

February 12, 2026
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 9:08 a.m.

The following Directors were present: Brady Taubert, Buck Rhyner, Zac McLemore, 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 minutes of the regular meeting held on January 15, 2026.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on January 29, 2026.

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

5.1) Villa Dolce Subdivision – Being 10.68 acres of land comprising all of lot 23 from the 732 Subdivision No. 2, Cameron County, Texas, according to the map thereof recorded in Cabinet 1, Slot 721 (A) of The Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. This subdivision is located at the intersection of Turner Street and Marydale Road. The Resaca de los Fresnos is located on the west side of the property where the plat has dedicated at 50 ft. right-of-way for maintenance to the District. This subdivision was previously excluded from the District.

5.2) Promesa Subdivision – A 12.088-acre tract of land being out of Block 37, of SBL& WCO Subdivision, Cameron County, Texas, according to the map of plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 6, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. Comprised of the following 2 tracts of land: A called 10.78 acre tract of land conveyed to Stonespring Investments, LLC by virtue of Warranty Deed dated April 28, 2017 and recorded in Document No. 17279, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas (ORCCT) A called 1.31 acre tract of land conveyed to Stonespring Investments, LLC by virtue of Deed dated March 30, 2022, and recorded in Instrument No. 2022-18855, ORCCT. This subdivision is located at the intersection of FM 732 and Calle Paloma adjacent to the Los Indios #1 canal with the plat dedicating a 100 ft. right-of-way for maintenance to the District to where the property line sits at an additional 70 ft. from the right-of-way. The owner requested to not be excluded from the District.

5.3) Heavenly Oaks Subdivision – Being 7.7 acres of land, situated out of a 15.407-acre tract of land out of Block 247, of the SBL&WCO Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 1, Page 25 of The Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. This subdivision is located at the intersection of Sam Houston Blvd. and Bean Rd. There are no irrigation facilities in the platted area. No easements were dedicated, and none needed. The owner does not want to be excluded from the District.

A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plats as presented. Motion carried.

The Manager advised that while the Board previously denied Arthur Quintana's request to waive delinquent interest, his account was approved to be removed from

collections in November 2024 without a formal payment schedule. To address this lack of structure the Board reviewed the account's status. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Zac McLemore, and upon unanimous vote, passed to terminate the current arrangement and return the account to the standard collection process. Motion carried.

The Manager presented the list of Surplus Vehicles & Equipment as the sealed bids were opened by President Taubert and read as follows: for the 2007 Ford F-150 Vin# 1FTRF12247KC90851, \$600.00 and a second sealed bid for \$500.00; No bids were received for the 2012 Ford F-350 Vin# 1FDRF3G61CEC31526; a sealed bid for the 2005 Terex Backhoe 760B Vin# SMFH44T005FM4601, \$3,200.00 and a second sealed bid for \$2,500.00; a sealed bid for the 2013 Terex Backhoe TLB840 Vin# SMFJD4BCOCJKS1730, \$7,200.00 and a second sealed bid for \$6,500.00. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Zac McLemore, and upon unanimous vote passed to accept the bid from Eloy Gonzalez for the 2007 Ford F-150 Vin# 1FTRF12247KC90851 for \$600.00, the bid from Israel Molina for the 2005 Terex Backhoe 760B Vin# SMFH44T005FM4601 for \$3,200.00 and the 2013 Terex Backhoe TLB840 Vin# SMFJD4BCOCJKS1730 for \$7,200.00 and to authorize the Manager to execute all documents required in the sale of said property. Motion carried.

The Manager and Board reviewed the District's water availability. No action was taken. This item was tabled for the next meeting.

The Board discussed an Inter-local agreement between Cameron County Irrigation District #2 and Cameron County Drainage District #3 to appoint a Joint General Manager position. A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Buck Rhyner, 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 JOINT GENERAL MANAGER**

DATE: February 9, 2026

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. **AGREEMENT**

- 1.1 Effective February 11, 2026, Ubence Escobar, more commonly known as Ben Escobar, shall be the Joint General Manager of IRRIGATION DISTRICT and DRAINAGE DISTRICT, hereinafter referred to as Joint Manager. Respecting irrigation matters, he shall answer to IRRIGATION DISTRICT's Board of Directors, and respecting drainage matters, he shall answer to DRAINAGE DISTRICT's Board of Directors.
- 1.2 The Joint Manager shall be on DRAINAGE DISTRICT's payroll.
- 1.3 As of February 11, 2026, the salary of the Joint Manager shall be \$125,000.00 per year (gross salary), of which IRRIGATION DISTRICT shall reimburse DRAINAGE DISTRICT for 50% of:
 - (a) the \$125,000.00 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.

