2nd Vice President Brewer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked Mr. Ken Jones to call roll. Upon conclusion of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum was present. Vice President Brewer then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval RE: July 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Mayor David Simmons made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes, Vice President Brewer moved to item 3.A. – Public Comment and recognized Ms. Lydia Jeffrey who informed the Board of connectivity issues with Valley Metro routes from Mission to Edinburg.

Vice President Brewer next moved to item 3.B. – Presentation of 2010 Annual Audit and recognized Mr. Oscar Gonzalez, Oscar R. Gonzalez, CPA & Associates, P.L.L.C. Mr. Gonzalez stated that in the firm’s opinion the financial statements of the governmental activities of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council present fairly, in all material respects as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.A. Mr. Gonzalez noted that there were no findings or questioned costs in this Audit report. At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to approve the 2010 Annual Audit as presented. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Brewer next moved to item 3.C. – Report RE: Office Relocation. Mr. Jones announced that as of August 15, 2011 all LRGVDC staff members were officially reporting to work at the three new Weslaco office sites. Mr. Jones thanked the Weslaco City Commission, the Weslaco EDC Board and Staff and Mr. Victor Morales, LRGVDC Procurement Director for their extraordinary efforts to move the offices to Weslaco. No action needed.

Vice President Brewer then moved to item 3.D. – Report on Texas Gas Service Rate Filing. Mr. Ramon Vela, Attorney for the City of Weslaco, was unable to attend, however he did provide a report and information that Mr. Jones relayed to the Board. Mr. Vela also sent a draft ordinance that the participating cities needed to adopt to implement the new rates for Texas Gas Service. Mayor Pro tem Armando Garza made a motion to authorize LRGVDC staff to send the ordinance to the participating cities. Commissioner Roel Landa seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Brewer next moved to item 3.E. – Report on Time Warner Cable RE: State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority. Mr. Jones also reported on this item in Mr. Vela’s absence and
stated that Mr. Vela was in the process of preparing a report for the State Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority for Time Warner Cable and an information packet should be mailed out to all affected communities next week. No action requested.

The Vice President next moved to item 3.F. – Consider Approval of Resolution of Support RE: Rio South Texas Regional Planning Consortium to Apply for Grant Funding from HUD. Ms. Amanda Longoria was recognized and stated that the grant funding application related to this resolution was with the Rio South Texas Regional Planning Consortium (RST-RPC) with a request for $1 million in planning funds from the 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program and was made available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. If awarded, the RST-RPC will guide the process to create a multi-disciplinary Regional Plan for sustainable development which will include aspects of transportation, education, housing, economic development, infrastructure and the environment. This plan will ultimately assist this region to be more competitive for future Federal Grants. The Hidalgo County MPO will apply for the grant under the LRGVDC. Upon conclusion of discussion Mr. Jones suggested staff send out requests to the cities for letters of support for this grant; it was the consensus of the Board to do so. Mr. Don Medina made a motion for approval of this resolution as presented. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

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: Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Recommendations Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council Submitted its recommendations for FY 2012 funding for supportive and nutrition Services. Nine applications were received for a total amount requested of $2,448,237 in Title III funds; the tentative amount available was $2,318,064. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to approve the FY 2012 funding recommendation as presented. Mayor David Simmons seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action Vice President Brewer moved to item 4.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Vendor Agreements for Fiscal Year 2012. Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that these vendors were utilized by the Area Agency on Aging Case Managers to acquire services for their clients depending on their individual needs. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval of the Vendor Agreements for FY 2012 as presented. Judge John Gonzalez 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.

Vice President Brewer next moved to item 5. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas. Regarding item 5.A.1. – Project Status Reports, Ms. Salinas reported on the COOP Training and the 9-1-1 Memorial in Hidalgo. Regarding item 5.B.1. – Status Report for the Regional Economic Adjustment Plan (EAP) Ms. Salinas reported on the Public Outreach-Colonia Meetings.

Upon conclusion of action Vice President Brewer moved to item 6. - Report from Transportation Department and recognized Mr. Tom Logan. Regarding item 6.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Authorization for Executive Director to Enter into Agreement with City of Edinburg for Pedestrian Improvements Project Mr. Logan informed the Board that this project was located along McIntyre Street where transit routes 10, 11, 12 and 13 travel in Edinburg and will include: sidewalk & street improvements/additions, including ADA ramps, signage, and curbs & gutters (improves/adds paths to transit shelters and along transit paths); contingencies such as trees, benches, pavers, lighting, and bike racks/stations (beautification & safety, and night-time functionality); and other related
improvements. The area to be improved is part of a larger network of planned transit-oriented improvements to the downtown area located in Edinburg's downtown master plan. **Mr. Don Medina made a motion to authorize the Executive Director, Mr. Ken Jones, to enter into an Agreement with the City of Edinburg for the Pedestrian Improvement Project. Mayor Pro tem Armando Garza seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action Vice President Brewer moved to item 6.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: JARC Grant Service Improvements in Hidalgo County. Mr. Logan informed the Board that the JARC Grant included alignment changes to all urban routes, increased service hours, addition of Saturday service, additional bus route in Edinburg, and the addition of bus service along Business 83 from McAllen to Harlingen. **Mayor David Simmons made a motion to approve the JARC Grant Service Improvements in Hidalgo County as presented. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Vice President Brewer then moved to item 6.A.3. – Consider Approval RE: Authorization for Executive Director to Enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Migrant Health Promotion for Travel Training Program. Mr. Logan stated that this project will provide free travel training to low-income/economically disadvantaged individuals living in colonias in Hidalgo County who could use bus service to get to employment, training, child care, educational and vocational programs, social services, health care, and other programs. Promotoras will train individual participants based on a curriculum developed by Migrant Health Promotion and Valley Metro. The objective is to teach clients how to effectively plan and make trips and to give them practical experience using the bus. The goals are to increase mobility and thereby increase use of the transit system. **Mayor David Simmons made a motion to authorize the Executive Director, Mr. Ken Jones, to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Migrant Health Promotion for the Travel Training Program.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Logan gave the status reports on Ridership, the Regional Transportation Advisory Panel, and the Potential Expansion of Service in Cameron County.

Vice President Brewer 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 as well as item 7.A.2. - Solid Waste Management Status Reports. Regarding item 7.B. – HUD Disaster Recovery Funding Ms. Oviedo brought the Board's attention to the FHAST form work sessions scheduled for the last week of August that will provide an opportunity to receive technical assistance on the completion of FHAST forms. As part of the process for Round 2.2 of the CDBG Disaster Recovery program, all applicants will need to complete a FHAST form to submit with their application. The FHAST form is also required from each council of governments for inclusion in the methods of distribution.

Vice President Brewer next moved to item 8. – Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Mr. Cruz noted that there were no Homeland Security Department action items and proceeded to give the status reports for Homeland Security, Criminal Justice and Metropolitan Medical Response System.

Vice President Brewer 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 a verbal report on the recent cut in fiber optic lines that affected 9-1-1 service in this area.

The President next moved to item 10. - Regional Police Academy and Training Center Status Reports and recognized Mr. Paul Williams who noted that the status reports were in the Board folders and informed the Board that the offices for the Regional Police Academy had moved from
Building B to Building A on the TSTC campus.

Vice President Brewer next moved to item 11. - Old or New Business; there being none Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Celeste Sanchez seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

MAYOR PRO-TEM EDDY GONZALEZ, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary