President Steve Brewer called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and asked Ms. Debby Morales to call roll. Upon conclusion of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum was present. President Brewer then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval RE: September 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa 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. No one had signed up for public comment and the President moved to item 3.B. – Consider Approval of MOU RE: Eagle Ford Shale Play. Mr. Ken Jones was recognized and informed the Board that Mr. Don Medina volunteered to serve on the subcommittee formed at the last meeting to look more in depth into the MOU and asked that other Board members that may be interested to serve on the subcommittee to please notify him. He anticipated the subcommittee to have a recommendation for Board consideration by the November Board meeting.

The President next moved to item 3.C. – Presentation of Quarterly Investment Report. Mr. Jones summarized the report noting that there had been a slight increase since the last quarter mainly due to an increase in the 9-1-1 program funds received.

President Brewer next moved to item 3.D. – Consider Approval RE: Contract for Architect Services and recognized Mr. Victor Morales. Mr. Morales reminded the Board that a few meetings ago the Board considered several options for the construction of the Center for International Economic Development Opportunities (CIEDO), which will add approximately ten thousand square feet of office space to the existing building structure. At this time staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract to execute structural, mechanical, electrical and civil engineering services among other work with the architect firm, Bouldinghouse Simpson Gates Architects, Inc. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval for the Executive Director to enter into a contract for architect services Bouldinghouse Simpson Gates Architects, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Brewer moved to item 3.E. – Consider Recommendation of Hidalgo County MPO RE: Planning Contract. Ms. Maria Champine, HCMPO Assistant Director was recognized and noted that essentially this is the same contract that has been in place in prior years. Ms. Champine pointed out and explained the few revised sections of the contract and noted that the HCMPO Board of Directors recommended approval of this Planning Contract. Commissioner Hector “Tito” Palacios made a motion for approval of the HCMPO Planning Contract as presented. Commissioner Sofia Benavides seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
The President next moved to item 3.F. - Consider Meeting Schedule for December. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to forego scheduling a meeting in the month of December. Mayor Henry Hinojosa 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 (AAA) Advisory Council Recommendations and recognized Mr. Joe Gonzalez. Regarding item 4.A.1. - Consider Approval to Add Three Vendors to Direct Purchased Services Vendor Pool. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval to add the three vendors to the Direct Purchased Services Pool as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez gave the status reports on the 2012 Medicare Part D Enrollment Period and the Community-based Care Transitions Program.

President Brewer moved to item 5. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas who gave the status reports on the EDA Grant Award for the Center for International Economic Development Opportunities (CIEDO) noting that the EDA has awarded the grant and Mr. Jones has executed the Financial Assistance Award and submitted it to the EDA.

Upon conclusion of the status report President Brewer moved to item 5.B.2. - Consider Approval RE: Final Regional Economic Adjustment Plan for Building Disaster Resilient Communities. Ms. Salinas distributed the Executive Summary for the Plan and noted that the final document will be available in the next few weeks and will be distributed to the Board prior to the November Board meeting. No action taken.

President Brewer then moved to item 6. - Report from Transportation Department and recognized Mr. Tom Logan. Regarding item 6.A.1. - Consider Approval RE: Cancellation of Route 13 – University-Downtown, Mr. Logan stated that staff recommended this route be cancelled due to the fact that in the 2012 fiscal year the route’s efficiency and effectiveness was one of the lowest in the Valley Metro system. The route has been in service for a full year and its alignment was changed in April 2012, which resulted in no significant increase in ridership. Valley Metro has added Route 14 to Edinburg this August which operates along the same alignment as Route 13 from UTPA to the corner of Closner and Canton and also offers route flexibility. Notice was given to the public through the McAllen Monitor and the Valley Morning Star on August 10th and a public meeting was held on August 27th in Edinburg. No comments were received. Mr. Don Medina made a motion to cancel route 13 – University-Downtown as recommended by staff. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Logan went over the Valley Metro Status Reports. At the conclusion of the status reports Mr. Logan announced that Valley Metro plans to participate again this year in the Toys for Transit event that provides Christmas gifts for children living in colonias; this year's event will include a "Stuff the Bus" 5K run and gift drive on December 15th.

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 Ms. Oviedo noted that those reports were in the Board folders along with item 7.A.2. - Solid Waste Management program status report.

