

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 held on May 14, 2026.

The Manager requested an amendment and/or correction of the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 12, 2023, listed under Item #5.1.

Amend Item 5.1 that reads as follows:

5.1) San Sebastian Estates Subdivision – Being a south 5.0 acres of the north 15.0 acre-tract of land, out of Block 253, San Benito Irrigation Land Company in Volume 3, Pages 16-18, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. – Altex Engineering. This subdivision is located south of Line 26 Road and west of E. Brown Tract Road. There is an irrigation pipeline along the west side of the platted area. A 20-foot easement (10 feet on each side of the pipeline) was dedicated by plat. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

**Correction to be:**

5.1) San Sebastian Phase I Subdivision – Being a 16.989-acre tract of land out of Lots 8, 9, 10, 15 & 16 on Block 129 of the SBL&WCO Subdivision in Volume 1, Page 6 of Cameron County Map Records, San Benito, Texas. – HLG Plan Review Services. This subdivision is located south of Line 26 Road and west of E. Brown Tract Road. There is an irrigation pipeline along the west side of the platted area. A 20-foot easement (10 feet on each side of the pipeline) was dedicated by plat. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to make the correction to the minutes of January 12, 2023, on Item# 5.1. Motion carried.

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

5.1) **Resaca Haven** – Being a replat of a 5.876 acre tract, out of Lots 3 and 4 of El Camino Real Resubdivision, a subdivision in the City of San Benito, Cameron County, Texas, as shown according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Cabinet 1, Page 3393, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas, being the same as described in an instrument number 2021-52355, Official Records of Cameron County, Texas. This property is located off El Camino Real and runs along the resaca north of the Resaca Village Plaza located off Business 77. This property was previously excluded from the District. There are no irrigation infrastructures located within the

boundaries of the property; therefore, no easement or rights-of-way dedications were necessary. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Zac McLemore, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

**5.2) Victoria Commons Phase II** - Being a 30.52-acre tract of land, more or less, out of Block 182, SBL&WCO Subdivision, Concepcion De Carricitos Grant in Cameron County, Texas. This property is located off Hale St. east of Palms Behavior Health Center. The Lateral V-4 canal is located south of the property along the roadside that the District is looking to abandon. The development will not affect any irrigation infrastructures; therefore, no easement or rights-of-way dedications were necessary. A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented. Motion carried.

The Manager requested the Board to table the discussion for the next meeting regarding the sale of District property located along Lateral V1 to Mark Dittman. He stated that the District did have some discussions in the past regarding property sales and would like more time to research those discussions and the property history to gather more information before presenting it to the Board. No formal action was taken. The Board agreed to table the discussion for the next meeting in July.

The Manager received a request from Luis Otero to authorize the installation of a crossing on the Rice Tract Resaca connecting 2 of his properties on opposite sides of the resaca. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to deny the installation of a crossing on the Rice Tract Resaca. Mr. Otero currently uses the District's easement along the resaca to access all of his private properties. The District agrees to maintain the easement so he could continue to use this access road without interference with water flow. Motion carried.

The Manager presented the Board with documentation on a pipeline the District installed for Javier Medina in November 2023. The documentation presented was the estimate Mr. Medina was given, the receipts of payments Mr. Medina has made, and the remaining balance still due to the District. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the Manager to make a collection notice or any means necessary to collect the remaining balance due. Motion carried.

The Manager presented the Board with the commercial lease the District has with the City of San Benito for the Resaca de Los Fresnos that is up for its 5-year review. After discussion, a motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by M.R. Garcia, and upon unanimous vote, passed to increase the lease to the current prime rate. Motion carried.

The Manager presented the Board with a Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Rio Grande Valley Public Utility Agency. He requested the Board to table the discussion and revisit it later while he gets more information. No formal action was taken. The Board agreed to table the discussion and revisit the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Rio Grande Valley Public Utility Agency at a future date.

