MINUTES

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 - 12:00 P.M.
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS
BUILDING B, KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: MAYOR AMBROSIO HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT

President Ambrosio Hernandez called the meeting to order at 12:01 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. He then moved to item 2. - Consider Approval of May 31, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the May 31, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to take item 3.G.1.c. - Consider Approval RE: Letter of Support for RGV First Campaign out of order. Mr. Sergio Contreras, President and CEO of the Valley Partnership, was recognized and informed the Board that this campaign will advocate for a strong, educated workforce by encouraging the hiring of local architects, engineers, and contractors to help stop the “brain-drain” of our educated workforce, and to build and sustain the future of our local economy. Commissioner Danny Guzman made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for the RGV First Campaign as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Hernandez then moved to item 3.A. - Report from Legislative Delegation; however no reports were available at this time. He then moved to item 3.B. - Public Comment, and noted that no one had requested to make public comments.

President Hernandez then moved to item 3.C. - Presentation RE: Update on RGV Energy Efficiency Program and recognized Hayley Cunningham, Program Manager. Ms. Cunningham provided a timeline that began in January 2016 with the initial presentation given to the Board. She reminded the Board that the program is for new construction, for commercial use, residential retrofits, and provides free equipment to qualifying low income residents. She noted significant program activity increase from October 2016 to present, and that the program has been very successful.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, President Hernandez moved to item 3.D. - Consider Approval RE: Resolution of Support for TGS Energy Efficiency Program. Commissioner David Fuentes made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for the TGS Energy Efficiency Program as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Hernandez moved to item 3.E. - Presentation on Texas Gas Service 2017 Rate Case and recognized Ms. Naomi Perales, TGS Community Relations Manager and Stacey Borgstadt, One Gas Rate Manager. Ms. Borgstadt began by illustrating the positive impact TGS has had in the Rio Grande Valley Service Area. She explained that TGS agreed to file a rate case in 2017 as part of the 2016 COSA settlement, and this rate increase will establish rates that more accurately reflect the current cost of providing service to customers. It will also update the RGV’s tariffs, allow staff to review parameters such as rate of return and depreciation rates, request to recover

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pipeline integrity costs through a separate rider, and request to continue the Energy Efficiency Program. Presentation only, no action requested.

The President then moved to item 3.F. – Act upon Recommendations from Nominating Committee

1. Selection of Five (5) Persons for Election as Members-at-Large to the General Membership

   Executive Director Ron Garza was recognized and as an update he reminded the Board that at the May 31, 2017 Annual Elections Meeting the following individuals were elected by the General Membership as Members-at-Large to the General Membership:

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The Nominating Committee’s recommendations for the remaining five (5) persons to be considered by the Board of Directors are as follows:

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_The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to elect the nominees as Members-at-Large to the General Members as presented by the Nominating Committee. Commissioner David Fuentes seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously._

2. Selection of Three (3) Members-at-Large to be elected to the 2017-2018 Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee also recommends, of the ten (10) Members identified above, that the following three (3) persons be considered to fill the three (3) At-large seats on the Board of Directors for 2017-2018:

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_Commissioner Danny Guzman made a motion to elect the nominees to the Board of Directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee._

_Mr. Javier De Leon made a motion to nominate Ms. Veronica Gonzalez, UTRGV as a forth Member-at-Large. President Hernandez requested consideration of waiting until the end of the agenda to address this item under new business._

_Mayor David Suarez seconded the motion made my Commissioner Daniel Guzman, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously._
The President then moved to item 3.G. - Executive Director Report and recognized Mr. Garza to address the following items:

1. LRGVDC Updates & Activities

   a. LRGVDC’s 50th Anniversary Celebration
      Mr. Garza informed the Board that there will be no board meeting in July because our 50th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for August 2, 2017. A Board meeting will be held that day followed by a reception to celebrate our 50 years of service to the Rio Grande Valley.

   b. RGV to DC Trip Recap
      Mr. Garza stated that 40 representatives of the RGV participated in this trip, which went very well. The delegation was able to meet with diverse representatives of various programs utilized by the RGV and good contacts were made.

   c. Consider Approval RE: Letter of Support for RGV First Campaign
      This item was heard and acted on at the top of the agenda.

   d. Consider Approval RE: Rio South Texas Economic Council (RSTEC) Quarterly Updates
      Mr. Garza informed the Board that the collaboration between RSTEC and our Economic Development Department has been optimized by RSTEC having office space in the Center for International Economic Development Opportunities (CIEDO). He suggested that on a quarterly basis Mr. Matt Ruszczak, RSTEC Executive Director, could provide the Board with a status report of RSTEC activities under the Economic Development portion of the agenda. Commissioner David Fuentes made a motion to approve receiving quarterly updates from RSTEC. Mayor Pro-tem Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

   e. Road to Recycling Regional Tire Project Update
      Mr. Garza gave a presentation showing the success of the first round of tire collection and the schedule for subsequent collection dates. Approximately 7,000 tires were collected during the initial drive, and tire collection drives will continue until the allocation of funds is exhausted.

Upon conclusion of Administration items, President Hernandez moved to item 4. - Report from 9-1-1 Department and recognized Program Director Sergio Castro. Mr. Castro noted that the regular status reports were available in the online meeting packet. Commissioner Daniel Guzman suggested staff reach out to colonia residents to get their 9-1-1 addresses. Mr. Castro informed the Board that staff is currently addressing the Hargil area, he noted that the rural addressing process has improved and that although 9-1-1 staff is ready, willing, and able to assist RGV residents, it is first and foremost the resident’s responsibility to request their address.

