President John Ingram called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Mr. Ken Jones to call roll. At the end of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum of the Board and of the Membership was present.

President Ingram then moved to agenda item 2. – Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes. Regarding item 2.A. Membership Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2009, Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Membership Meeting of May 28, 2009 as presented. Commissioner Edward Camarillo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Regarding item 2.B. – Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2009, Ms. Maria Serna made a motion to approve the November 19, 2009 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Sylvia Handy seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Regarding item 2.C. – Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 15, 2009, Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the December 15, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Sylvia Handy seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes, President Ingram moved to item 3.A. – Public Comment and recognized Chief Robert McGinnis from the Laguna Vista Police Department. Chief McGinnis announced that the Laguna Vista Police Department will donate a vehicle to the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy for training purposes and expressed his appreciation for the service provided by the LRGVDC Regional Police Academy. President Ingram next recognized Mr. Robert Jeffrey who presented certificates for good service to bus drivers Orlando Garza and Ruben Padilla.

President Ingram moved to item 3.B. – Consider Approval RE: Quarterly and Annual Investment Reports and recognized Mr. Jones who summarized these reports; upon conclusion of the summary Commissioner Sylvia Handy made a motion to approve the Quarterly and Annual Investment Reports as presented. Mayor Joel Quintanilla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on item 3.B., President Ingram moved to item 3.C. – Consider Annual Work Program and Budget Committee Recommendations and recognized Mayor Chris Boswell, Committee Chair. Mayor Boswell informed the Board that regarding item 3.C.1. – Adoption of FY 2010 Annual Work Program the Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Annual Work Program as presented and made a motion to approve the Annual Work Program as presented. Ms. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on the Annual Work Program President Ingram requested to take item 12.1. – Annual Evaluation/Salary of Executive Director out of order; it was the consensus of the Board to do so. Mayor Boswell reported that the Executive Committee met earlier today and upon conclusion of
evaluation it was the consensus of the Executive Committee that Mr. Ken Jones' performance in 2009 was extremely satisfactory. The Executive Committee unanimously recommended a 5% salary increase for Mr. Ken Jones. Upon conclusion of his report Mayor Boswell made a motion to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation and allow Mr. Ken Jones the full 5% salary increase. Commissioner Edward Camarillo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on item 12.1 President Ingram moved to item 3.C.2. – Adoption of FY 2010 Annual Budget, Mayor Boswell gave a summary of the budget and noted that the Committee unanimously recommended adoption. Mayor Boswell then moved for approval of the FY 2010 Budget as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Ingram moved to item 4. – TRACS Report from Professional Advisory Review Panel (PARP). Mr. Oscar Cuellar was recognized and informed the Board that the PARP met on January 13, 2010, reviewed the following funding applications and noted that application 6 was tabled at the PARP meeting and application 10 was tabled at the LRGVDC Board meeting last month. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion to remove application 10 from the Table, and Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mr. Cuellar stated that the PARP was recommending approval of applications 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

1. City of Raymondville – Police Station Construction Project
   $1,500,679.00 ............................................................... USDA

2. National Farm Workers Service Center, Inc. – Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly
   $3,956,790.00 .................................................................. HUD

3. City of Donna – Water Meter Replacement and System Upgrade
   $2,374,820.00 ............................................................... USDA

   $3,500,000.00 ............................................................... USDA

5. City of Peñitas – City of Peñitas City Hall
   $3,000,000.00 ............................................................... USDA

6. Cameron County Parks & Recreation Department – El Ranchito Community Park
   $1,456,453.00 ............................................................... TPWD

7. Pharr Economic Development Corporation II – Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG)
   $610,000.00 ............................................................... USDA

8. Housing Authority of the County of Hidalgo – HACH Housing for the Disabled
   $1,436,247.00 ............................................................... HUD

9. City of Raymondville – Raymondville Technology Center – Equipment and Personnel
   $569,499.00 ............................................................... USDA
10. Brownsville Community Health Center – Health Centers Non-Competing Continuation Funding
$18,963,891.00 (Tabled 11/19/2009) DHHS

