MINUTES

SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.

LRGBDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER BOARD ROOM
510 SOUTH PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE
WESLACO, TEXAS

PRESIDING: MAYOR CHRIS BOSWELL, PRESIDENT

President Boswell called the meeting to order and ask Mr. Ken Jones to call roll. Upon conclusion of the roll call it was ascertained that a quorum was present. President Boswell then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval RE: May 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes. There being no changes to these minutes, Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval as presented. Commissioner Joel Quintanilla seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Following approval of the minutes, the President moved to item 3. – Public Comment; there being none the President moved to item 4.A. – Consider Approval RE: 2011 Annual Work Program and recognized Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones stated that the Annual Work Program was submitted to the Membership with a request for comments. Other than updates to elected officials no comments have been received from the membership. Mr. Jones noted that the Annual Work Program & Budget Committee recommend approval. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval of the 2011 Annual Work Program as presented. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on item 4.A. President Boswell moved to item 4.B. – Consider Approval of the 2011 Annual Budget. Mr. Jones was recognized and gave a summary of the 2011 Budget noting that the Annual Work Program & Budget Committee recommends approval. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval of the 2011 Budget as presented. Commissioner John Ingram seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell next moved to item 5. – Consider Amendments to LRGVDC Bylaws Submitted by City of McAllen. President Boswell noted that this item had been formally presented at the regular Board meeting just before this meeting then recognized Mr. Kevin Pagan, Attorney for the City of McAllen. Mr. Pagan gave a presentation illustrating the City of McAllen’s belief that the LRGVDC Board of Directors should make decisions based on a weighted vote rather than the current one member one vote system. Several Board members voiced their opposition to changing to a weighted vote based on the fact that it would give the larger cities an overwhelming advantage over the mid-sized cities, small cities, Public Education Institutions, Special Purpose Districts and Members-at-Large. Upon conclusion of the presentation and after some discussion President Boswell suggested tabling this item and forming a committee to better evaluate the amendment. Commissioner Edward Camarillo made a motion to form such a committee. Commissioner John Ingram seconded the motion. Upon further discussion the Membership decided to act on this item. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to vote down the amendments to the LRGVDC bylaws. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy
Gonzalez seconded the motion. A voice vote was requested and upon conclusion of the voice vote there were 821 votes for 318 against, and the motion carried.

MAYOR CHRIS BOWELL, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MAYOR PRO-TEM ALVIN SAMANO, 1st VICE-PRESIDENT

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary