MINUTES

MEETING OF THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013 - 12:00 P.M.
LGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER
510 PLEASANTVIEW DR. - WESLACO, TEXAS
PRESIDING: MAYOR STEVE BREWER, PRESIDENT

President Steve Brewer called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and asked Mr. Ken Jones to call roll. Upon conclusion of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum of the Board and Membership was present. President Brewer then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes. Item 2.A. – Membership Meeting of May 24, 2012. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the minutes and noted an error on the list of Members-at-Large to the Membership: Ms. Celeste Sanchez, San Benito should be listed in place of Mr. Gilberto Hinojosa, Brownsville.** There being no further changes noted **Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** President Brewer next moved to item 2.B. – Board Meeting of November 28, 2012. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of these minutes as presented. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes President Brewer moved to item 3.A. - Public Comments and recognized Mr. Ubaldo D. Perez, RGV Fire Fighter & Fire Marshall Association (RGVFFMA) who brought the Board’s attention to the RGVFFMA 64th Annual Fire & Public Safety Academy G-200 Texas Public Officials Workshop scheduled for March 2, 2013. The President next recognized Ms. Emi Zuniga, TOP-Equal Voice Network who expressed concerns on the Disaster Recovery Housing outreach efforts.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments President Brewer moved to item 3.B. – Consider Annual Work Program and Budget Committee Recommendation and recognized Hon. Norma G. Garcia, Annual Work Program and Budget Committee Chair. Regarding Item 3.B.1 – Adoption of FY 2013 Annual Work Program Ms. Garcia informed the Membership that staff submitted the Annual Work Program (AWP) to the Membership and requested that any comments be submitted prior to the Committees' consideration. No changes were submitted and on January 9th the AWP & Budget Committee unanimously recommended approval of the AWP to the Membership. **Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion for approval the Annual Work Program as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Regarding item 3.B.2. – Adoption of FY 2013 Annual Budget Ms. Garcia summarized the draft 2013 Budget and stated that no changes were recommended from the Membership. **Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza made a motion for approval of the 2013 Annual Budget as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on the Membership items President Brewer moved to item 3.C. – Consider Resolution RE: Support Efforts to Consolidate the Facilities and Programs of UT Pan American, UT Brownsville and the Regional Academic Health Science Center and recognized Mayor Chris Boswell. Mayor Boswell began by acknowledging that most of the Board Members have probably heard or read in the newspapers about approval by the UT System Board of Regents to create what is being called “the South Texas Plan”. The South Texas Plan will be the creation of a new university in South Texas that would consolidate the assets of UT Pan American (UTPA) and UT Brownsville (UTB) and the Regional

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Academic Health Center which has components in Brownsville, Harlingen, and Edinburg, into one new university. The benefit of this consolidation is that by creating a new university, it would have access to the Permanent University Fund (PUF) which has $10 billion worth of assets and reserve in West Texas that are the Permanent University Funds. UTPA and UTB have never been able to access those funds because they were not newly created universities. The South Texas Plan is a way to address some of the serious issues that have confronted UTB and UTPA as their student population grows significantly. Mayor Boswell stated that when this idea was formally presented in Brownsville and in Edinburg, it was a great gift for advancing education in South Texas, along with a commitment for another $100 million for a medical school. All these components are located throughout the Valley and Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa and Chairman Eugene Powell requested the region’s support on this consolidation and added that the region does not have to contribute anything; the Valley’s support is needed because the legislature will have to agree to this with a 2/3 vote and needs to know the Valley supports this effort. Mayor Boswell added that Mr. Julian Alvarez, Executive Director of the Valley Partnership is also reaching out to individual communities and asking for this resolution to be passed so that we can send a message to the legislature that we want this to happen. Upon conclusion of his presentation Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion for approval of the resolution as presented. Commissioner Sofia Benavides seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action President Brewer recommended that the elected officials encourage their cities to adopt a similar resolution as well and expounded on the benefits of this endeavor. Mayor Boswell stated that this opportunity will never come to this area again because Chairman Eugene Powell is from Weslaco and Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa is from Laredo and they embrace this region.