**Commissioner Sylvia Handy made a motion to approve applications 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and table application #6 as recommended by the PARP and the LRGVDC Staff. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on item 4, President Ingram moved to item 5. - Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Mr. Joe Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez addressed item 5.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Additional Vendors to the Direct Purchased Services Vendor Pool and informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommended the addition of Wallstreet Homes, Jesus Careaga, and Renaissance Nursing Services, LLC to the Direct Purchased Services Pool. **Commissioner Sylvia Handy made a motion for approval of the additional vendors as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mayor Joel Quintanilla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President then moved to item 5.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Authorizing Staff to Submit Proposals for CDBG Funds. Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommended approval to authorize staff to seek 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 funding will be sought to obtain local match 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. Executive Director, Mr. Kenneth N. Jones, Jr. will be the authorized signatory for all CDBG proposals. **Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion to approve authorizing staff to submit proposals for CDBG funds as recommended by the Advisory Council. Commissioner Edward Camarillo seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez stated that the status reports were in the Board folders.

President Ingram moved to item 6. – Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas. Ms. Salinas provided status reports on the B-HIT Premier Training conference, the Economic Adjustment Plan for Building Disaster Resilient Communities (BDRC) and the Tri-County Women's Business Group (TCWBG). Mr. Jones asked if the Board would consent to the Executive Committee considering approval of the contract for the Building Disaster Resilient Communities in order to expedite the project; it was the consensus of the Board to do so.

Upon conclusion of the status reports President Ingram moved to item 7. – Report from Transportation Department and recognized Mr. Manuel Flores. Regarding item 9.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Agreement between LRGVDC and Travel Time (Harlingen Bus Station), Mr. Flores informed the Board that on January 13, 2010 staff met with Mr. Luther Jones from Travel Time-Harlingen Bus Station and discussed the Commission Agency Agreement. Staff recommended approval of this agreement on a fixed monthly rate to cover the fees and charges for selling commuter bus tickets. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the agreement as presented. Mayor Joel Quintanilla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 7.A.2. – Transportation Program Status Report. Mr. Flores was delighted to report a 38% increase in ridership from 2008 to 2009.
President Ingram then moved to item 8. - Reports from Regional Planning & Services and noted that the status reports for Natural Resources were in the Board folders. The President then moved to item 8.B. - Housing, item 1. - Consider Approval of RFQ and Formation of Housing Advisory Committee RE: HUD Disaster Recovery Funding (Hurricane Dolly). Mr. Jones brought the Board's attention to a handout on the Disaster Recovery funding from TDRA and TDHCA and noted that a Public Hearing was scheduled regarding revisions to the Action Plan for HUD funds for Hurricanes Ike and Dolly. Mr. Jones asked for a consensus from the Board on comments he would like to make at the Public Hearing and noted that the only change was that he wanted to express appreciation from the region that the State maintained the funding level of approximately $184 MM that was announced early on in the process. The State has agreed at this point in the action plan to HUD to move forward with the Method of Distribution (MOD) that staff painstakingly worked through in that short period of time for both the housing and non-housing plan. The only difference is that the State can no longer move funds from housing projects to non-housing projects. The current action plan does not allow for that; and part of that is due to issues between HUD, the State and housing advocates making sure on a state-wide basis that Texas adequately addresses housing needs throughout the gulf coast. Mr. Jones was confident that 100% of the HUD funding for both housing and non-housing projects can be utilized; and cautioned that if any of these funds are not spent in LRGVDC's three county region they will be reallocated to the Houston-Galveston area. Unless the Board objects, Mr. Jones plans to attend the Public Hearing and offer support for moving forward with the same dollar amounts and MOD that was originally planned; there was no objection from the Board.

