

December 11, 2025  
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 9:05 a.m.

The following Directors were present: Brady Taubert, Buck Rhyner, Lupe Argullin, and M.R. Garcia II. Also present were Ben Escobar, Interim General 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 corrected minutes of the special meeting held October 16, 2025.

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 21, 2025.

The water report was made by the Interim General Manager, Ben Escobar, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 285,370 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,666,203 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 766.932 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,226,704 acre-feet which 17.86% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 11.61% this time last year. As of December 10, 2025, the District's usable and storage water balances are 43,319.7873 acre-feet. This time last year, usable and storage water balances were 25,514.6732 acre-feet.

Mr. Juan Salinas, C.P.A. from Roberto Lopez, C.P.A. Services, presented the 2024 fiscal year audit to the Board. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the 2024 fiscal year audit as presented. Motion carried.

The Interim General Manager discussed the water situation for the remainder of the year and recommended the District approve another "Top-Off" allocation. After a discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote passed to approve a "Top-Off" allocation to eligible property owners. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the lawn water accounts and our transition to a new database system. After a discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to cancel all lawn water accounts and require all customers to return to our office to sign a new contract once the lawn water use restriction is lifted. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Flat Rate assessments and agreed to clarify what was approved in October 2023 for the 2024 Flat Rate year. The annual Flat Rate assessment is as follows: The first acre or fraction of an acre in any ownership is \$30.00, and all acres after the first acre are \$16.50 per acre per year. All Flat Rate assessments are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. If payment is not received by January 1<sup>st</sup>, a 15% interest charge will be added to the assessment fee. Assessments and interest not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> will incur a 15% delinquent (penalty) fee. Delinquent accounts are sent to an attorney for collection and an additional amount of 15% on unpaid assessments, interest, and penalties shall be added as a collection or attorney's fees. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote passed to approve the detailed Flat Rate assessment charges. Motion carried.

The Interim General Manager recommended increasing the water delivery rate. The Board requested to table the item for the next board meeting.

The Interim General Manager presented and discussed with the Board the proposed Maintenance and Operation Budget for fiscal year 2026. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by M.R. Garcia, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adopt the following budget for 2026:

ESTIMATED OPERATING REVENUE

55,936.79 acres of irrigable land assessed as follows:

1st acre or fraction thereof, a minimum of \$30.00, all additional acres after the first acre in any ownership	
\$16.50 per acre (including delinquent collections and interest)	\$1,080,000.00

Estimated sale of water for gravity irrigation at

\$13.50 per acre, and/or \$33.75 metered per acre-foot, \$10.85 For pumped water, and \$26.95 per acre for outside the District (with water rights)	\$230,000.00
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Collection Revenue	\$50,000.00
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Miscellaneous Water (Lawn)	\$0.00
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Municipalities	\$640,000.00
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Charges for Work & Miscellaneous Revenue	\$300,000.00
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Leases	\$24,000.00
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Property Sales	\$10,000.00
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CD & Checking Account Interest	\$13,635.01
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Total Projected Revenue	\$2,347,635.01
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Ben Escobar,  
Interim General Manager

THEREUPON, the foregoing recommendation by the Interim General Manager having been carefully considered by the Board of Directors, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by M.R. Garcia, and upon vote, passed that the budget be adopted, and that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

1.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Cameron County Irrigation District #2 considers that there are 55,936.79 acres in the District, and to which the District is in a condition to furnish water by its present system of laterals and canals through extensions thereof of existing laterals;

2.

That said acreage at a flat rate fixed charge of \$30.00 for the first acre or fraction thereof, and all additional acres, after the 1st acre in any ownership at \$16.50 per acre will yield \$1,080,000.00, (including delinquent flat rate, interest, penalties, and collections);

3.

IT IS THEREFORE ordered by the Board of Directors that the aforesaid sum of \$1,080,000.00 shall be paid by assessments against all irrigable lands within the District, prorated per acre, and they are hereby levied and assessed the sum of \$30.00 for the first acre, and all additional acres after the first acre in any ownership at \$16.50 per acre against all irrigable lands within the District. (Amount includes proposed penalties, and collections of delinquent flat rate). For all land in which the District is in condition to furnish water by its present system of canals, laterals, or through extensions thereof of existing laterals, but without reference to whether such land is to be actually irrigated or not, then such assessments shall become due and payable as follows:

For all 2026 assessments due January 1, 2026, a minimum charge of \$30.00 per acre for the 1st acre and all additional acres after the 1st acre, \$16.50 per acre with the flat rate becoming delinquent on February 1, 2026 if not paid;

4.

