President Eddy Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 12:14 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: June 23, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Hon. Norma G. Garcia 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 Gonzalez moved to item 3.A. – Public Comment and recognized Ms. Molly Flores who voiced her concern regarding availability of Demand/Response bus service in the Mission area. Next Mr. Juan Luis Fernandez was recognized and made known a request for bus transportation for a youth group program. Lastly Ms. Lydia Jeffrey was recognized and reiterated Ms. Flores’ comments regarding the need for Demand/Response service in the Mission area.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 3.B. – Discussion and Consider Action RE: Change of Board Meeting Start Time. Upon conclusion of discussion it was the consensus of the Board for the start time to remain at 12:00 p.m. No action taken.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 3.C. – Consider Annual Adoption of Investment Policy. Mr. Don Medina made a motion to adopt the Investment Policy as presented. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Gonzalez moved to item 3.D. – Consider Quarterly Investment Report. Mayor David Simmons made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented. Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 3.E. – Discuss and Consider Revision to LRGVDC Bylaws RE: HB 2160 Requiring Ex-officio Representation on COG Board of Directors by Member(s) of State Legislature. Mr. Jones informed the Board that the provisions of HB 2160 required the governing body of a commission to offer an ex officio, nonvoting membership on the governing body to a member of the legislature who represents a district located wholly or partly in the region of the commission. Mr. Jones stated that the Board could invite one or all of our local legislators to fill this slot on the Board. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for the Executive Committee, also the By-laws Committee, to make a recommendation on revising the bylaws according to HB 2160. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Gonzalez moved to item 3.F. - Status Reports:
1. Texas Gas Service (TGS)
   Mr. Jones summarized a report on the TGS COSA Resolution provided by Mr. Geoffrey Gay.
2. Corporation for Texas Regionalism (CTR)
   Mr. Don Medina was recognized and provided a summary of the CTR’s recent activities.

3. Reschedule Transit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to August 25th
   It was the consensus of the Board to reschedule the Transit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony until 10:30 a.m. on August 25th, prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. No action needed.

4. Schedule on Office Move to Weslaco
   Mr. Leo Olivarez, City Manager for the City of Weslaco, was recognized and informed the Board that keys to the Visitor’s center should be provided to LRGVDC staff by tomorrow, Friday, July 29th, the building for the 9-1-1 Department should be finished in approximately one week; the Area Agency on Aging section will require more quotes for construction, as the quotes received were a little higher than anticipated.

Upon conclusion of the status report the President moved to item 4. - Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Mr. Joe Gonzalez. Regarding item 4.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Amendment to the Amigos Del Valle and Rio Hondo Budgets Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommended approval to amend the budget for Amigos Del Valle and the City of Rio Hondo. This recommendation was for Amigos Del Valle to provide additional congregate meal funds in order to increase the number of meals provided. The amount recommended was not to exceed $75,000 plus an additional amount of $35,500 to assist in the one-way trips for the months of June and September. The amount recommended for Rio Hondo was $7,020 to assist with Senior Center Transportation. **Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to approve the amendment to the Amigos Del Valle and Rio Hondo budgets. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez provided a status report on the Care Transition meetings.


The President next moved to item 5.B. – Regional Economic Adjustment Plan (EAP); 1.- Joint Committees’ Recommendations for Board Approval of Supplemental Agreement Number 1 to Professional Services between the LRGVDC and S&B Infrastructure.

   a. Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: Exhibit B: Services to be Provided by the Engineer (Regional Capital Improvement Matrix). **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for ratification of this Executive Committee action. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

   b. Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: Work Schedule (Change Delivery Date of the Final Plan/CIP). **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for ratification of this Executive Committee Action. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

   c. Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: Article 5: Compensation and fees (Cost for developing the Regional Capital Improvements Matrix). **Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion for ratification of this Executive Committee action. Mayor Orlando Correa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**
d. Consider Finalizing Project Evaluation Scoring Form. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval as presented. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Gonzalez 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 Free Workplace Policy Mr. Logan stated that on May 12, 2011 the Transit Department went through an annual Drug & Alcohol review with TxDOT. Staff was pleased to report that no deficiencies were found, however, TxDOT made a recommendation to Valley Metro's Drug and Alcohol Policy. Staff seeks approval of these revisions. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval to the Drug and Alcohol Policy as recommended by TxDOT. Mayor Pro-tem Rudy Rodriguez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Gonzalez moved to item 6.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Implementation of Facility Maintenance Plan. Mr. Logan stated that the purpose of this new Facility Maintenance Plan was to prevent deterioration, pests and to implement cleaning procedures. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the implementation of the Facility Maintenance Plan as presented. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion action President Gonzalez moved to item 6.A.3. – Consider Approval RE: Authorize Executive Director to Negotiate Interlocal Agreement with Edinburg Economic Development Council. Mr. Logan stated that staff was requesting authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into an Interlocal Agreement and Lease Agreement with the Edinburg Economic Development Council for Transfer of land in the City of Edinburg for use as local match for Federal Transit Administration funds for construction of a multimodal terminal. **Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion for approval as presented. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Logan gave the status reports on Ridership and the Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP).

President Gonzalez next moved to item 7. - Report from Regional Planning & Services and recognized Ms. Marcie Oviedo. Ms. Oviedo noted that regarding item 7.A.1. - Water Resources, the Status reports were in the Board folders. Regarding item 7.A.2. - Solid Waste Management Status Reports, those were also in the Board folders for review, however Ms. Oviedo added that there was a 50% state-wide funding cut for Solid Waste Programs. Ms. Oviedo then stated that item 7.B. – HUD Disaster Recovery Funding and 7.C. – Community Development Block Grant Program Status Reports were in the Board folders for review.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 8.A. – Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 8.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) FY 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program Allocation Transfer of the Weslaco, Donna, and Mercedes Interoperable Communications Project and Funding Allocation to the LRGVDC. **Hon Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval as presented. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President next moved to item 8.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Homeland Security Advisory Committee's FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program Extension of Uncommitted Funds. Mr. Cruz informed the Board that on July 7, 2011 the HSAC convened to make a recommendation on the local grant "On-Order" July 1, 2011 deadline of the FY2010 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds. The HSAC recommended an extension to this deadline until July 29, 2011. Uncommitted funds will be addressed at next month's HSAC meeting scheduled for August 4, 2011. Reallocation of funds to other eligible jurisdictions within our region will be considered. These local provisions were established for the purpose of maximizing all Homeland Security grants that the LRGVDC region receives. **Mayor Pro-tem Rudy Rodriguez made a motion to approve the HSAC recommendation as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz.
summarized the program status reports.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 8.B. – Criminal Justice Program Status Reports and Mr. Cruz noted those reports were in the Board folders for review.

The President next moved to item 8.C. – Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS). Regarding item 1. – Consider Approval RE: MMRS Steering Committee Recommendations on the FY 2011 Budget for Purchasing Equipment and Planning Activities, Mr. Cruz stated that the MMRS Steering Committee (MMRSSC) met on June 24, 2011 to review the FY2011 MMRS allocations. Upon review of the total regional amount awarded for FY2011 approximately $267,608, the committee recommended $146,731 for the Capability Focus Areas to purchase medical related equipment and $120,877 for LRGVDC MMRS planning activities. Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion for approval of the MMRSSC recommendation as presented. Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 8.C.2. – Consider Approval RE: MMRSSC’s Recommendation on Equipment Purchases and Agencies Selected as Equipment Recipients. Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the MMRSSC convened on July 7, 2011 to review the MMRS subcommittee’s recommendation on the FY2011 MMRS CFA allocation of $146,731 for equipment. A total of $134,196 was recommended for the purchase of one ambulance bus and $12,535 was recommended for the purchase of one oxygen distribution system for Willacy County. Mayor Steve Brewer made a motion for approval of these purchases as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Armando Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz noted that the MMRS status reports were in the Board folders.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 9. - 9-1-1 Department and recognized Mr. Juan Gomez who gave the status reports. The President next moved to item 10. - Regional Police Academy and Training Center Status Reports and recognized Mr. Paul Williams who gave the status reports.

President Gonzalez next moved to item 11. - Old or New Business; there being none Mr. Gale Armstrong made a motion to adjourn. Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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MAYOR PRO-TEM EDDY GONZALEZ, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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

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Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

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