Rate at 100 CFS, 4/5 – 3 p.m. Rate increased to 150 CFS, 4/8 – 10 a.m. Cert at 200 CFS through 4/28 and through the rest of the pumping period; Pump Station #2 – 4/10 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 4/13 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 4/16 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 4/20 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 4/23 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 4/27 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 12 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 0.80"; 5)

Acre feet charged: 8086.8453; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 22.4180; 7) Average TDS readings: 814 p.p.m.

- c) April 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 2.61 acre-feet per acre for the month of April 2024 and 2.6949 acre-feet per acre year-to-date.
- e) The Manager reported that East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation has signed the contract for the sale of 900 ac. ft. of water.
- f) The Manager reported that he replied to a letter received from Texas State Representative Terry Canales asking for further information regarding the water crisis.
- g) The Manager reported that County Commissioner David Garza has proposed possible future projects with Cameron County Irrigation District #2.
- h) The Manager reported that Water Superintendent, David Gomez, will be retiring on June 28, 2024 after 25 years of service to the District and Pump House Supervisor, Jorge Diego, will be retiring at the end of July 2024 after 40 years of service to the District.
- i) The Manager reported that water sales to City of Mercedes are in negotiations with attorneys.
- j) The Manager reported that the District is looking into equipment purchases for the upcoming Canal Rehab Projects.

Attorney's report:

- a) Resolution for equipment purchases is being worked on.

A motion was made by Lupe Argullin, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Simmons, President

Buck Rhyner, Secretary