And the Board, in prorating the share of said estimated amount of water used for irrigation purposes, took into consideration the water available. It is therefore ordered that \$230,000.00 be equitably prorated among the applicants for water, at a rate and charge \$13.50 per acre for each watering, to be paid in advance when the application for the water is filed in the office of the District, which in all cases, shall be paid before water is furnished, provided that in the case of lands for which water will not be irrigated by gravity and must be pumped by the owners thereof, the rate and price for each watering will be \$10.85 per acre payable as herein provided. In cases of land where the owners impound water where it is impossible or impractical to determine the acres irrigated, a meter must be provided by owners thereof, to accurately measure the water used. The charge for water sold by the acre-foot and measured with meters will be at \$33.75 per acre-foot. Irrigation on out-of-District lands, with their own water rights, will be at \$26.95 per acre irrigated;

5.

The Board did not calculate the District's cost for furnishing water to miscellaneous water (lawn) users. Due to low reservoir levels, the District has prohibited the use of miscellaneous water (lawn) and do not expect to reinstate the use of miscellaneous water (lawn) in the 2026 fiscal year.

6.

The Directors reviewing the charges for water used for municipal purposes taking into consideration, the constant demand, evaporation loss, and the additional cost incurred by the District to supply the water, found and determined the charge of \$0.299 per thousand gallons used. The Directors estimated the above to yield \$640,000.00;

7.

The District estimated the revenue from leases, charges for work done, miscellaneous revenue, property sales, certificate of deposit and checking interest to be \$300,000.00;

8.

All assessments provided for herein shall bear interest from the time it became delinquent and shall be payable at the following rates:

15% annually from the date the assessment becomes due. If assessments are not paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> a 15% penalty fee will be charged for delinquency. If suit should be filed thereof, or same should be collected by any legal proceedings, an additional amount equal to the sum of attorney's fees, court costs and any other legal fees shall be added to the same as collection fee to principal and interest. Such assessments shall stand secured by the liens provided by law. The Office Manager shall collect such interest on all delinquent flat rate assessments not paid on or before thirty (30) days after due date;

9.

All landowners shall be personally liable for all assessments herein provided for and if they shall fail or refuse to pay same when due, all water supply should be cut off and no water shall be furnished to the land until all back dues including interest and penalty are fully paid. This provision with respect to cutting off water shall bind all parties, persons, and corporations owing or thereafter acquiring any interest in the said lands.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with Section 58.302 through 58.331 Vernon's Texas Session Law Service, Law 1979, 67th Legislature State of Texas and with the "Rules and Regulations" adopted by your Honorable Board, I respectfully, submit herewith for your consideration and approval, an estimate of the cost to be paid from the maintenance and operation fund for the 2026 fiscal year and recommendation for assessments and water charges for 2026:

EXPENSES:

4005	Tax Attorney Fees	0.00
4010	Salaries	\$1,026,500.00
4020	Directors Fees	\$11,250.00
4080	Social Security Expense	\$65,000.00
4081	Medicare Expenses	\$15,000.00
4090	Unemployment Tax	\$7,300.00
4100	Retirement System	\$72,000.00
4105	Manager Expense	\$3,500.00
4110	Workers' Comp	\$20,000.00
4112	Uniforms	\$5,500.00
4115	Insurance	\$105,000.00
4120	Life Insurance	\$1,600.00
4125	Health Insurance	\$200,000.00
4130	Janitor Service	\$4,000.00
4140	Audit Fee	\$13,250.00
4150	Legal Fees	\$20,000.00
4160	TCEQ	\$75,000.00
4161	GPS Services	\$6,600.00
4162	Safety Equipment	\$3,000.00

4163	Managers Association; RGRWA	\$6,500.00
4168	Auto Misc.	\$500.00
4180	Office Expense	\$40,000.00
4182	Physicals	\$500.00
4185	Office Building Expense	\$3,000.00
4190	Pumping Plant Lubricants	\$750.00
4195	Operating Expenses (Chemicals)	\$1,500.00
4200	Pumping Plan Repairs	\$20,000.00
4205	Tools Pumping Plant	\$500.00
4210	Misc. Repairs Pumping Plant	\$2,000.00
4220	Gas/Oil for Autos	\$55,000.00
4230	Gas/Oil for Machinery	\$80,000.00
4240	Repairs to Pipeline & Structures	\$50,000.00
4250	Auto Repairs	\$20,000.00
4249	Surveying and Engineering	\$1,200.00
4255	Mowing Contract	\$180,000.00
4260	Machinery Repairs	\$70,000.00
4265	Tools	\$3,250.00
4270	Other Repairs	\$1,000.00
4275	Repairs to various pumps	\$1,500.00
4280	Electricity River Pumps	\$80,000.00
4290	Utilities	\$35,000.00
4300	Electricity – Various Pumps	\$30,000.00
4310	Natural Gas River Pumps	\$8,000.00
4330	Miscellaneous Expense	\$2,000.00
4340	Assets Purchased	\$0.00

Motion Carried.