President Brewer next moved to item 3.D. – Consider Approval RE: Quarterly and Annual Investment Reports and recognized Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones noted that for the fourth quarter of 2012 the biggest difference was in the 9-1-1 account balance after paying recurring costs. Following the quarterly reports was the Investment Report for the complete year, which of course reflected the same balance as the last quarter. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the Quarterly and Annual Reports as presented. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Brewer then moved to item 4.A. – Act Upon Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Recommendations and recognized Mr. Joe Gonzalez. Regarding item 4.A.1. – Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Submit Proposals for CDBG funding Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommended approval to authorize staff to seek CDBG funds from the cities of McAllen, Mission, Pharr, Edinburg, Weslaco, Harlingen, San Benito and Brownville; support will also be sought from Hidalgo County precincts. This funding will be sought to obtain local matching funds for the Foster Grandparent Program and will also support direct services for seniors under the Case Management Program within the mentioned communities. Mr. Ken Jones will be the authorized signatory for all CDBG proposals and contracts. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla made a motion of approval for staff to submit proposals for CDBG funding. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 4.A.2. – Consider Approval to Appoint the Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Aging to the Community-based Care Transitions Governance Committee as an Ex-Officio Member. The Advisory Council made this recommendation in order to stay informed of the Community-based Care Transitions Program Governance Committee recommendations. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Advisory Council Chair as an Ex-officio member of the Community-based Care Transitions Governance Committee. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Brewer next moved to item 4.A.3. – Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Submit a Categorical Transfer Waiver to DADS. The Advisory Council has made this recommendation in the event it is determined that additional funds are needed for support services. The Area Agency on Aging is authorized

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to transfer funds from the nutrition program to support programs. The initial authorization is 30% of the budget. If additional funds are needed the Area Agency on Aging must submit a waiver request to DADS. **Commissioner Jerry Tafolla made a motion for approval to authorize staff to submit a categorical transfer waiver to DADS. Dr. Cesar Maldonado seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President next moved to item 4.B. – Act Upon CCTP Governance Committee Recommendations. Regarding item 4.B.1. – Consider Approval to Amend the Doctors’ Hospital at Renaissance Memorandum of Understanding, Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Committee recommends approval to amend the current agreement with Doctors’ Hospital at Renaissance to pay for the Health Coach at a rate of $200 per billable discharge under the Community-based Care Transition Program. The limit is $62,262 as budgeted in the proposal. Doctors’ Hospital decided to hire their own health coach under the program. **Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion for approval to amend the Doctors’ Hospital a Renaissance Memorandum of Understanding as recommended by the CCTP Governance Committee. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Brewer moved to item 4.B.2. – Consider Approval to Amend the Loopback Analytics Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Gonzalez stated that this amendment would allow Loopback to hire a Post-Acute Care (PAC) Management Lead. This position will be responsible for coordinating all PAC activities under the CMS contract. The PAC represents two-thirds of the Care Transitions Project. The LRGVDC can then pay Loopback out of the PAC eligible discharges $13.36 for each billable discharge under the PAC discharged model. **Commissioner Jerry Tafolla made a motion to approve the amendment to Loopback Analytics Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez noted that item 4.C. – Program Status Report was in the Board folders for review.

President Brewer moved to item 5. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas. Regarding item 5.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Small Cities Coalition Committee Officers Ms. Salinas informed the Board that at the December 2012 meeting the main item on the agenda was the election of officers. The Committee recommends the following slate of officers:

- Chair: Mr. Rolando Vela, Laguna Vista City Manager
- Vice-Chair: Mr. Sunny K. Philip, La Feria City Manager
- Secretary/Treasurer: Ms. Judy Davila, Sullivan City City Manager
- Member-at-Large: Mr. Yogi Garcia, Raymondville City Manager
- Member-at-Large: Mr. Javier Mendez, Primera City Manager

**Hon. Norma G. García made a motion for approval of the Small Cities Coalition Committee Officers as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Brewer moved to item 5.A.2. – Grant Extension for Disaster Recovery Program. Ms. Salinas announced that the Regional Office of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved a seven-month time extension under the Economic Disaster Recovery Grant. This request was submitted to EDA in order to provide a different array of service for businesses and a bigger emphasis on entrepreneurs. No action needed.

President Brewer next moved to item 5.A.3. – Approval of Grant Administration Contract for City of Alice. Ms. Salinas informed the Board that staff received a request from outside the region for assistance in administering the City of Alice’s EDA grant. The LRGV Economic Development District/Department (LRGVDCED/D) is allowed to provide these services to any grant recipient in their region and this service is an eligible expense in the grantee’s budget under “Administration”. This request however needed special permission from EDA and the Economic Development District located in the grantee’s region. The City of Alice, located in Jim Wells County corresponds to the Coastal Bend Council of Governments.
Staff contacted the CBCOG Executive Director and Economic Development Staff to ask if there were any objections to the LRGVDCEDD/D assisting the City of Alice. There were no objections and the CBCOG supported this request. The City of Alice also contacted the EDA to request permission for our assistance and Mr. Jorge Ayala, Area Director did not object. EDA does not mandate that the Economic Development Districts provide grant administration to their grantees so we are glad we were allowed to assist. **Mr. Don Medina made a motion for approval of the Grant Administration Contract for the City of Alice as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Brewer then moved to item 6. - Report from Transportation Department and recognized Mr. Tom Logan. Regarding item 6.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Amendment to Transit Services Department Drug & Alcohol Policy Mr. Logan stated that as required by state and federal guidelines the Drug & Alcohol Policy was revised to accurately reflect the name of the current Drug and Alcohol Program Manager. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the Amendment to Transit Services Department of Drug & Alcohol Policy as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 6.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: University of Texas Pan American (UTPA) Farmers Market. Mr. Logan stated that the UTPA Office of Sustainability requested assistance in providing free access to Farmers Markets in Weslaco and McAllen to recipients of TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) funds on certain days until the end of summer 2013. Mr. Logan introduced Mr. Juan Zapata, UTPA Farmers Market and Office of Sustainability for further elucidation. Mr. Zapata informed the Board that UTPA has received a grant to start an EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) SNAP payment program at the farmers markets. With the Board’s approval this program will provide transportation to farmers markets for program participants and help ensure the success of the program. The value of this program is that it provides an alternative to supermarket packaged foods and gives them access to chemical free produce. Cooking demonstrations that teach healthy ways to prepare meals are also provided at the farmers markets. **Mr. John Mendoza made a motion for approval to provide transportation to the UTPA Farmers Market as presented. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Brewer next moved to item 6.A.3. – Consider Approval RE: FTA & TxDOT Funding Distribution with City of McAllen. Mr. Logan informed the Board that the Texas Transportation Institute conduct an analysis of FTA and TxDOT funding formulas in the McAllen Urbanized Area based on changes under MAP-21. After negotiations with McAllen, staff recommends adoption of the following funding distribution for as long as MAP-21 is in effect:

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Mr. Logan noted that for 5301 funding the distribution should be determined by each agency, keeping the operating cap in mind; McAllen will not apply for 5339 and 5310 funds if a call for projects is issued; and final acceptance for FTA Funds will be contingent upon approval from the MPO Board. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the FTA & TxDOT Funding Distribution with the City of McAllen as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 4. – Program Status Reports. Mr. Logan informed the Board that Toys for Transit, Stuff the Bus 5K was a great success and gave a slide presentation of the event.

President Brewer next moved to item 7. - Report from Regional Planning & Services and recognized Ms. Oviedo. Regarding item 7.A.1.a.1. & 2. Program Status Reports for the Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group Activity and the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) Activity and item 7.A.2. – Solid Waste Management Program Status Reports Ms. Oviedo noted that they were in the Board folders for review.

