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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 - 12:00 P.M.
LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER
510 PLEASANTVIEW DR. - WESLACO, TEXAS

PRESIDING: HON. NORMA G. GARCIA, PRESIDENT

President Norma G. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:04 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 Garcia then moved to item 2. - Consider Approval RE: October 23, 2013 Meeting Minutes. **Mr. Don Medina made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes President Garcia moved to item 3.A. - Public Comments. There being no comments from the public the President moved to item 3.B. - Report(s) from Legislative Delegation and recognized Mr. Joe A. Barrera, III, RGRWA Executive Director. Mr. Barrera expanded on a letter to IBWC Commissioner Edward Drusina from Senator John Cornyn and Congressman Filemon Vela regarding the Mexican Water Treaty.

President Garcia then moved to item 3.C. - Consider Appointment of 2014 Annual Work Program and Budget Committee. Mr. Jones stated that there was a draft committee list in the board folders based on last year’s committee with updates to current elected officials and asked if any other Board Members would like to serve on this committee. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla, Commissioner Danny Guzman and Alderwoman Rosa Perez stated they would like to serve. Upon conclusion of discussion **Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the 2014 Annual Work Program and Budget Committee with the addition of Commissioner Jerry Tafolla, Commissioner Danny Guzman and Alderwoman Rosa Perez. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Garcia moved to item 3.D. - Consider Date for Annual Membership Meeting. Mr. Jones recommended scheduling a joint meeting of the Board and Membership on January 29, 2014. **Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to schedule the Membership meeting jointly with the regular Board meeting on January 29, 2014. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Garcia next moved to item 3.E. - Presentation RE: CIEDO Building and recognized Mr. Victor Morales. Mr. Morales gave a presentation of architectural renderings of the Center for International Economic Development Opportunities (CIEDO) building scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2014.

Upon conclusion of Administration items President Garcia moved to item 4. - Regional Police Academy and Training Center Report, Item A. - Status Reports from Police Academy and recognized Mr. Paul Williams. Mr. Williams noted that the status report was in the folders for review and provided information on some of the Academy classes as well as a Tele-communicators training course that took place on November 14.

President Garcia next moved to item 5. - Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Ms. Sylvia Yanes, Program Administrator. Regarding item 5.A.1. - Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Submit Proposals for CDBG Funds. Ms. Yanes informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommends approval.
to authorize staff to seek Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Cities of McAllen, Mission, Pharr, Edinburg, Weslaco, Harlingen, San Benito and Brownsville. Support will also be sought from Hidalgo County Precincts. CDBG funds would be used to obtain local matching requirements for the Foster Grandparent Program and to assist in providing added direct services for seniors under the Case Management Program within the mentioned communities. Ken Jones, Executive Director would be the authorized signatory for all CDBG proposals. Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion of approval to authorize staff to submit proposals for CDBG funds as recommended by the Advisory Council. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Ms. Yanes noted that the status reports were in the Board folders for review.

President Garcia next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas. Ms. Salinas gave the status report on the Regional Small Cities Coalition noting that it is celebrating its third anniversary and continues to thrive.

The President then moved to item 7. - Report from Valley Metro, A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Interlocal Agreement with City of McAllen and recognized Mr. Tom Logan. Mr. Logan informed the Board that staff recommends approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of McAllen for equal distribution of state transit funds. The total amount allocated to the McAllen Urbanized area for fiscal year 2014 is $501,418. The City of McAllen would receive half of that amount for operating expenses. Historically, state funding has been shared equally between the two parties. Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with McAllen as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Logan gave the Program Status Reports noting that this October had the highest passenger count in seven years and that bus service was added to the Delta area.

President Garcia next moved to item 8. - Report from Regional Planning & Services, regarding item 8.A.1.a.2. Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) Activity Mr. Joe Barrera was recognized. Mr. Barrera urged the Board to submit water management plans to the RGRWA by the December 11, 2013 deadline in order to be included in the RGRWA Strategic Water Management Plan.

President Garcia noted that the Status Reports for Solid Waste Management, HUD Disaster Recovery Funding, Homeland Security and the 9-1-1 Department were in the Board folders for review and moved to item 11. - Old or New Business. There being none Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jerry Tafolla seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor Tony Martinez, 1st Vice-President

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

Hon. Norma G. Garcia, President

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