MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015 - 12:00 P.M.
LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER
510 PLEASANTVIEW DR. - WESLACO, TEXAS

PRESIDING: MAYOR JIM DARLING, PRESIDENT

President Jim Darling called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. and asked for the roll to be called. Upon conclusion of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum of the Board was present. President Darling then moved to item 2. - Consider Approval RE: June 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes; Commissioner Danny Guzman noted an error on page 3 in item 9.A.1.: “Mayor Pro-temp Henry Hinojosa seconded...” should be “Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded...” Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Mr. Ronald Mills 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 representatives were present and no report had been provided. The President then moved to item 3. B. - Public Comments; no one had signed up for Public Comments and President Darling moved to item 3. C. - Consider Approval RE: Quarterly Investment Report and recognized Finance Director Crystal Balboa who briefly summarized the report. Mr. Ron Mills made a motion for approval of the Quarterly Investment Report as presented. Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of Administration items President Darling moved to item 4. - Regional Police Academy and Training Center Report, and recognized Program Director Paul Williams. Mr. Williams stated that the regular status reports were in the Board folders for review and reminded the Board that August 31st is the end of the training cycle for law enforcement, dispatchers, and correctional officers and that the State has sent out over 15,000 non-compliance letters throughout the State of Texas. Mr. Williams added that on July 31st he is scheduled to attend training in Edinburg with the Texas District & County Attorneys Association on the new Open Carry Law that many are finding confusing.

President Darling next moved to item 5. - Report from Area Agency on Aging, item A. – Act upon Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Recommendation and recognized Program Director Joe Gonzalez who requested action on the following items:

1. Consider Approval RE: Data Use Agreement with Health and Human Services Commission
   Mr. Gonzalez stated that the HHSC requires all contractors to submit the Data Use Agreement by July 31, 2015. This agreement is in relation to transmitting, maintaining, and gathering client information and is required under the terms of the contract with DADS for the Area Agency on Aging and the Aging and Disability Resource Center. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the Data Use Agreement with HHSC as presented. Mayor Pro-temp Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Approval RE: Education Experience Affiliation Agreement and College of Health Sciences and Human Program Agreement (UTPA)
   Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that students in this program will be assigned to the Community-based Care Transitions program to provide them the opportunity to gain experience working with the elderly. Mayor Pro-temp Pilar Garza made a motion to approve the Education Experience
Affiliation Agreement and College of Health Sciences and Human Program Agreement (UTPA) as presented. Mayor Celeste Sanchez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Wanda Garza noted that UTPA will transition to UTRGV in September and that this agreement may need to be revised or updated to reflect that new affiliation.

3. Consider Approval RE: 211 Memorandum of Understanding
Mr. Gonzalez explained that this is a non-financial agreement with 211 and its purpose is to have a working relationship between agencies. Mayor Celeste Sanchez made a motion to approve the 211 Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Mayor Pro-temp Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez stated that the status reports on the Aging and Disability Resource Center Request for Proposals and the Foster Grandparent Program were in the Board folders for review.

President Darling next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Program Director Terrie Salinas. Regarding item 6.A.1. - Consider Approval RE: Town of Rancho Viejo Membership to the Regional Small Cities Coalition Committee, Ms. Salinas stated that after Mayor Cyndie Rathbun attended the June RSSCC meeting, the committee took action to make Rancho Viejo a member of the RSSCC, that nomination is being brought before the Board for approval. Mayor Celeste Sanchez made a motion to approve the membership of the Town of Rancho Viejo to the Regional Small Cities Coalition. Mayor Pro-temp Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Ms. Salinas gave the status report on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Conference scheduled for August 19-21st.

President Darling then moved to item 7. - Report from Valley Metro and recognized Assistant Program Director Maribel Contreras. Ms. Contreras gave the status report on ridership, and then noted that the next Regional Transportation Advisory Panel meeting is scheduled for August 7th.

President Darling next moved to item 8. - Report from Regional Planning & Services and recognized Program Director Marcie Oviedo. Regarding item A. - Environmental Resources, President Darling gave the status of the Region M Initially Prepared Plan stating that it has been submitted to TWDB for finalization. Ms. Oviedo noted that the status report on the Solid Waste Management Program was in the Board folders for review.

The President next moved to item 8.B. - HUD Disaster Recovery Funding and Ms. Oviedo addressed the following items:

1. LRGVDC Non-Housing Disaster Recovery Funds
   a. Consider Method of Distribution for Disaster Recovery Funding
      Ms. Oviedo informed the Board that due to need for additional clarification on the projects submitted staff recommends this item be tabled until clarification is received. Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to table this item. Mayor Pro-temp Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Multi-Family Rental Program
   a. Consider HAC Recommendation RE: Revision of Willacy County Housing Authority Rehab Projects
      Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the revision of Willacy County Housing Authority Rehab projects as recommended by the Housing Advisory Committee. Mayor Pro-temp Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Darling next moved to item 9. A. - Homeland Security Program and recognized Program Director Manuel Cruz who gave the status reports on that program and the Criminal Justice Program.
President Darling next moved to item 10. - 9-1-1 Program and recognized Assistant Program Director Stephen Tice. Mr. Tice stated that the regular status reports were in the Board folders for review and informed the Board that additional opportunities are coming up for cities in the area of computer mapping. This project is well underway and the department has an inter-local agreement model set up that is progressing nicely. Mr. Tice also reported on some personnel changes due to some staff members retiring soon.

Upon conclusion of the 9-1-1 status report, President Darling moved to item 11. - Old or New Business, A. - Reservoir Levels and noted that there are 1.9 million acre feet of water in the reservoir system. The President reminded the Board that at the last meeting he reported that Mexico had released water to the U.S. south of the reservoirs which was credited to their water debt. President Darling was happy to report that the IBWC made a clarification that Mexico was only credited for the amount of acre feet the U.S. actually diverted, which considerably reduced the amount of credit Mexico received for their water debt. There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

Mayor Jim Darling, President