The Manager requested the Board's authorization to identify, select, and approve a District water supply and infrastructure project for the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Program; authorize submission of the

District’s application by the July 30, 2026 deadline; and authorize the General Manager or Board President, to prepare, execute, submit, and administer all documents, certifications, resolutions, and related materials necessary for the application and grant process. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by M.R. Garcia, seconded by Zac McLemore, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the Manager to apply for the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Program. Motion carried.

The Manager requested the Board to grant him the authority to enter into a Non-Disclosure Agreement with The Horeb Group on behalf of the District. This would allow him to explore opportunities for the District on possible future projects. A motion was made by M.R. Garcia, seconded by Zac McLemore, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the Manager to sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement with The Horeb Group. Motion carried.

The Manager requested the Board table the discussion regarding water availability for the next meeting. No formal action was taken. The Board agreed to table the discussion for the next meeting in July where they will also be reviewing the Drought Contingency Plan and Water Allocation Guidelines.

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

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

| <u>Ck#</u> | <u>Vendor</u>                 | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 23209      | Aflac                         | \$231.48      |
| 23210      | Amazon Capital Services       | \$47.25       |
| 23211      | Boswell Elliff Ford           | \$439.13      |
| 23212      | B & V Welding                 | \$6,300.00    |
| 23213      | Dropped Dead Pest Control     | \$175.00      |
| 23214      | Dossett Law Office            | \$10,202.50   |
| 23215      | Firestone/Bridgestone         | \$978.43      |
| 23216      | Fresno Valve & Casting        | \$1,252.80    |
| 23217      | Waters, Barry D.              | \$4,743.49    |
| 23218      | Irrigation-Mart Inc.          | \$86.45       |
| 23219      | Harlingen Irrigation District | \$363.90      |
| 23220      | Hollon Oil Co.                | \$140.00      |
| 23221      | Holt Cat                      | \$1,132.94    |
| 23222      | J & M Hydraulics              | \$1,092.31    |
| 23223      | Texas Gas Service             | \$500.00      |
| 23224      | American Heritage Life        | \$212.69      |
| 23225      | Alamo Iron Works              | \$410.97      |
| 23226      | Cameron County Drainage #3    | \$15,000.00   |
| 23227      | Core & Main                   | \$1,528.20    |
| 23228      | Dearborn Life Insurance Co.   | \$270.00      |
| 23229      | Irrigation-Mart Inc.          | \$372.36      |
| 23230      | Hollon Oil Co.                | \$2,697.56    |
| 23231      | Holt Cat                      | \$684.36      |
| 23232      | McCoy’s                       | \$528.21      |
| 23233      | Oil Patch Fuel & Supply       | \$668.15      |
| 23234      | Pro Billing & Funding Svc     | \$162.01      |

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| 23235 | Romco Equipment            | \$1,360.06  |
| 23236 | Rio Hondo Lumber           | \$213.48    |
| 23237 | Rey's Tire Service         | \$185.00    |
| 23238 | Southern Tire Mart         | \$1,060.56  |
| 23239 | Unifirst                   | \$886.65    |
| 23240 | Verizon                    | \$564.17    |
| 23241 | Waste Management of Texas  | \$341.36    |
| 23242 | Aflac                      | \$231.48    |
| 23243 | Amazon Capital Services    | \$42.35     |
| 23244 | Boswell Elliff Ford        | \$148.83    |
| 23245 | Benjamin's Car Glass       | \$295.00    |
| 23246 | Diamond Plastics Corp      | \$22,825.44 |
| 23247 | Dropped Dead Pest Control  | \$175.00    |
| 23248 | First Community Bank       | \$311.76    |
| 23249 | Fresno Valve & Casting     | \$7,537.13  |
| 23250 | Grajales, Neftali          | \$81.00     |
| 23251 | Irrigation-Mart Inc.       | \$1,243.24  |
| 23252 | Hollon Oil Co.             | \$1,627.23  |
| 23253 | Holt Cat                   | \$124.80    |
| 23254 | LRGV Water District        | \$1,274.30  |
| 23255 | Oil Patch Fuel & Supply    | \$1,899.07  |
| 23256 | Pro Billing & Funding Svc  | \$2,083.86  |
| 23257 | Perdue Brandon Fielder Col | \$4,121.12  |
| 23258 | Romco Equipment            | \$2,969.47  |
| 23259 | Rio Grande Steel, LTD      | \$298.99    |
| 23260 | Rey's Tire Service         | \$365.00    |
| 23261 | Texas Gas Service          | \$500.00    |
| 23262 | Valley Fire & Safety       | \$467.50    |

