May 14, 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 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present: Brady Taubert, Buck Rhyner, Zac McLemore, Lupe Argullin, and M.R. Garcia. Also present were Ben Escobar, 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 and special meetings held on April 7, 2026.

The Manager presented the results for the Board of Directors' Election held Saturday, May 2, 2026, and reported the final tally for the election. The return revealed the total votes received by the following candidates:

	Total
Brady Taubert	39
Manuel Ricardo Garcia	11
Buck Rhyner	36

A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to accept the return as submitted by the General Manager, Ben Escobar, showing Brady Taubert and Buck Rhyner with the most votes and duly elected Directors for a term to begin May 15, 2026. Motion carried.

President Brady Taubert called for nominations for Board positions. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to continue with the Board as it currently is with Brady Taubert as Board President, Buck Rhyner as Board Vice-President, M.R. Garcia as Board Secretary, Lupe Argullin as Board Member, and Zac McLemore as Board Member. Motion carried.

Leonard Simmons addressed the Board regarding the Water Allocation Guidelines.
He stated that water allocations he'd received had been transferred across multiple properties for irrigation purposes on several occasions. This process ensured that he was making beneficial use of the water to irrigate some properties more than once. The current water allocation procedures only allocate water to properties that are actively being irrigated and/or have record of irrigation within the past 3 years. He requested the Board to reconsider amending the current procedures to include properties where the allocation was transferred and used to continue to be considered eligible for an allocation. He also asked the Board to reevaluate the Water Allocation Guidelines Section VII - Termination of Allocation. He states that the District's usable water balance limit of 63,000 acre-feet to come out of allocation should be reduced to reflect updated water use and availability. He stated that water use and availability has changed significantly since the policy was implemented 5 years ago. After discussion, the Board agreed that they will reevaluate the Water Allocation Guidelines Policy and its procedures along with the Drought Contingency Plan and reconvene on this item at the Board Meeting scheduled for July 9, 2026.

The Manager reviewed the District's water availability and stated that the combined amount required to fulfill a "Top Off Allocation" to eligible properties and pending allocation requests exceeds the District's available water supply and, recommends against allocating water at this time. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by M.R. Garcia, and upon unanimous vote, passed to defer the "Top Off Allocation" and approve water allocations solely to fulfill pending allocation requests. Motion Carried.

The Manager informed the Board that the 5-year lease to Lamar Advertising Company for 2,400 square feet of property located on the frontage road of Expressway 77 San Benito, Texas for a sign is set to expire March 26, 2026. The current annual fee is $4,800.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by M. R. Garcia, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the General Manager to review the lease terms, negotiate a potential rate increase, and execute a 5-year lease renewal subject to acceptable terms. Motion carried.

The Manager requested the Board table the discussion regarding the request from East Rio Hondo Water Supply for the conversion of water rights until the next meeting. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by M.R. Garcia, and upon unanimous vote, agreed to table the discussion of the conversion of water rights for the next meeting.

License Agreements

(a) A request was made by Sharyland Utilities LLC for the Board to allow transmission line crossings of canals and right-of-way.

After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Zac McLemore, and upon unanimous vote passed to allow Brady Taubert, Board President, to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

(b) A request was made by Bay Runner LLC to amend the license agreement to allow:
   (i) Temporary road crossings
   (ii) De-watering

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to the Texas Government Code section 551.071: License Agreements – b) Consider and make decisions about making an amendment of the license agreement with Bay Runner LLC.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:59 a.m. The Board discussed the infrastructure damages and irrigation blockages caused by Bay Runner LLC. Following deliberation, the Board directed that Bay Runner LLC must take the following actions:

- **Remediation:** Pay for all property damages resulting from past crossing installations.
- **Infrastructure Adjustment:** Remove all center supports currently blocking irrigation flow.
- **Future Compliance:** Secure approved license agreements prior to installing any future crossings.

The Board instructed the attorney to amend the standard license agreement to include the following:

- Itemize and identify each crossing individually.
- State a total amount due from Bay Runner LLC to cover both crossing fees and installation damages.

The General Manager reported to the Board that a property owner had installed fences within the District's right-of-way on Lateral 13, located in Share 14 of the Espiritu Santo Grant, creating an unauthorized obstruction. The Manager informed the Board that a formal, certified letter was sent to the property owner ordering the immediate removal of the fences, establishing a compliance deadline of May 31, 2026. The Manager further noted that recent visual inspections indicate the property owner is cooperative and currently in the process of removing the offending structures. No formal action was taken. The Board accepted the report as information and tabled the item until the June 2026 meeting for a final status update upon expiration of the compliance deadline.

