

August 12, 2021
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 Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2021.

The water report was made by William Goad, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 499,397 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 1,126,076 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 40.01% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 42.90% this time last year. As of August 11, 2021, District's usable water balance is 47,988.2354 and storage water balance is 48,168.4324 acre-feet. This time last year, usable water balance was 54,700.80 and storage water balance was 55,917.0988.

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

5.1) Vista Real Estate Subdivision – Being 5.00 acres of land out of Block 157, San Benito Land & Water Company Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, being the same tract of land as described in Volume 14913, Page 41, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Rios Surveying, LLC. This subdivision is located southwest of the intersection of FM 800 and FM 509. There are no irrigation facilities in the platted area. No easements were dedicated, and none are required. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

The Manager informed the Board that the price of pipe has gone up significantly and that delivery delays of up to 6 months are being given to the District by the pipe vendors. The District currently authorizes the installation in exchange for the grant amount awarded, plus any valves, tees, elbows, or thrust blocks not covered by the grant. However, now the grant amount is also not covering the full cost of the pipe. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to change the District's policy and agreement regarding grant funded pipe installations, effective immediately, to require grant funded pipe installation requestors to provide all material and the District provide the labor at no cost, if the requestor wishes for the District to install the pipeline, (this does not apply to those pipeline installations that have already been approved and not yet installed). Motion carried.

Ms. Karina Tamez requested assistance for the installation of 550 feet of 15" pvc pipe in Block 89-90, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision and 80 feet of 12" pvc pipe in Block 147 of the San Benito Irrigation Company Subdivision. After discussion, of the above item, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the labor for the installation on 550 feet of 15"

pvc pipe in Block 89-90 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, and 800 feet of 12" pvc pipe in Block 147 of the San Benito Irrigation Company Subdivision provided the requestor provides all the material required for the installation. Motion carried.

The Manager reported that at the time Resaca Vista Condominiums in Blocks 209/215 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision was developed, (around 1993), the seepage ditch along the resaca was piped. Either at the time the property was developed or at a later date, the subdivision's storm water was connected to this seepage pipe, which was intended only to drain any seepage water coming from the resaca. The Resaca Vista HOA, which claims it was annexed by the City of San Benito and has been paying taxes to the city, has made several attempts to have the City of San Benito resolve the flooding issue after the past several rains. The City recently sent the HOA an email informing them that the city did not locate any conveyance/acceptance documents of the infrastructure and until those documents are located by the HOA, the city will not assume any responsibility for the maintenance, repair, improvement, or replacement of the water, sewer, and drainage systems of the Resaca Vista Subdivision. Cameron County Drainage District #3 is willing to accept ownership of the seep pipe to be used as a drain pipe for the Resaca Vista Subdivision, provided they obtain an easement from the irrigation district and any from any other property owner as necessary. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by William Goad, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the conveyance of an easement for the seep pipe along the resaca in Blocks 209 and 215 of the San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision south of Resaca Vista Dr. at the intersection of old N. Sam Houston and north side of resaca to north of Resaca Vista Dr. at the intersection of Old N. Sam Houston and south side of the resaca. Motion carried.

The Manager informed the Board that after reviewing the percent fee charged to all credit/debit card users, it was determined that the 3% fee is sufficient to cover all costs to the District. No action was taken.

The Manager informed the Board that she and a San Benito Housing Authority representative met to view and discuss the purchase of the District's old office building located at 216 S. Sam Houston in San Benito, TX. The San Benito Housing Authority will have to consult with HUD regarding the amount of the purchase but if an amount is agreed upon for the purchase of the building, the Housing Authority would request for them to occupy the building immediately and ask if full payment be done within 6 months. After discussion, a motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the Manager to negotiate the sale price and allow the San Benito Housing Authority to move into the building located at 216 S. Sam Houston, and charge them a monthly rent that will go towards the purchase of the building, if the two parties agree to sell/purchase. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the water availability projection for 2021. No action was taken.

There was nothing to discuss in Executive Session. Accordingly, no executive session was held.