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

a) June water report:

The Falcon Reservoir contains [517,233](#) acre-feet of water of the normal conservation [2,666,203](#) acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains [612,086](#) acre-feet of water of the normal conservation [3,226,704](#) acre-feet which [19.16%](#), is U.S. total combined conservation capacity compared to [15.94%](#) this time last year.

District's useable water balance as of June 22, 2026, is [30,149.3410](#) ac-ft.

District's storage water balance as of June 22, 2026, is [30,149.3410](#) ac-ft.

District's useable water balance this time last year was [29,838.6890](#) ac-ft.

District's storage water balance this time last year was [29,838.6890](#) ac-ft.

b) May Pumping Plant Report

1) Running standard operations.

2) General maintenance of grounds and pumping plant. Upkeep of the grounds and needed to change the belt out of the riding lawn mower. Also, cleaned all sensors and removed debris.

3) Pumping for the month:

**Station #1 (San Benito)**

4/27 – Started pumping regular water at 50 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 4/28 – Stopped pumping water at 9:30 a.m. and restarted pumping regular water at 50 CFS at 9:30 p.m. 5/4 – Changed rate at 8:00 a.m. from 50 CFS to 100 CFS. 5/8 – Changed rate at 8:00 a.m. from 100 CFS to 200 CFS. 5/10 – Started pumping No Charge water at 11:30 a.m. at 50 CFS. 5/11 – Stopped pumping No Charge

water at 50 CFS at 11:30 a.m. 5/12 – Changed rate at 8:00 a.m. of regular pumping from 200 CFS to 100 CFS. 5/15 – Changed rate of regular pumping at 8:00 a.m. from 100 CFS to 150 CFS. 5/22 – Started pumping No Charge water at 2:00 p.m. at 100 CFS. 5/24 – Changed rate of No Charge water pumping at 10:00 a.m. from 100 CFS to 200 CFS. 5/25 – Stopped No Charge pumping at 11:00 p.m. at 200 CFS. 5/25 – Changed rate of regular water pumping at 8:00 a.m. from 150 CFS to 50 CFS. 5/29 – Stopped pumping regular water at 8:00 a.m.

**Station #2 (Paloma)**

5/5 – Started pumping water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 5/11 – Stopped pumping water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 5/18 – Started pumping water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m. 5/30 – Stopped pumping 6 CFS at midnight.

- 4) Rainfall: 6.00". 5) Acre feet diverted: 6,789.6153; 6) Total No Charge Pumping in Acre Feet: 1,041.3210; 7) Average TDS readings: 1,005 p.p.m.
- c) Water Duty – was 1.85 acre-feet per acre for the month of May 2026 and 2.12 acre-feet per acre, year-to-date.
- d) May 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 removal of the fence blocking the District's right-of-way on Lateral 13 in Share 14, Espiritu Santo Grant is still not completed but is making progress. He will be passing through there in the coming weeks to follow up.
- f) The Manager reported that he will be attending a summit in August to get a sure answer regarding his application for funding through NADBank's Water Resiliency Fund.
- g) The Manager reported that the District is currently cleaning out the resaca moving from Robertson to Sam Houston to finish off in time for the City of San Benito's July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

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 10:39 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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Brady Taubert, President

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M.R. Garcia II, Secretary