The Interim General Manager informed the Board that according to the Manager's Quarterly Evaluation Scale, the average pay increase is 6.5% and the amount was already accounted for in the proposed 2026 budget. A motion was made by M.R. Garcia, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote passed to approve the pay increases earned according to the Manager's Quarterly Evaluation Scale beginning January 2026. Motion carried.

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

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

Ck#	Vendor	Amount
22986	Amazon Capital Services	\$196.99
22987	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$83.93
22988	Core & Main	\$636.75
22989	First Community Bank	\$376.90
22990	Grajales, Neftali	\$174.00
22991	Gateway Printing & Office	\$13.00
22992	John Deere Financial	\$1,614.13
22993	Matt's Building Materials	\$39.92
22994	Rubicon Systems America	\$188.15
22995	Utility Trailer Sales	\$5,315.88
22996	Autozone	\$24.11

22997	American Heritage Life	\$212.69
22998	Alamo Iron Works	\$673.10
22999	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$27.15
23000	Cameron County Drainage #3	\$20,750.97
23001	**Voided as misprint**	\$0.00
23002	Firestone/Bridgestone	\$163.12
23003	Irrigation-Mart Inc.	\$109.87
23004	Hollon Oil Co.	\$767.60
23005	Holt Cat	\$440.20
23006	Home Depot Credit Service	\$1,650.49
23007	McCoy's	\$538.58
23008	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$1,262.50
23009	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	\$1,808.03
23010	U.S. Postmaster	\$226.00
23011	Pro Billing & Funding Svcs.	\$880.48
23012	Perdue Brandon Fielder Col	\$2,783.09
23013	Rio Hondo Lumber	\$21.99
23014	Rubicon Systems America	\$906.28
23015	Rey's Tire Service	\$140.00
23016	Southern Tire Mart	\$624.00
23017	Thomson Reuters	\$954.00
23018	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$1,522.00
23019	Unifirst	\$615.99
23020	Verizon	\$564.67
23021	Charter Communications	\$1,171.05
23022	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	\$135.00

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

- a) November Pumping Plant Report
  - 1) Running standard operations.
  - 2) General maintenance of grounds and pumping plant. The breaker on Pump# 3 went out and I repaired it and greased it up. I also greased up Pump# 1. I have also been working on and cleaning sensors several times to keep it running properly.
  - 3) Pumping for the month:

**Station #1 (San Benito)**

**10/26** – Started pumping water 50 CFS at midnight on the High Line. **10/27** – Stopped pumping 50 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **10/27** – Started pumping water at 100 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **10/31** – Stopped pumping 100 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **10/31** – Started pumping 100 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **11/3** – Stopped pumping 100 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **11/3** – Started pumping 50 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **11/6** – Stopped pumping 50 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **11/14** – Started pumping 50 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **11/17** – Stopped pumping 50 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **11/24** – Started pumping water at 50 CFS at 9:00 a.m. on the High Line. **11/28** – Stopped pumping water at 50 CFS at 9:00 a.m. on the High Line. **11/29** – Started pumping water at 100 CFS at 9:00 a.m. **11/29** – Stopped pumping water at 100 CFS at midnight. **11/29** – Started pumping No Charge water at 50 CFS at 11:00 a.m. **11/29** – Stopped pumping No Charge water at 50 CFS at midnight.

**Station #2 (Paloma)**

**11/29** – Started pumping No Charge water at 12 CFS at 11:00 a.m. **11/29** – Stopped pumping No Charge water at 12 CFS at midnight.

- 4) Rainfall: 1.00". 5) Acre feet diverted: 2,445.0715; 6) Total No Charge Pumping in Acre Feet: 58.9459; 7) Average TDS readings: 800 p.p.m.

- b) Water Duty – was 1.79 acre-feet per acre for the month of November 2025 and 2.2861 acre-feet per acre, year-to-date.
- c) November Financial Reports:
  - i. M&O account – the financial report was presented.
  - ii. Rehab account – the financial report was presented.
  - iii. Canal Rehab account – the financial report was presented.
  - iv. WaterSMART account – the financial report was presented.

The Attorney had nothing to report.

A motion was made by Lupe Argullin, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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Brady Taubert, President

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M.R. Garcia II, Secretary