President Hernandez next moved to item 5. - Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Program Director Joe Gonzalez who addressed the following items under A. - Act upon Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council Recommendations:

1. Consider Approval to Extend Current Sub-recipient Contracts until September 30, 2019

   Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommends approval to extend current sub-recipient contract end dates from September 30, 2017 for another two years, to September 30, 2019. The current contracts do provide the option to extend the contracts to three years. Mayor Jim Darling made a motion to approve extending the current contractor (vendor) contracts until September 30, 2019 as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and
2. Consider Approval to Extend Current Contractor (Vendor) Contracts until September 30, 2019

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommends approval to extend the end dates of current contractor (vendor) contracts from September 30, 2017 for another two years, to end on September 30, 2019. The current contracts do provide the option to extend to three years. **The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve extending current contractor (vendor) contracts until September 30, 2019 as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the status report was available in the online meeting packet for review.

President Hernandez next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Director Terrie Salinas. Ms. Salinas addressed item A.1. – Consider Approval for Matching Funds RE: Economic Adjustment Project Application. She stated that the scope of work for this project will focus on increasing economic development efforts by marketing our region’s 44 cities as “one region”. It will identify, map, and categorize all tourist attractions across the region. After completing this inventory, a gap analysis of these assets will also be conducted. The second objective of the project is to document and create a comprehensive electronic resource guide of the Valley. This information will be made available utilizing technology and interactive media on the internet, and the marketing tool will be made user-friendly and educational. The economic adjustment application has a 70/30 percent match requirement. The match requirement amount is $150,000 and the grant amount is $350,000 for a total project cost of $500,000. **Mayor Rick Cavazos made a motion to approve the matching funds for the Economic Adjustment Project Application as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of Economic Development items the President moved to item 7. – Report from Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO). HCMPO Assistant Director Linda De La Fuente was recognized and reported that the illumination project to replace LED lights for I-69 C and I-2 is approximately 50% complete and has a projected finish date of January 2018. President Hernandez inquired about the status of the Bike Trails that will be one system for all of the RGV. Ms. De La Fuente stated that the funds have been allocated, but the project was delayed and received a time suspension due to new requirements by TCEQ. The new requirements have been met and work will begin in July with a projected completion date of February 2018.

President Hernandez next moved to item 8. - Report from Homeland Security and recognized Program Director Manuel Cruz. Regarding item A.1. – Consider Approval of FY 2015 and FY 2016 Resolutions for Homeland Security Grant Program Reallocation of Uncommitted Funding from Texas Task Force 1 Type III Rio Grande Valley. Mr. Cruz informed the Board that in conjunction with their approval at the May meeting on this item, and as part of the Homeland Security Grant Divisions (HSGD) grant guidelines, applications must include resolutions that contain specific information relevant to the State Homeland Security Program/Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities. Upon approval, the resolutions will be uploaded and attached to their specific eGrants application. **Commissioner Daniel Guzman made a motion to approve the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Resolutions for HSGP reallocation of uncommitted funding from Texas Task Force 1 Type III Rio Grande Valley as presented. Commissioner David Fuentes seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Commissioner Guzman requested that the Board be notified of any termination or rejection of any of these grants.

The President next moved to item 8.B. - Criminal Justice program status reports and Mr. Cruz noted that they were available in the online meeting packet for review.
The President next moved to item 9. - Regional Planning & Services and recognized Program Director Marcia Oviedo who noted that the regular program status reports for Water Resources, Solid Waste Management, and HUD Disaster Recovery Project Updates were available in the online meeting packet for review.

President Hernandez next moved to item 10. - Report from Regional Police Academy and recognized Mr. Garza who gave a brief summary of the status reports.

The President next moved to item 11. - Report from Valley Metro and recognized Assistant Director Maribel Contreras to address item 1. - Consider Approval RE: Valley Metro Internal Policy and Ethics Code Updates. Ms. Contreras informed the Board that due to recommendations by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Compliance Division, revisions were made within the existing Transit Compliance Policy that was approved on November 18, 2010. In the updated policy, Internal Ethics and Compliance Program requirements have been addressed which include improvement actions as identified by TxDOT. These changes include annual ethics training for all Board Members and staff, annual compliance and audit protocols, and anonymous incident report procedures for suspected noncompliance. **Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to approve the updated Valley Metro Internal Policy and Ethics Code as presented. Mr. Javier De Leon seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action, Ms. Contreras gave the status reports on ridership.

President Hernandez next moved to item 12. - Old or New Business and addressed the possibility of an additional member-at-large to the general membership, and a fourth member-at-large to the Board of Directors. Mr. Garza informed the Board that there is a statutory obligation that the LRGVDC Board of Directors must consist of 85% elected officials. He stated that he will do research and consult with TARC (Texas Association of Regional Councils) and other COGs to formulate options to present to the Executive Committee.

Mayor Jim Darling was recognized to address item 12.A. - Reservoir Levels and informed the Board that TCEQ deemed that use of flows from the San Juan River is appropriate even though it is downstream from 80% of the agricultural entities. Those involved in water use continue to work through this issue.

There being no further business to come before the Board **Mr. Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Fuentes seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.**

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Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez, President

ATTTEST:

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Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

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