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
23168	Charter Communications	$1,170.67
23169	Fresno Valve & Casting	$8,143.20
23170	Gateway Pipe & Supply	$16,531.20
23171	Holt Truck Centers Of Texas	$3,537.59
23172	Matt's Building Materials	$128.28
23173	McCoy's	$723.14
23174	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	$2,128.65
23175	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	$2,043.43
23176	Perdue Brandon Fielder Col	$14,233.37
23177	Rio Hondo Lumber	$70.59
23178	Texas Gas Service	$501.00
23179	Unifirst	$982.70
23180	Amazon Capital Services	$122.75
23181	Aflac	$231.48
23182	Allegra Print & Imaging	$222.34
23183	Alamo Iron Works	$1,316.67
23184	Amazon Capital Services	$46.89
23185	Cameron County Drainage #3	$21,879.49
23186	Dropped Dead Pest Control	$875.00
23187	TCEQ	$50.00
23188	American Heritage Life	$212.69
23189	Alamo Iron Works	$638.16
23190	Boswell Elliff Ford	$343.38
23191	Cameron County Drainage #3	$15,000.00
23192	Core & Main	$840.51
23193	Charter Communications	$1,170.67
23194	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	$135.00
23195	First Community Bank	$492.36
23196	Irrigation-Mart Inc.	$568.33
23197	Hollon Oil Co.	$1,661.20
23198	McCoy's	$879.97
23199	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	$2,040.25
23200	Pitney Bowes Global Financial	$223.53
23201	Pro Billing & Funding Svc	$834.80
23202	Perdue Brandon Fielder Col	$11,419.12
23203	Rio Hondo Lumber	$108.13
23204	Simplot Grower Solutions	$500.00
23205	Southern Tire Mart	$380.26
23206	TWA Risk Management Fund	$3,044.00

23207	Unifirst	$877.34
23208	Waste Management of Texas	$339.07

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

a) May water report:

The Falcon Reservoir contains 389,141 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,666,203 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 612,897 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,226,704 acre-feet which 17.00%, is U.S. total combined conservation capacity compared to 15.99% this time last year.

District's useable water balance as of May 11, 2026, is 27,923.1557 ac-ft.
District's storage water balance as of May 11, 2026, is 27,923.1557 ac-ft.

District's useable water balance this time last year was 25,302.7841 ac-ft.
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b) April Pumping Plant Report

1) Running standard operations.

2) General maintenance of grounds and pumping plant. Upkeep of the grounds and greased all of the pumps and checked oil, sensors, and cleaned them.

3) Pumping for the month:

Station #1 (San Benito)

3/29 – Continued to pump water through midnight at 300 CFS at midnight. 3/31 – Changed pumping rate from 300 CFS to 250 CFS at 10:00 a.m. 4/3 – Changed rate to 100 CFS at 10:00 a.m. 4/4 – Changed rate to 200 CFS at 10:00 a.m. 4/6 – Started pumping No Charge water at 100 CFS at 4:30 p.m. 4/7 – Stopped pumping No Charge water at 100 CFS at 4:30 p.m. 4/7 – Continued to pump water at 200 CFS at 10:00 a.m. 4/10 – Stopped pumping water at 200 CFS at 10:00 a.m. 4/13 – Started pumping water at 50 CFS at 4:00 p.m. 4/14 – Stopped pumping water at 50 CFS at midnight.

Station #2 (Paloma)

3/29 – Started pumping water at 6 CFS at midnight. 4/10 – Stopped pumping water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m.

4) Rainfall: 3.00". **5)** Acre feet diverted: 5,227.0226; **6)** Total No Charge Pumping in Acre Feet: 263.1069; **7)** Average TDS readings: 909 p.p.m.

c) Water Duty – was 0.98 acre-feet per acre for the month of April 2026 and 2.19 acre–feet per acre, year-to-date.

d) April 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.

e) The Manager reported that the maintenance crews are now working regular hours following the near finish of heavy irrigation season. He added that the District has several federally funded pipelines that are pending installation and are in the process of being scheduled by the Maintenance Superintendent. He expects those pipelines to be installed in the next month.

f) The Manager reported that border barriers located along the High Line and Low Line canals were installed and completed and added that the barriers will not affect any irrigation infrastructure in any way.

g) The Manager reported that the District is now operating payroll through the electronic payroll system with ADP. He added that all employees are now able to clock in and out electronically, and each have personal access to their own pay history and PTO balances.

The Attorney had nothing to report; therefore, no attorney reports were discussed.

A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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Brady Taubert, President

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M.R. Garcia II, Secretary