President Eddy Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. and asked Mr. Ken Jones to call roll. Upon conclusion of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum was present. President Gonzalez then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval RE: September 22, 2011 Meeting Minutes. **Mr. Roberto Loreda made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Alvin Samano seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes, President Gonzalez moved to item 3.A. – Public Comment and recognized Ms. Lydia Jeffrey. Ms. Jeffrey informed the Board that she and some UTPA students had concerns about the current drop off location for the University and had created a petition to have the drop off location moved to the north side of University Avenue or inside the UTPA campus.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments the President moved to item 3.B. – Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: URS Contract Amendment for Needs Assessment. Mr. Jones was recognized and reported that staff had begun the Disaster Recovery Funding process for the FHAST Form, Method of Distribution (MOD) and Needs Assessment, but that the timeline provided by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) was very tight. The GLO has also requested that staff amend the contract to include a subcontract with URS for the Housing Needs Assessment. The Executive Committee approved this request and ratification of this action by the Board of Directors was requested. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza noted that the contract did not make mention of bi-lingual outreach and requested that this amendment include verbiage that specifically stated that outreach shall be bilingual and culturally relevant to the Rio Grande Valley. **Mr. Roberto Loreda made a motion to ratify the Executive Committee action and for the amendment to include bilingual and bicultural outreach relevant to the Rio Grande Valley. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Gonzalez moved to item 3.C. – Consider Approval RE: Statement Of Qualifications (SOQ) for Audit Services and recognized Mr. Victor Morales. Mr. Morales stated that as discussed during the September Board meeting staff was requesting authorization to release the SOQ for Audit Services. Staff has developed the draft SOQ with a deadline for submission of December 2, 2011, and if approved will release it to the public. If no meeting was scheduled in December as has been the tradition, staff would submit a list of respondents to the Executive Committee for evaluation and recommendation on a course of
action for interviews, scoring and the selection process. **Commissioner Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the SOQ for Audit Services as presented. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Gonzalez next moved to item 3.D. – Presentation of Quarterly Investment Report. **Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion for approval of the Quarterly Investment Report as presented. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 3.E. – Schedule Dates RE: November and December Board Meeting and recognized Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones noted that the regular Board meeting date for November, the fourth Thursday of the month, falls on Thanksgiving Day and recommended rescheduling the meeting for November 17, the third Thursday and not scheduling a meeting in December. **Commissioner Joel Quintanilla made a motion to reschedule the November Board meeting for Thursday, November 17 and to not schedule a meeting in December as recommended. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President next moved to item 4. - Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Mr. Joe Gonzalez. Regarding item 4.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Memorandum of Understanding with Local Hospitals Mr. Gonzalez stated that as the Board recommended, this MOU had been reviewed by an attorney who recommended minor revisions to the language in the document. Under this MOU the hospitals have a commitment to participate in the Care Transition Project. Under this project the goal was to reduce the 30 day readmission rate for Medicare beneficiaries. **The Honorable Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the revised MOU as presented. Mr. Roberto Loredo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Gonzalez moved to item 4.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Addition to the Direct Purchase Vendor Pool. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommended approval to add 21 vendors to the list that was approved in August; these organizations would be used by the Area Agency on Aging Case Managers to purchase services for their clients. **Commissioner Joel Quintanilla made a motion to approve the additional vendors to the Direct Purchase Vendor Pool as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President next moved to item 4.A.3. – Consider Approval RE: Agreement with MAXIMUS, Inc. to Set Up Presentations for Consumers on Medicaid. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommended approval to enter into the agreement with MAXIMUS, Inc., a Virginia corporation (MAXIMUS) via contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission as the broker for the new Medicaid service roll-out. Beginning March 1, 2012 elderly individuals under SS1 and Medicaid would be enrolled in one of three Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs). Under the agreement, the Area Agency on Aging would assist by identifying locations and times for MAXIMUS staff to present information on the roll-out and how seniors can select one of the HMOs. **Commissioner Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the agreement with MAXIMUS as presented. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez stated the Status Reports were in the Board folders for review.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 5. - Report from Economic Development Department
and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas. Regarding item 5.A.1. – Consider Authorization to Submit EDA Planning Grant for FY 2012-2014 Ms. Salinas stated that notice had been received from the Economic Development Administration’s Regional Office that staff needed to submit the EDA Partnership Planning Grant Application for continued funding of the Economic Development District (EDD) Program for FY 2012-2014 and that it was due by November 4, 2011. **Commissioner Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval to submit the EDA Planning Grant for FY 2012-2014 as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 5.A.2. – Consider Request to Provide Administration for Cameron County Small Cities Coalition. Ms. Salinas stated that on October 5 Workforce Solutions Cameron announced that it would no longer be able to financially support and administer the Cameron County Small Cities Coalition (CCSCC). This program was initially created with a grant by the Economic Development Administration and was later continued through funding by the USDA. The Coalition’s mission was to build partnerships with small, rural cities; businesses, and educational and economic development organizations for the purpose of increasing the economic vitality of Cameron County. Due to this unexpected shortfall, the City of La Feria, a CCSCC member contacted LRGVDC staff to discuss the possibility of continuing this program under the auspices of the LRGVDC. The City of La Feria was willing to provide financial support to continue this program and could approach the other city members to assist financially. LRGVDC staff continued discussions with other CCSCC members and based on their outstanding support for the Small Cities Coalition, a resolution was submitted for Board consideration. If approved, the transfer of the CCSCC from Workforce Solutions Cameron would take place immediately. **Commissioner Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval for the LRGVDC to provide administration for the CCSCC. Mr. Roberto Loredo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Ms. Salinas gave the status reports on the State Workforce Conference 2011, and the Business Hurricane Information & Training Project.