- (c) health insurance
- 1.4 The Joint Manager shall be entitled to three weeks paid vacation each calendar year.
- 1.5 For the purpose of sick leave and any other benefit other than vacation that accrues over time, the Joint Manager shall be credited with all sick leave and other accrued benefits to which he is entitled or which he earned as a result of his employment as Assistant Manager.
- 1.6 DRAINAGE DISTRICT shall provide a vehicle for the Joint Manager's use.
- 1.7 After February 11, 2026, when a district decides to increase its share of the Joint Manager's salary, the reimbursements paid by IRRIGATION DISTRICT to DRAINAGE DISTRICT for the Joint Manager's salary and the employer's share of social security taxes, medicare taxes, employer retirement benefits contributions, State and Federal unemployment taxes and other employee benefits shall be calculated based on IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S percentage of the increased gross salary paid to Joint Manager.
- 1.8 Beginning in February 2027, the Board of Directors of each District shall annually conduct an annual performance review of the Joint Manager.
- 1.9 Termination of the Joint Manager by only one district does not terminate the employment of the Joint Manager by the other district, but shall immediately terminate this Interlocal Cooperation Contract.
 - (a) Should only DRAINAGE DISTRICT terminate the employment of the Joint Manager, DRAINAGE DISTRICT shall cooperate with IRRIGATION DISTRICT respecting the transfer the Joint Manager to IRRIGATION DISTRICT's payroll.
 - (b) Unless a district is of the opinion that there is an immediate need to terminate the employment relationship, the dissatisfied district shall request a joint meeting to discuss the situation.
 - (c) Should this contract be terminated pursuant to paragraph 2.14 for reasons unrelated to the Joint Manager, the Joint Manager shall decide with which district the Joint Manager wishes to continue his employment.
- 1.10 Should the Joint Manager resign, DRAINAGE DISTRICT and IRRIGATION DISTRICT shall convene a joint meeting to discuss the situation and make decisions concerning the management of the districts.
- 1.11 This Contract may be terminated by a district giving no less than 90 days' written notice to the other district. If both districts want the Joint General Manager to be its sole Manager, the districts shall defer to the preference of the Manager.
 - (a) Provided, if the Joint General Manager prefers to be DRAINAGE DISTRICT's sole manager, IRRIGATION DISTRICT shall have the option, which must be exercised in writing, for the former Joint General Manager (now DRAINAGE DISTRICT's sole manager) to train IRRIGATION DISTRICT's new manager for a period of up to 6 months after the date that IRRIGATION DISTRICT's new, sole manager starts work.
 - (b) Provided further, the training period shall end if DRAINAGE DISTRICT's employment of said former Joint General Manager ends for any reason prior to the end of the training period.
- 1.12 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: _____

Brady Taubert
President, Board of Directors

CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3

By: _____

Ronaldo Garcia
President, Board of Directors

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:

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23064	Sigad Group LLC	\$12,500.00
23065	Aflac	\$347.22
23066	Alamo Iron Works	\$152.04
23067	Allterra Central Inc.	\$1,000.00
23068	Amazon Capital Services	\$126.73
23069	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$23.01
23070	Cameron County Drainage #3	\$30,000.00
23071	City of San Benito	\$214.51
23072	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	\$135.00
23073	Hollon Oil Co.	\$58.40
23074	Holt Cat	\$188.24
23075	Holt Truck Centers of Texas	\$39.00
23076	John Deere Financial	\$89.08
23077	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$1,112.70
23078	Pitney Bowes Global Finan	\$223.53
23079	Perdue Brandon Fielder Col	\$5,670.41
23080	Rey's Tire Service	\$85.00
23081	Sun Valley Dusting Co.	\$4,668.00
23082	Texas Gas Service	\$544.00
23083	TWA Risk Management Fund	\$1,522.00
23084	De Leon, Juan J. & Juanita	\$169.71
23085	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$314.06
23086	Cameron County Drainage #3	\$24,681.17
23087	Core & Main	\$636.75
23088	Charter Communications	\$1,170.66
23089	Grajales, Neftali	\$40.00
23090	Irrigation-Mart Inc.	\$612.77
23091	Hollon Oil Co.	\$564.55
23092	Lower Rio Grande Valley	\$300.00
23093	McCoy's	\$376.37
23094	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	\$1,794.49
23095	Pro Billing & Funding Svc.	\$69.09
23096	Romco Equipment	\$691.93

23097	Rio Grande Concrete	\$54.70
23098	Unifirst	\$829.84
23099	Verizon	\$562.88
23100	Waste Management of Texas	\$316.27

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

a) February water report:

The Falcon Reservoir contains [347,795](#) acre-feet of water of the normal conservation [2,666,203](#) acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains [688,293](#) acre-feet of water of the normal conservation [3,226,704](#) acre-feet which [17.58%](#), is U.S. total combined conservation capacity compared to [12.21%](#) this time last year.

District's useable water balance as of February 9, 2026, is [44,534.9263](#) ac-ft.

District's storage water balance as of February 9, 2026, is [44,534.9263](#) ac-ft.

District's useable water balance this time last year was [25,638.5132](#) ac-ft.

District's storage water balance this time last year was [25,638.5132](#) ac-ft.

b) January Pumping Plant Report

1) Running standard operations.

2) General maintenance of grounds and pumping plant. Work on all the pumps, changing out the oil and greasing them up. Worked on A/C drain that cools down the control building. Power washed the floor around the pumps and repainted the guard railings.

3) Pumping for the month:

Station #1 (San Benito)

1/19 – Started pumping water at 100 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/23 – Stopped pumping water at 100 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/23 – Started pumping water at 50 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/27 – Stopped pumping water at 50 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/27 – Started pumping water at 150 CFS at 10:00 a.m. 1/31 – Stopped pumping water at 150 CFS at midnight.

Station #2 (Paloma)

1/19 – Started pumping water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/23 – Stopped pumping water at 12 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/23 – Started pumping water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/27 – Stopped pumping water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/27 – Started pumping water at 12 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 1/31 – Stopped pumping water at 12 CFS at midnight.

4) Rainfall: 0.25". 5) Acre feet diverted: 2,386.6057; 6) Total No Charge Pumping in Acre Feet: 0.00; 7) Average TDS readings: 960 p.p.m.

c) Water Duty – was 0 acre-feet per acre for the month of January 2026 and 0 acre-feet per acre, year-to-date.

d) January 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; therefore, no attorney reports were discussed.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by M.R. Garcia, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Brady Taubert, President

M.R. Garcia II, Secretary