

August 8, 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, Lupe Argullin, and M.R. Garcia. Also present was Craig Harmon, General Manager.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2024.

The water report was made by Buck Rhyner, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 321,152 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,666,203 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 626,959 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,226,704 acre-feet which 16.09% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 25.59% this time last year. As of August 1, 2024, the District's usable and storage water balances are 14,318.9712 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 36,907.2269.

Mr. Ron Garza and Mr. Rolando Garza were present to speak to the Board about our trucks driving on their road and picking up dirt. The General Manager informed them that the trucks do not belong to the Irrigation District.

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

5.1) Demarca Estates Subdivision – Being a tract containing 12.00 acres of land out of Lot 10 of the Heywood Loop Subdivision, Cameron, County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 35, of the Cameron County Map Records, Cameron County, Texas, and more particularly being composed of a called 10.88 acre tract, to Martin C. Cantu, and Fabiana G. Cantu, husband and wife, as described in Document Number 2007-00066671, of the Deed Records of Cameron County, Texas, and a called 2.00 acre tract, to Martin C. Cantu, as described in Document Number 2011-41679 of the Deed Records of Cameron County, Texas. – AGH Engineering and Surveying. This subdivision is located off of Kilgore Rd and near Marydale Rd. There are no irrigation facilities in the platted area. 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.

5.2) Cielo Vista Subdivision – Being a 10 acre tract of land, the north ½ of the south ½ of the northwest ¼ of Block 11, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, in the City of San Benito, Cameron County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, of the Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. – M2 Engineering PLLC. This subdivision is located off of Stookey Rd and near Lasby Park Rd. There are no irrigation facilities in the platted area. 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.

Mr. Oscar Chapa from Sharer and Pennsylvania Rd. was present to ask the Board to stop providing irrigation water to his neighbor. Mr. Chapa expressed that his neighbor

is draining water onto his property when he irrigates. He stated that water and sugar cane flood onto his property. Mr. Chapa stated his neighbor is using the roadside ditch to drain irrigation water. The Manager informed Mr. Chapa that TXDOT has approved some properties to use roadside ditches to drain water. Mr. Chapa's request to withhold irrigation water from a landowner who is paying flat rate has been forwarded to the District's attorney, Buddy Dossett, and a written response will be provided to Mr. Chapa once the attorney returns with his findings. No action was taken at this time.

The Manager presented a list of units no longer in use. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to declare the following as surplus and authorize the Manager to either sell or dispose of as deemed appropriate. Motion carried.

Cameron County Irrigation District #2 Surplus

Trucks

1. **1999 Ford F-150** – Bad Transmission
Unit# 3
Mileage: 187,055.70
VIN: 1FTRX18W4XKB45770

2. **2009 Ford F-150** – Bad Transmission
Unit# 53
Mileage: 279,839.10
VIN: 1FTRX148X9FB02117

The Board discussed an Inter-local agreement between Cameron County Irrigation District #2 and Cameron County Drainage District #3 to establish a shared Chief Information Officer position. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the following Interlocal Agreement between the Irrigation District and the Drainage District:

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 2 AND CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 RESPECTING THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

DATE: August 12, 2024

This contract is made pursuant to TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE Chapter 791, by and between **CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 2** (hereinafter referred to as "IRRIGATION DISTRICT") and **CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3** (hereinafter referred to as "DRAINAGE DISTRICT"), both having their principal administrative offices at 26041 F.M. 510, San Benito, Texas 78586, and each acting by and through its respective Board of Directors.

1. SITUATION:
 - 1.1 DRAINAGE DISTRICT and IRRIGATION DISTRICT agreed to enter into an Interlocal COOPERATION CONTRACT as ratified by the Directors of both Boards and documented within the July 2024 minutes, which provided, among other things, that the Joint General Manager of DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION DISTRICT will solicit application for and hire a Joint Chief Information Officer.
 - 1.2 The Joint Chief Information Officer will assume all responsibilities and services provided by the current, independently contracted by each District, JR IT SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS LLC, whose contract expires on October 1, 2024.
 - 1.3 The Joint Chief Information Officer duties and responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, web site development and management, information technology management and training, cybersecurity mitigation and training, software license management, password management, end user troubleshooting and resolution, advising on technology and software improvement, etc.
2. AGREEMENT

- 2.1 Effective August 22, 2024, the Joint Chief Information Officer of IRRIGATION DISTRICT & DRAINAGE DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as “CIO”, position will be established until such time that the services are no longer required. Respecting all matters, the CIO shall answer to the Joint General Manager.
- 2.2 The CIO shall be on the DRAINAGE DISTRICT’s payroll.
- 2.3 As of August 22, 2024, the salary of the Joint CIO shall be established by the Joint General Manager, of which IRRIGATION DISTRICT shall reimburse DRAINAGE DISTRICT for 50% of:
 - (a) the employee’s salary
 - (b) the employer’s share of social security taxes, medicare taxes, employer retirement benefits contributions, State and Federal unemployment taxes, and other employee benefits, except as otherwise provided herein.
- 2.4 The CIO’s health insurance will be provided through the DRAINAGE DISTRICT’S employee health care coverage, 50% of which shall be reimbursed by IRRIGATION DISTRICT.
- 2.5 This Contract may be terminated by a district giving no less than 90 days’ written notice to the other district.
- 2.6 This document constitutes the entire agreement between the DRAINAGE DISTRICT and IRRIGATION DISTRICT respecting the Joint General Manager and no representations, warranties, express or implied, inducement, promises, and agreements, oral or otherwise, between the parties not embodied herein or in a separate Interlocal Cooperation Contract shall be of any force or effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Contract in three (3) originals.

CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 2

By: _____ Sam Simmons
President, Board of Directors

CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3

By: _____ Ronaldo Garcia
President, Board of Directors

Motion carried.

The Board of Directors reviewed the list of properties currently leased by the District which are up for renewal on September 01, 2024. A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by M.R. Garcia, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the following properties to the following individuals at the specified rates below, for the period covering September 01, 2024 through August 31, 2025, and to authorize the Manager to lease any District property which may become available for lease or make any adjustments to acreage as appropriate, at the specified rates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jimmie Cantu	40005	37.00	\$35.00	Pasture	Blk 103, SBL&WCO	\$1,295.00
Jimmie Cantu	40241	1.00	\$35.00	Pasture	Blks 75 & 104, SBL&WCO	\$35.00
Michael Flores	40236	39.12	\$60.00	OD/Pasture	Banco Land, S. of P. Plant	\$2,347.20
Ricardo Leal	40013	1.00	\$50.00/mo	House	Blk 104, SBL&WCO	\$50.00
Zack McLemore	40021	40.00	\$75.00	Farmland	Blk 168, SBL&WCO	\$3,000.00
Zack McLemore	40237	10.07	\$75.00	Farmland	Blk 11, Los Indios	\$755.25
Bodie Argullin	42303	10.00	\$35.00	Pasture	Reservoir 7, Unit 2, Blk B	\$350.00
Total:						\$7,832.45

Motion carried.

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to section 551.074 of the governmental code to discuss District personnel matters.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:07 a.m. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by M.R. Garcia, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the following bills:

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
22345	**VOID**	\$0.00
22346	**VOID**	\$0.00
22347	**VOID**	\$0.00
22348	**VOID**	\$0.00
22349	**VOID**	\$0.00
22350	**VOID**	\$0.00
22351	**VOID**	\$0.00
22352	**VOID**	\$0.00
22353	Aflac	\$261.02
22354	Allegra Print & Imaging	\$99.95
22355	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$54.00
22356	BFBC, LLC	\$1,000.00
22357	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	\$116.10
22358	TD Farms	\$2,274.75
22359	Pitney Bowes Global	\$223.53
22360	Rio Grande Concrete	\$16.90
22361	TRB Smith Reagan Ins. Agency	\$50.00
22362	Smartcom Telephone, LLC	\$623.11
22363	South Texas Bolts & Supply	\$92.40
22364	AT&T Mobility	\$100.35
22365	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$20,183.12
22366	City of San Benito	\$200.37
22367	Constellation New Energy	\$722.39
22368	Core & Main	\$2,267.10
22369	Home Depot Credit Service	\$246.89
22370	John Deere Financial	\$107.87
22371	Johnny's True Value	\$125.08
22372	Magic Valley Electric	\$135.46
22373	Matt's Building Materials	\$62.49
22374	San Benito News	\$30.00
22375	Tops the Outdoor Store	\$53.60
22376	Waste Management of Texas	\$206.99
22377	American Heritage Life	\$272.03
22378	Alamo Iron Works	\$158.70
22379	Dainamik Business Solutions	\$490.00
22380	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
22381	First Community Bank	\$483.94
22382	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$80.00
22383	Irrigation-Mart, Inc.	\$223.22
22384	McCoy's	\$182.10
22385	Military Highway Water	\$163.14
22386	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$1,593.54
22387	Pitney Bowes, Inc	\$172.18

22388	R&A Truck Repair	\$40.00
22389	South Texas Truck Centers	\$3,475.27
22390	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,985.00
22391	Unifirst	\$744.16
22392	Verizon	\$733.35
22393	Health Care Service Corp	\$17,713.64

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

- a) July Maintenance Report – Includes 15 jobs performed by the crews for the month.
- b) July Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds: Meter #2 is still out for repair; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – No pumping all month, 7/26 – 10 a.m. New Cert 250 CFS, 7/27 – 10 a.m. Stop Cert 0 CFS 36 hours of pumping for cities; Pump Station #2 – 7/25 – 3 p.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 7/26 – 3 p.m. Rate set at 12 CFS, 7/27 – 3 p.m. Rate set at 12 CFS; 4) Rainfall: 4.50"; 5) Acre feet charged: 669.4206; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 246.5818; 7) Average TDS readings: 936 p.p.m.
- c) 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.
- d) Water Duty – was 119.77 acre-feet per acre for the month of July 2024 and 1.6635 acre-feet per acre-foot per acre year-to-date.
- e) The Manager reported that the District collected \$32,964.07 for delinquent flat rates from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott.
- f) The Manager reported that the District was awarded two grants from BOR for Lateral C2 and Lateral 15 pipelines.
- g) The Manager reported he will be attending TWCARMF meeting in Austin from August 20th through August 23rd, 2024.
- h) The Manager reported that he will be meeting with the Deputy Commissioner of BOR next month.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Simmons, President

Buck Rhyner, Secretary