President Gonzalez then moved to item 5.B.1. – Request from S&B for Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Agreement for Professional Services between LRGVDC and S&B Infrastructure. Ms. Salinas then yielded the floor to Ms. Sharlotte Teague, S&B. Ms. Teague informed the Board that the purpose of this supplemental agreement #2 was to extend the deadline for the "Work Schedule". In July the Board approved the additional fee for proposed work by Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado and Acosta (BHDA) LLP. BHDA was not able to begin their project until August; therefore the completion date of October 13 was not going to be sufficient time for S&B to deliver the Final Plan/CIP. As per Supplemental Agreement #1, the Board agreed in July to accommodate the proposed new work schedule which included presentations to the Committees and delivering the final Regional Plan/CIP no later than October 13, 2011. S&B therefore requested that the delivery date of the Final Plan/CIP be changed to March 1, 2012. This is a no-cost time extension. **Mr. Don Medina made a motion for approval of Supplemental Agreement #2 to the Agreement for Professional Services between LRGVDC and S&B Infrastructure as presented. Commissioner Joey Trevino seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Ms. Teague gave the program status reports on Public Outreach.

Upon conclusion of action President Gonzalez moved to item 6. - Report from Transportation Department and recognized Mr. Tom Logan. Regarding item 6.A.1. – Presentation and Consider Approval RE: Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan. Mr. Logan stated the Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) needed more time to complete the plan and

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requested this item be tabled until the next meeting. **Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to table this item. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Logan then gave the status reports on Ridership and the RTAP.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 7. - Report from Regional Planning & Services and recognized Mr. Jones who reported for Ms. Marcie Oviedo on item 7.A.1. - Water Resources and item 7.A.2. - Solid Waste Management Status Reports.

The President next moved to item 7.B. – HUD Disaster Recovery Funding; item 1. – Consider Authorization for Executive Committee to Act RE: Submission of Method Of Distribution (MOD) Hurricane Dolly Funding. Mr. Jones stated that this action was requested because the deadline for submission of the MOD was November 11, 2011, which was before the next scheduled Board meeting. Action taken by the Executive Committee would be presented to the full Board for ratification at the November meeting. **Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion to authorize the Executive Committee to Act RE: Submission of the MOD Hurricane Dolly Funding. Mayor Pro-tem Alvin Samano seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Jones gave the program status report on the 2nd Round of Disaster Recovery Funding.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 8. – Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 8.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: HSAC Recommendations on Nominations for the incoming HSAC Officers (Chair and Vice Chair) Mr. Cruz stated that in accordance with the HSAC bylaws the HSAC nominated officer replacements: Fire Chief Burney Baskett as Chair and Mr. George Garrett as Vice Chair. **Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion to approve the nominations as presented. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President next moved to item 8.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: HSAC Recommendations on the Reallocation of FY 2010 Funding. Mr. Cruz stated that the HSAC discussed the FY 2010 uncommitted funds and set a grant deadline for all jurisdictions to have all items “on order” status in the Texas grants management system by July 1, 2011 and all items invoiced by December 31, 2011. Since July 1 all uncommitted funds have been accounted for and swept from jurisdictions that have completed their projects. On October 6 the HSAC approved $2,542.06 in remaining funds to be transferred to the LRGVDC Citizen Corps Program for the purchase of CERT backpacks, which can only be issued to volunteers upon completion of the 20 hour G-317 Course. **Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion for approval of the reallocation of FY 2010 funding as recommended by the HSAC. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz noted that the status reports were in the Board folders for review.

