President Jim Darling called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and announced that a quorum of the Board was present. He then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval of January 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the January 27, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Mayor Celeste Sanchez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes President Darling moved to item 3.A. - Report from Legislative Delegation, however no legislators were present and no reports were provided. The President then moved to item 3.B. – Public Comment, no one signed up to make public comments, and President Darling moved to item 3.C. – Consider Approval RE: 2015 Annual Productivity Report. Executive Director Ken Jones was recognized and informed the Board that this is a State reporting requirement and is a successful report on the LRGVDC’s work accomplished in 2015; with the Board’s approval it will be submitted to the State. Mayor Celeste Sanchez made a motion to approve the 2015 Annual Productivity Report as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Esmeralda Lozano seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Darling next moved to item 3.D. – Status Report RE: Regional Strategic Plan Schedule and recognized Deputy Executive Director Ron Garza. Mr. Garza gave a presentation that outlines plans for multimedia coverage of the Regional Strategic Plan (RSP) via twitter, and a draft schedule that will culminate in an LRGVDC Open House on July 27. The Open House will include an RSP overview and an LRGVDC Program Information Fair.

Upon conclusion of the Administration items President Darling moved to item 4. - Regional Police Academy and Training Center and recognized Program Director Paul Williams. Mr. Williams stated that the status report was in the Board folders for review and noted that the Canine Encounters Course will soon be available locally.

President Darling next moved to item 5. – Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Program Director Joe Gonzalez. Regarding item A.1. – Consider Approval of Additional Advisory Council Members Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommends approval of Rosie Briseño, tenant of the Edinburg Towers (Senior Housing), and Eustolia Lopez, also from Edinburg, as members of the Advisory Council. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve the additional Advisory Council members as recommended by the Advisory Council. Council Member Richard Molina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez asked the Board to consider recommendations for Advisory Council members from Cameron and Willacy Counties. President Darling suggested that Board Members might want to take the status report on Medicare Improvement for Participants and Providers Act (MIPPA) Outreach to their local Housing Authorities to spread the word about the available assistance with the low-income subsidy program that may help with Part B premium payments. Area Agency on Aging staff is available to give group presentations or set up information fairs with local communities.
President Darling next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Program Director Terrie Salinas. Ms. Salinas gave status reports on the Regional Small Cities Coalition and the Economic Development Administration's National Conference.

President Darling then moved to item 7. - Report from Valley Metro and recognized Program Director Tom Logan. Mr. Logan gave the Ridership Report noting that double digit increases in ridership continue.

President Darling next moved to item 8. - Report from Regional Planning & Services and recognized Program Director Marcie Oviedo. Ms. Oviedo noted that under item A.1. – Water Resources, the Region M Group held a public meeting to get input on the 2021 Regional Water Plan on February 3 in Zapata County and another was scheduled for March 2 in Hidalgo County. She then gave the status report under item 8.A.2. – Solid Waste Management and 8.B. – HUD Disaster Recovery Funding. Ms. Oviedo pointed out that Mr. Jones was asked on two separate occasions to provide testimony on the Hurricane Ike/Dolly Disaster Recovery Program to Senate Committees. The first was to the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations on February 3 for Hurricane Dolly Disaster Recovery; the second was to the Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief on February 11.

President Darling next moved to item 9.A. – Act upon Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendations and recognized Program Director Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 1. – Consider Approval RE: FY 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program Resolutions, Mr. Cruz informed the Board that as a part of the Homeland Security Grant Division (HSGD) grant guidelines applications from nonprofit organizations, local governments and other political subdivisions must include a resolution that contains specific information. The information required should include items such as authorization by its governing body for the submission of the application to OOG/HSGD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested; a commitment to provide all applicable matching funds, if required; a designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant; and written assurance that in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds the governing body will return all funds to HSGD. Resolutions for two projects awarded for the LRGVDC are presented for consideration: 1) Regional Homeland Security Planning Staff and Related Costs, and 2) Mid Valley Consolidated Interoperable Communications Center. **Mr. Steve Brewer made a motion to approve the two (2) HSGD resolutions as presented. Mayor Celeste Sanchez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz stated that the status reports were in the Board folders for review. He also announced that the Texas Hurricane and Hazard Conference is scheduled for March 23 – 24 and invited the Board to attend.

Upon conclusion of action on Homeland Security items the President moved to 9.B. – Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Recommendations and addressed the following items:

   Mr. Cruz informed the Board that at their February meeting the CJAC reviewed and made suggested revisions to the CJAC Policy Manual for the FY 2015/2016 Criminal Justice funding cycle. Updates and changes to the document were necessary due to new information and guidance from the CJD for the sections concerning Vendor Holds, a new Scoring Instrument, and Conflicts of Interest. **Mayor Pro-tem Esmeralda Lozano made a motion to approve the CJAC Policy Manual with recommendations as noted. Mr. Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Consider Approval RE: CJAC Nominations for Vacant Disciplines
   Mr. Cruz stated that the CJAC recommends Mr. Miguel (Mike) Cano from Hidalgo County to fill the vacancy in the Citizen/Parent (Faith Based) discipline. **Mayor Tony Martinez made a motion to approve Mr. Mike Cano to fill the CJAC vacancy in the Citizen/Parent (Faith Based) discipline. Mr. Troy Allen seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
3. Consider Approval RE: FY 2016 CJAC Scoring Instrument
Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the CJAC reviewed and updated the new FY 2016 Scoring Instrument for the upcoming CJD funding prioritization meetings that will take place in March and April. The scoring instrument will be used to rank the JAG, JJDP, VOCA, and VAWA grants. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the FY 2016 CJAC Scoring Instrument as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Esmeralda Lozano seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz stated that the Criminal Justice Program status report was in the Board folders for review.

President Darling next moved to item 10. - 9-1-1 Program and recognized Assistant Program Director Stephen Tice. Mr. Tice noted that Program Director Sergio Castro was in Washington, DC representing the Valley’s interests. Mr. Tice noted that the regular status reports were in the Board folders and added that as we go into the normal turnover of Equipment, 9-1-1 staff has begun installation of updated Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) equipment at the first four PSAPs. Training has been completed for the “Text to 9-1-1” function for all communication centers, and within six months testing should be completed for all major cell phone carriers.

11 - Old or New Business; President Darling informed the Board that Mexico has paid 261,000 acre feet of water toward their debt for this cycle. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary