October 8, 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 9:16 a.m.

The following Directors were present: Brady Taubert, Buck Rhyner, and Zac McLemore. Also, present was Buddy Dossett, Attorney. Attending the meeting via video conference was M.R. Garcia, Secretary and Ben Escobar, General Manager.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 10, 2026.

The Board reviewed the following subdivision plat(s) and took the following actions:

4.1) 4.1) <u>Aguila Subdivision</u> – Being 3.50 acres of land consisting of all of Lot 3, of the Anderson Subdivision, as recorded in Cabinet 1, Page 621-A, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. This property is located on the south side of Yost Road between McCullough Street and Scaief Road in San Benito, Texas. There is an irrigation canal, identified as Lateral A, located along the south side of the property but is outside of the platted area, therefore, no easements were dedicated and none were required. A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented.

4.2) <u>Bibian Subdivision</u> – Being 2.24 acres of land out of Lot 2, Block 2, Subdivision No. 1, Landrum Reserve, Cameron County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 2, Page 10, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas. This property is located on the southwest corner of Sam Houston Boulevard and Smoker Road in San Benito, Texas. There is an irrigation pipeline, identified as Lateral C, that runs parallel to Smoker Road on the south side along the northern part of the property. It branches off into a tee connection with another pipeline, identified as Lateral C-5, which runs south through the center of the property parallel to Sam Houston Boulevard. The District retains a 100 ft. right-of-way on Lateral C and a 15 ft. right-of-way on Lateral C-5. A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the plat as presented.

4.3) <u>Stripes Subdivision</u> – Being 6.932 acres out of Blocks 15, SBL&WCO Subdivision, City of San Benito, Cameron County, Texas as shown by plat of record in Volume 1, Page 6, of the map records of Cameron County, Texas and being a portion of a 10.367-acre tract of land described in the deed of record in document number 2020-39883 of the official records of Cameron County, Texas. This property is located on the east side of Scaief Road north of Expressway 83 adjacent to the south side of the railroad. An irrigation pipeline, identified at Lateral B-3, is located on the west side of the property parallel to Scaief Road to which the District retains a 10 ft. right-of-way. After discussion, the Board requested an updated exhibit that indicates the exact location of Lateral B-3 and tabled the approval until the next meeting, pending receipt of the updated exhibit.

The General Manager presented several options for the renewal of the employees' health insurance as follows: Curative with a $0.00 deductible; $0.00 annual coinsurance; $0.00 copay office visit; prescription drug benefit of $0/$50/$250 for a monthly premium of $696.91 per employee per month. United Health Care with a $1,000.00 deductible; $4,000.00 annual coinsurance; $10 copay office visit; 80% after deductible; prescription drug benefit of $5/$30/$65/$150 for a monthly premium of $749.66 per employee per month. Blue Cross Blue Shield with a $1,350.00 deductible; $1,350.00 annual coinsurance; $30 copay office visit; 100% after deductible; prescription drug benefit of $0/$10/$35/$75/$150/$250 for a monthly premium of $1,359.60 per employee per month. A motion was made by Zac McLemore, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the renewal of the employees' health insurance plan with Curative with a $0.00 deductible; $0.00 annual coinsurance; $0 copay office visit; prescription drug benefit of $0/$50/$250 for a monthly premium of $696.91 per employee per month. Motion carried. A complete copy of all the proposals received is included in the supplement to Minute Book #22.

The General Manager presented the District's TCDRS Retirement Plan and proposed options for review. The District is currently at a 100% employer match to 100% employee match. One proposed option is to increase the employer match of 150% for past and future contributions, and another option is to increase the employer match of 200% for future only contributions. After discussion, the Board requested to table the retirement plan review for the next board meeting.

The General Manager presented and discussed with the Board the proposed Maintenance and Operation Budget for fiscal year 2027. After discussion, a decision was made to table the budget for the next meeting.