President Gonzales then moved to item 8.B.1. – Consider Approval RE: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Revised Policy Manual. Mr. Cruz stated that the CJAC convened to review and revise the CJAC Policy Manual as per the LRGVDC Board of Directors’ action in May. The CJAC was directed to consider modifying the Funding Recommendation Policy with at least the minimum of:

1. Exempt the Police Academy from the CJAC application process, when applicable will be added to the exemption,
2. Equipment requests should be a one-time request and be given a cap dollar amount,
3. Incorporate a three year reduction funding program for the purpose of future program self-sustainment.

In accordance with the 2011 LRGVDC Interagency Contract, the CJAC presented Policy Manual revisions to include:

1. Decreasing Funding Ratio: 3 years. First year's award is the 100% mark, with a second year eligible request amount of 90% of the first year's award amount and a third year eligible request amount of 80% of the first year's award amount.
2. Equipment Only Funding Request: Applicants requesting funding only for equipment and no programmatic services will be considered a "one-time" only applicant and will not be eligible for the decreasing fund ratio for subsequent years.
3. The Regional Police Academy's application is not subject to the decreasing ratio rule. The CJAC decision was not to support the Board of Directors recommendation to exempt future Police Academy applications from the CJAC review process.

President Gonzalez recommended tabling this item until the November Meeting. Mr. Cruz stated that the Policy Manual had a deadline of November 1 to be submitted to the Governor's office. Mr. Jones added that Mr. Cruz had contacted other Councils of Government (COGs) regarding their policy on this issue. Mr. Cruz stated that 8 of the 24 COGs have police academies, including the LRGVDC, and he polled the other 7. 5 of the 7 COGs responded; 3 of the 5 COGs exempt their police academy from the CJAC review; 1 COG ranks their police academy as the first priority every year; and 1 COG does not exempt their police academy but there have not been any issues when it comes time for the review. Mayor Steve Brewer recommended ranking the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy as the first priority every year and revising the Policy Manual presented today accordingly. Mr. Jones suggested that the Policy Manual could be worded so the Regional Police Academy would remain the top priority so that at each prioritization session it will already be listed at the top, but staff will still provide presentations for budgetary consideration rather than for prioritization. Upon conclusion of discussion President Gonzalez called for a motion. Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion to approve the CJAC Policy Manual with an amendment to stipulate the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy be ranked #1 at all subsequent prioritization sessions and continue to provide presentations for budgetary consideration. The Honorable Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Gonzalez moved to item 8.B.2. – Consider Approval RE: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Revised Bylaws. Mr. Cruz stated that in accordance with the 2011 LRGVDC Interagency Contract the CJAC convened on October 5, 2011 to review and recommend revisions to their bylaws. Commissioner Celeste Sanchez made a motion to approve the CJAC bylaws revision as presented. Commissioner Roel Landa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 8.B.3. – Consider Approval RE: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Membership. Mr. Cruz stated that the CJAC conducted a yearly review of the Committee membership and accepted the newly appointed CJAC officers: Ms. Delhma A. Jetton, Chair; Ms. Angie Saenz Castillo, Vice Chair; and Mr. Roger Truitt, appointed to fill the vacancy under Hidalgo County Juvenile Services. The Honorable Norma G. Garcia made a motion to table this item. Mr. Javier Delleon seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz stated that the status reports for Criminal Justice and Metropolitan Medical Response System were in the Board folders for review.
President Gonzalez next moved to item 9. - 9-1-1 Department and recognized Mr. Juan Gomez who noted that the status reports were in the Board folders and added that staff was working on assigning physical addresses in Willacy County.

The President next moved to item 10. - Regional Police Academy and Training Center Status Reports Mr. Paul Williams was unable to attend and Mr. Jones noted that the status reports were in the Board folders.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 11. - Old or New Business; there being none Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Celeste Sanchez seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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MAYOR PRO-TEM EDDY GONZALEZ,

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