The President next moved to 7.B. - Round 2.2 Disaster Recovery Program. Regarding item 7.B.1. - Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: Approval of the Single Family and Homebuyer Assistance Guidebook for Round 2 Disaster funding Ms. Oviedo stated that the Housing Advisory Committee met earlier in October and approved the Single Family and Homebuyer Assistance Guidebook for Round 2 Disaster Funding. This item was brought before the Executive Committee for consideration in order for staff to proceed with posting the documents on the GLO and LRGVDC websites for comments. Mr. Don Medina made a motion to ratify Executive Committee Action that approved the Single Family and Homebuyer Assistance Guidebook for Round 2 Disaster Funding. 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 7.B.2. – Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: Approval of Targeted Outreach Plan for Round 2.2. Ms. Oviedo stated that the Housing Advisory Committee met earlier in October and approved the Targeted Outreach Plan for Round 2.2. This item was brought before the Executive Committee for consideration in order for staff to proceed with posting the documents on the GLO and LRGVDC websites for comments. **Commissioner Sofia Benavides made a motion to ratify Executive Committee action that approved the Targeted Outreach Plan for Round 2.2. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Brewer next moved to item 7.B.3. – Consider Regional Housing Advisory Committee Recommendation RE: Selection of Local Building Contractor Pool. Mr. Victor Morales was recognized and stated that Requests for Qualifications were released to add general construction services to the existing pool of three contractors. Twenty-one proposals were received of which twenty were reviewed and scored by the Housing Advisory Committee. Upon review and consideration of the respondents the Housing Advisory Committee unanimously recommended prequalification of twelve firms to provide construction services for Round 2.2 prior to utilizing the pool of State contractors. Mr. Morales explained that the way the scoring point system was approved is that a company had to meet 70% of the 50 point system (35 points) to qualify. However, Mr. Morales suggested the creation of a pool of contractors in the 30-34 point scoring range to serve as a supplemental pool that, in an effort to utilize as many local workers as possible, could be used prior to going to the State Pool of contractors. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez recommended approval of the 12 highest ranked contractors and at the next Housing Advisory Committee meeting to review the contractors who scored in the 30-34 point range to consider creating a supplemental pool. Upon conclusion of discussion **Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion for approval of the 12 contractors as presented and for the Housing Advisory Committee to create a supplemental pool of contractors for Board consideration. Commissioner Sofia Benavides seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of discussion and action President Brewer moved to item 7.B.4. – Consider Regional Housing Advisory Committee Recommendation RE: Housing Advisory Committee Vacancy Appointments. Ms. Oviedo informed the Board that the Housing Advisory Committee met in early October and recommended the following individuals to fill vacancies on the committee: Ms. Sandee Alvarez of the Entitlement Community in San Benito and Mr. Bryan Avila of the Large Entitlement Community in Brownsville. **Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion for approval of the Housing Advisory Committee appointees as recommended by the committee. Mayor Leo “Polo” Palacios seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Ms. Oviedo briefly summarized the status reports.

The President next moved to item 8. – Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 8.A.1. – Consider HSAC Recommendations RE: Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair Mr. Cruz stated that the HSAC has nominated Fire Chief Ricardo Saldana as chair and EMC Jeff Johnston as Vice Chair for FY 2013. **Mayor David Simmons made a motion for approval of the HSAC Chair and Vice Chair nominations as presented. Commissioner Sofia Benavides 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.

President Brewer next moved to item 8.B. – Criminal Justice Program. Regarding item 8.B.1. – Consider Approval RE: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Revised Policy Manual Mr. Cruz stated that the CJAC met and reviewed the CJAC Policy Manual and found further revisions necessary after the Board approved revisions last month. Mr. Cruz then noted each recommended revision. **Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the revised CJAC Policy Manual as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
President Brewer next moved to item 8.B.2. – Consider Approval RE: Criminal Justice Program Scoring Tool. Mr. Cruz stated that in accordance with the 2013 LRGVDC Interagency Contract and the directive received from CJD on October 1st the CJAC committee met on October 17th to revise the CJAC Scoring Tool. As per the LRGVDC Interagency Contract Agreement with the Criminal Justice Division, staff developed scoring criteria that includes the CJAC’s local priorities and the LRGVDC’s strategic vision related to criminal justice issues within the LRGVDC region. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the revised scoring tool 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.B.3. – Program Status report. 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. Mr. Gomez stated that the regular status reports were in the binders for review and added that staff was working to resolve discrepancies between postal service delivery addresses and 9-1-1 physical addresses as they related to emergency service responders.

President Brewer next moved to item 10. - Regional Police Academy and recognized Mr. Paul Williams. Mr. Williams noted that the regular status report was in the binders for review and added that the free FBI Human Trafficking Course and Civil Rights Course were great successes and had excellent attendance.

President Brewer next moved to item 11. - Old or New Business; there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Steve Brewer
MAYOR STEVE BREWER, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

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