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>
20281	Autozone	\$34.48
20282	Alamo Iron Works	\$1,563.76
20283	AT&T	\$630.24
20284	AT&T Mobility	\$64.05
20285	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00
20286	City of San Benito	\$128.34
20287	Fresno Valve & Casting	\$9,812.37
20288	Arispe, Juan M.	\$120.56
20289	Hollon Oil Co.	\$414.15
20290	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$14,714.64
20291	Romco Equipment	\$1,535.47
20292	Rio Hondo Lumber	\$141.71
20293	Rubicon Systems America	\$1,308.58
20294	R & A Truck Repair	\$7.00
20295	Rey's Tire Service	\$130.00
20296	Sprint	\$315.50
20297	Southern Tire Mart	\$1,280.00
20298	Texas Gas Service	\$1,205.74
20299	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20300	Utility Trailer Sales	\$60.52
20301	Aflac	\$234.86
20302	AT&T Mobility	\$65.19
20203	American Heritage Life	\$350.99
20304	AT&T U-Verse	\$53.05
20305	Arroyo's Garage	\$7.00
20306	BC/BS of Texas	\$10,406.39
20307	City of San Benito	\$304.89
20308	Constellation New Energy	\$900.79
20309	Core & Main	\$707.07
20310	Dropped Dead Pest Control	\$175.00
20311	Dearborn Life Insurance	\$343.80
20312	Direct Energy	\$9,161.67
20313	Firestone/Bridgestone	\$685.96
20314	Fresno Valve & Casting	\$14,304.59
20315	Goode Electric Co.	\$2,098.20
20316	Hollon Oil Co.	\$1,471.17
20317	Home Depot Credit Service	\$2,343.94
20318	Johnny's True Value	\$94.97
20319	JI Special Risk Ins.	\$49,669.00
20320	Kyrish Truck Centers	\$238.08
20321	Magic Valley Electric	\$175.54
20322	Matt's Building Materials	\$27.47
20323	McCoy's	\$267.96
20324	Military Highway Water	\$144.13
20325	Mendez Tire Shop #2	\$64.00
20326	Office Depot	\$211.43
20327	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$11,480.33
20328	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	\$1,882.61
20329	Romco Equipment	\$609.61
20330	Rio Hondo Lumber	\$32.15
20331	Rio Grande Steel	\$37.98

20332	R & A Truck Repair	\$40.00
20333	San Benito News	\$30.00
20334	South Texas Bolts & Supply	\$75.20
20335	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
20336	Verizon	\$372.13
20337	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$38.00
20338	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00
20339	Core & Main	\$1,528.20
20340	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
20341	Direct Energy	\$19.90
20342	Waters, Barry D.	\$1,207.00
20343	Sonia Lambert	\$45.00
20344	Jesus Moncivaiz	\$49.99
20345	Orkin	\$197.00
20346	Pitney Bowes	\$178.68
20347	Pro Billing & Funding Services	\$420.27
20348	Smartcom Telephone LLC	\$349.00
20349	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,527.00
20350	Tractor Supply	\$19.31
20351	Unifirst	\$659.17
20352	United Rentals, Inc.	\$1,991.04
20353	Waste Management of Texas	\$146.92

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

- a) July Maintenance Report – Includes 32 jobs performed by the crews for the month and \$65.00 billed for a 2" line disconnection.
- b) July Machine Locations/Accomplishments – A report indicating work performed by the excavators and dozers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c) July Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds: Gear head on pump #3 back in service; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 6/27 – rate set at 150 CFS, 6/29 – 1 p.m. rate increased to 200 CFS, 7/2 – 10 a.m. rate at 0 CFS, 7/3 – 10 a.m. rate set at 150 CFS, 7/5 – 10 a.m. rate reduced to 100 CFS, 7/9 – No Cert-Heavy rains through rest of pumping period; Pump Station #2 – 6/27 – 10 a.m. rate set at 12 CFS, 6/29 – 10 a.m. rate set at 12 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 10.20"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 3,955.6576; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 396.6936; 7) Average TDS readings: 871 p.p.m.
- d) July 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 0.73 acre-feet per acre for the month of July 2021 and 1.10 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) Legislation – House has not had a quorum due to the Democrats refusing to attend the legislative session in an attempt to block voting on legislation dealing with voting restrictions. Arrest warrants were signed by the Texas GOP to end Democrats' holdout.

Attorney's report – The attorney reported that TCEQ has sent a draft amendment application for the District to review, that will be recommended for approval merging the

water rights for Cameron County Irrigation District #16, (adjudication #28-838), and Cameron County Irrigation District #2, (adjudication #23-841F).

A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Simmons, President

William Goad, Secretary