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

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

Ck#	Vendor	Amount
23393	Aflac	$231.48
23394	Allegra Print & Imaging	$164.30
23395	Amazon Capital Services	$29.30
23396	Cameron County Drainage #3	$14,833.68
23397	Cameron County Drainage #3	$15,000.00
23398	Cameron County Clerk	$250.00
23399	Core & Main	$1,044.27
23400	Diamond Plastics Corp	$21,257.28
23401	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	$135.00
23402	Got Hydraulics	$1,134.60
23403	Irrigation-Mart Inc.	$138.82
23404	Holt Cat	$308.92
23405	Simplot Grower Solutions	$450.00
23406	American Heritage Life	$212.69
23407	Alamo Iron Works	$291.78
23408	Boswell Elliff Ford	$336.90
23409	Cameron County Drainage #3	$15,000.00
23410	Cameron County Drainage #3	$27,667.41

23411	Charter Communications	$1,171.46
23412	Dropped Dead Pest Control	$150.00
23413	Fresno Valve & Casting	$4,937.99
23414	Grajales Neftali	$172.00
23415	Harlingen Irrigation Dist.	$1,457.15
23416	Hollon Oil Co.	$1,897.20
23417	Holt Cat	$294.29
23418	John Deere Financial	$57.94
23419	Joshua Johnsoki	$650.00
23420	Linde Gas & Equipment	$332.95
23421	Magic Valley Electric	$133.00
23422	Matt's Building Materials	$889.99
23423	McCoy's	$850.34
23424	Military Highway Water	$127.81
23425	Nuga Diesel Inc.	$406.59
23426	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	$3,187.14
23427	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	$1,718.12
23428	Pro Billing & Funding Svc.	$284.32
23429	Rio Hondo Lumber	$77.97
23430	Unifirst	$700.21
23431	Utility Trailer of Texas	$480.54
23432	Verizon	$747.00
23433	Waste Management of Texas	$438.21

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

a) October water report:

The Falcon Reservoir contains 428,866 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 2,666,203 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 796,117 acre-feet of water of the normal conservation 3,226,704 acre-feet which 20.79%, is U.S. total combined conservation capacity compared to 18.72% this time last year.

District's useable water balance as of October 1, 2026, is 40,453.0772 ac-ft.
District's storage water balance as of October 1, 2026, is 40,453.0772 ac-ft.

District's useable water balance this time last year was 39,769.3544 ac-ft.
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b) September Pumping Plant Report

1) Running standard operations.

2) General maintenance of grounds and pumping plant. Worked on a sensor that was running the meter. Greased pump #3, pressure washed the area around the pumps, and retouched paint around the building for safety requirements.

3) Pumping for the month:

Station #1 (San Benito)

8/30 – Started pumping regular water at 100 CFS at midnight on the High Line. **9/18** – Stopped pumping regular water at 100 CFS at 9:00 a.m. on the High Line. **9/19** – Started pumping regular water at 100 CFS at 8:00 a.m. on the High Line. **9/26** – Stopped pumping regular water at 100 CFS at midnight on the High Line.

Station #2 (Paloma)

9/4 – Started pumping regular water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m. **9/18** – Stopped pumping regular water at 6 CFS at 8:00 a.m.

4) Rainfall: 1.25". **5)** Acre feet diverted: 5146.0665; **6)** Total No Charge Pumping in Acre Feet: 0.00; **7)** Average TDS readings: 620 PPM.

c) Water Duty – was 4.39 acre-feet per acre for the month of September 2026 and 2.37 acre–feet per acre, year-to-date.

d) September 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) Maintenance Update – The General Manager reported on the following:
   i. Resaca Break: Brush clearing and reconstruction of the seep ditch have been completed. Work will continue to rebuild and reinforce the resaca bank to reduce the risk of another failure.
   ii. Wick Property: The General Manager discussed maintenance challenges along the canal adjacent to the Wick property, including brush growing along the banks and roots extending into the bank, compromising its stability.
   iii. Garza Property: The General Manager reported similar brush and root intrusion concerns along the resaca at the Garza property and explained how these conditions weaken the banks and increase the risk of seepage and failure.
   iv. Edge Property: The General Manager reported that an irrigation pipeline had been opened without District authorization or an approved water ticket in an attempt to fill a dry lake bed. He also reported that approximately 400 feet of pipeline had been installed without District approval.

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 10:34 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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Brady Taubert, President M.R. Garcia II, Secretary