The President next moved to 7.B. – HUD Disaster Recovery Funding. Regarding item 7.B.1. – Consider Housing Advisory Committee Recommendation RE: Establish a Secondary Pool of Builders and Authorize Staff to Develop an RFQ the President recognized Mr. Victor Morales. Mr. Morales stated that the intent of this contractor pool is for it to be utilized only if the primary pool, previously approved, was not able to accommodate housing assignment demands. With Board approval, a Request for Qualifications process will be developed and submitted to the Housing Advisory Committee and the LRGVDC Board of Directors for approval at the next meeting in order to establish this secondary pool. **Commissioner Sofia Benavides made a motion to establish a secondary pool of builders and authorize staff to develop an RFP as recommended by the Housing Advisory Committee. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Brewer moved to item 7.B.2. – Round 2.2 Disaster Recovery Program Highlights, Ms. Oviedo noted that the report was in the Board folders for review. Regarding item 7.B.3. – Brownsville Round 1 Disaster Recovery Program Status Report Ms. Oviedo reported that the project is almost complete and the last unit will be completed by the end of January 2013.

President Brewer next moved to item 8. – Report from Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 8.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: HSAC Recommendation on the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) Mr. Cruz informed the Board that in accordance with the State Administrative Agency's guidance and COG statement of work, this document was developed by local first responders and subject matter experts who are obligated to understand the risks that the LRGVDC region faces. The threats and hazards identified in this document range from natural to technological and human caused and include hurricane, dam/levee failure, chemical substance spill/release, pandemic outbreak, and cross-border violence. Knowledge of these risks allows for community leaders to make informed decisions about how to manage risk and develop needs capabilities. This document plays a key role in the state decisions for regional allocations. **Commissioner Jerry Tafoya made a motion for approval of the HSAC recommendation on the THIRA as presented. Mr. John Mendoza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President next moved to item 8.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan 2010-2015 LRGVDC Implementation Plan for 2013 and Resolution. Mr. Cruz stated that in accordance with the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan (THSSP) 2010-2015, state agencies as well as the 24 COG’s are required to develop annual THSSP Implementation Plans. These implementation plans are an essential part of a broad, state-wide effort to synchronize diverse homeland security activities and most importantly ensure continued progress toward the goals and objectives established in the THSSP. This plan plays a key role in the state decisions for regional allocations. **The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan 2010-2015 LRGVDC Implementation Plan for 2013 and resolution as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Brewer moved to item 8.A.3. – Status Reports. Mr. Cruz pointed out that in early December 2012 the state mitigation Office notified staff that the application and funding for expanding the Spanish Language Public Safety Early Weather Warning System for the Lower Rio Grande
Valley was approved for funding and the official award notice was received. President Brewer next moved to item 8.B. – Criminal Justice Program Status Report and Mr. Cruz stated that report as well as item 8.C. – Metropolitan Medical Response System Status Reports were in the Board folders for review.

President Brewer next moved to item 9. - 9-1-1 Department and recognized Mr. Juan Gomez. Regarding item 9.A. – Program Status Reports Mr. Gomez highlighted December's Public Outreach at Robert Vela High School in Edinburg. Staff talked to students about Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and gave a first of its kind presentation. Mr. Gomez stated that the students were amazed at how mapping technologies play such a major role in emergency response and this was a very exciting experience for the students and staff.

President Brewer next moved to item 10. - Regional Police Academy and recognized Mr. Paul Williams. Regarding item 10.A. – Presentation/Information RE: Senior Fraud Expo Mr. Williams introduced Ms. Dolores Salinas of the Better Business Bureau. Ms. Salinas informed the Board of the Free Senior Fraud Expo scheduled for Thursday, February 7th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

President Brewer next moved to item 11. - Old or New Business and noted that the reservoir levels are currently at 40% which is very concerning.

The President then moved to item 12. Executive Session: Annual Evaluation and Salary Consideration of Executive Director and adjourned into executive session at 1:06 p.m. Regular session reconvened at 1:13 p.m. at which point Mayor David Simmons made a motion to increase the Executive Director salary by 3%. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

HON. NORMA G. GARCIA, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

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