

December 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 10:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present: Brady Taubert, Buck Rhyner, Lupe Argullin, MR Garcia, and Zac McLemore. Also present were Craig Harmon, General Manager, and Buddy Dossett, Attorney.

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 November 14, 2024.

The water report was made by Buck Rhyner, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 201,824 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,666,203 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 482,081 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,226,704 acre-feet which 20.26% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 22.94% this time last year. As of December 1, 2024, the District's usable and storage water balances are 25,514.6732 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 29,916.5749.

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

5.1) Rio Delta Subdivision – 46.44 acres out of Block 12 & Block 13, James Dickinson Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 22, Map Records of Cameron County, TX. – Moore Land Surveying, LLC. This subdivision is located off of FM 281 and is on the southeast corner of the reservoir. No easements were dedicated and none required. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

5.2) Southern Stone & Soil – San Benito Subdivision – Being a 3.73 acres tract of land more or less, situated in the county of Cameron, Texas, said 3.73 acres tract being out of Block 15, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, Map Records of Cameon County, Texas. – Rio Delta Engineering. This subdivision is located off the Frontage Rd between Scaief Rd and FM 732. No easements were dedicated and none required. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented.

CropGuard Insurance Agent, Casey Clipson, was not present to provide information on prevented planting to the Board. No action was taken.

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

The Manager informed the Board of the progress of the Canal C lining, a Canal Rehab Project. No action was taken.

Board President, Brady Taubert, signed a Memorandum of Understanding between Cameron County Irrigation District #2 and Dossett Law Office outlining the District's and Attorney Dossett's agreed upon standard of work. No further action taken.

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

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
22524	Aflac	\$251.88
22525	Allegra Print & Imaging	\$247.75
22526	Alamo Iron Works	\$275.00
22527	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00
22528	Firestone/Bridgestone	\$301.52
22529	Morin, Mario A.	\$166.09
22530	Holt CAT	\$537.47
22531	J & M Hydraulics	\$1,457.71
22532	Pitney Bowes Inc.	\$172.18
22533	Perdue Brandon	\$2,022.58
22534	South Texas Truck Centers	\$339.33
22535	Texas Gas Service	\$524.31
22536	Utility Trailer Sales	\$230.76
22537	XZY Roofing & Restoration	\$1,361.54
22538	Alamo Door Systems, Inc.	\$162.00
22539	Dearborn Life Insurance, Co.	\$126.00
22540	Jaime, Jose Eric	\$46.50
22541	Gateway Pipe & Supply	\$52.00
22542	Hollon Oil, Co.	\$1,234.04
22543	Health Care SCV Corp	\$15,346.51
22544	Home Depot Credit Service	\$153.91
22545	Military Highway Water	\$178.39
22546	U.S. Postmaster	\$216.00
22547	Pro Billing & Funding	\$680.40
22548	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$1,492.00
22549	Verizon	\$511.68
22550	Waste Management of Texas	\$251.51
22551	American Heritage Life	\$212.69
22552	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$15,000.00
22553	Dainamik Business Solutions	\$490.00
22554	Goode Electric Co.	\$576.00
22555	Gateway Printing	\$52.00
22556	McCoy's	\$18.27
22557	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$1,430.64
22558	Perdue Brandon	\$3,993.34
22559	Romco Equipment	\$1,171.99
22560	Smartcom Telephone, LLC	\$623.17
22561	Tractor Supply	\$67.93
22562	Unifirst	\$729.56
22563	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$12,819.99
22564	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$111.00

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

- a) November Maintenance Report – Includes 0 jobs performed by the crews for the month. The crews worked primarily on the lining of Canal C, Canal Rehabilitation Project.

- b) November Pumping Plants Reports – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of plant and grounds: Changed Oil on Pump #7. Goode Electric changed out the meter on Pump #6; 3) Pumping for the month: Pump Station #1 – 11/29 – 10 a.m. Rate set at 150 CFS; Pump Station #2 – No Pumping; 4) Rainfall: 0.25”; 5) Acre feet charged: 579.9500; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 0; 7) Average TDS readings: 867 p.p.m.
- c) November 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 0.00 acre-feet per acre for the month of November 2024 and 1.6538 acre-feet per acre, year-to-date.
- e) The Manager informed the Directors that water accounts that had no irrigation activity for the past three years had their water balances dropped to zero in accordance with the District’s Drought Contingency Plan. Additionally, the District completed a top off allocation to all active accounts taking all active accounts to one full irrigation.
- f) The Manager reported that after Minute 33 was signed, Manager’s as part of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Districts Managers Association (LRGVWDMA) requested to meet with TCEQ to discuss how San Juan water would be distributed. Following the meeting TCEQ distributed as San Juan water under a special permit and distributed it based on Class A and B water rights as “No Charge.” The LRGVWDMA Managers requested the TCEQ Rio Grande Watermaster for future allocation to distribute to all water right holders. The Watermaster refused to make any changes to the current San Juan temporary permit process. TCEQ also decided to increase the Domestic, Municipal, and Industrial reserves under emergency authority given the low reservoir levels. The managers will contact the governor and the director of TCEQ to request them to fairly distribute San Juan water.
- g) The Managers met with State Representative, Janie Lopez LRGVWDMA, to request her to sponsor a Bill to rewrite the Texas Water Code Chapter 49 Subchapter O language.
- h) The manager reported LRGVWDMA sent a letter to United States Representative of Texas to request Texas Irrigation Districts be included in the upcoming Disaster Relief fund bill.
- i) The Manager informed the Board that he and the Chief Information Officer for the District, met with multiple data management companies to update and fix the District’s failing database. The Manager recommended SIGAD to develop a new cloud-based district software solution. SIGAD will charge half their \$52,000.00 fee upfront and the remaining half when the project is completed. After discussion a motion was made by M.R. Garcia, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the purchase of the new software solution.
- j) The Manager reported that the City of Mercedes has not responded to emails and phone calls. The contract for the sale of water rights was signed in June 2024 and the last communication with them was September 2024. The Manager recommended terminating the contract for the sale of water rights with the City of Mercedes. After discussion a motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, revoked the offer to sell water rights to the City of Mercedes.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Brady Taubert, President

MR Garcia, Secretary