Mr. Jones then addressed the RFQ and noted that this draft has been steadily evolving. Mr. Jones went over all the revisions marked in read with the Board. On page 5 section 2 Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza recommended changing “Previous contractual experience with Disaster Recovery Funding” to "Previous contractual experience with LRGVDC and/or Disaster Recovery Funding". Under item 3.c, Dr. Cesar Maldonado suggested adding “Project Management Certification” to Masters or PhD and offered to provide proper wording. On page 6 under item 5 Mr. Arturo Ramirez suggested changing "Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE)/Historically Underutilize Business (HUB) Participation to "Minority, Female Owned Firm and/or Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE)/Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Participation". Commissioner Sylvia Handy suggested changing Hidalgo County representation from "Urban County" to "County". Mayor Steve Brewer suggested an additional "Small City" Board Designee for a total of two Small Cities from different counties in that category; and expressed an interest in occupying one of those seats. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the RFQ with the revisions recommended by the Board. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Let it be noted that the cities of Pharr, Brownsville Mission and McAllen as well as Grassroots organizations are also interested in having representation on this committee.

President Ingram then moved to item 9. - Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 9.A.1. - Consider Approval RE: HSAC Recommendations on Nominations for the Incoming HSAC Chairman and Vice Chairman, Mr. Cruz stated that in accordance with the HSAC By-laws the Committee convened on January 7, 2010 and nominated officer replacements to the HSAC. The HSAC's outgoing officers are Chairman Jeff Johnson, EMC for the City of Brownsville; and Vice Chair Hector Flores, EMC for the city of Hidalgo. The HSAC recommends approval of Mr. Hector Flores, EMC for the City of Hidalgo as Chairman and Mr. Jeff Johnson as Vice Chair for FY 2010. **Commissioner Sylvia Handy made a motion to approve the nominations for HSAC Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

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Upon conclusion of action, President Ingram moved to item 9.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: HSAC’s Regional Projects for the FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). Mr. Cruz reported that upon review the HSAC recommends the following projects to be submitted to the State Administrative Agency (SAA) as Investment Proposals for funding consideration: Enhance Regional Interoperable Communications and Data Sharing, Establish/Enhance Regional Response Teams, Enhance Critical Infrastructure Protection. **Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to approve the recommended projects for the HSGP. Commissioner Edward Camarillo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz gave the Homeland Security Status Reports.

The President next moved to item 9.B. – Criminal Justice Program. Regarding item 9.B.1. – Consider Approval RE: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Recommendation on the VAWA Recovery Act Priority Listing and Resolution Mr. Cruz stated that the CJAC convened on January 12, 2010 to approve and recommend Violence Against Women Act – Recovery Act priority listing. Applications were submitted to the Office of the Governor’s Criminal Justice Division on December 21, 2009 and the total request from this region was $191,865. **Ms. Maria Serna made a motion for approval of the VAWA Recovery Act Priority Listing and Resolution as presented. Commissioner Edward Camarillo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Ingram then moved to item 9.B.2. – Consider Approval RE: CJAC Revised By-laws. Mr. Cruz stated that the CJAC reviewed their By-laws and was recommending incorporated changes reflecting the 2010 LRGVDC Interagency Contract with CJD. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the By-laws revisions as presented. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Ingram then moved to item 9.B.3. – Consider Approval RE: CJAC Revised Policy Manual. Mr. Cruz stated that the CJAC committee convened on December 15, 2009 to review and recommend the revised Policy Manual with incorporated changes reflecting the 2010 LRGVDC Interagency Contract with CJD. **Commissioner Edward Camarillo made a motion to approve the CJAC Revised Policy Manual as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President next moved to item 9.B.4. – Consider Approval RE: Criminal Justice Community Plans for Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy County. Mr. Cruz stated that as per the interagency contract with CJD, the CJAC convened to review and recommend the LRGVDC’s Criminal Justice Community Plans for each county within the LRGVDC region. **Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the Criminal Justice Community Plans for the LRGVDC region. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Ingram then moved to item 9.B.5. – Consider Approval RE: Nomination for the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. Mr. Cruz informed the Board that Captain Javier Reyna, Cameroun County Sheriff’s Department has been recommended to fill a vacancy in the CJAC’s Cameron County law Enforcement discipline. **Commissioner Edward Camarillo made a motion to approve Captain Javier Reyna’s seat on the CJAC. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz gave the Criminal Justice and the Metropolitan Medical Response System Steering Committee status reports.

President Ingram then moved to item 10. – 9-1-1 Department and recognized Mr. Juan Gomez. Regarding item 10.A. – Consider Authorization RE: Host 1st Annual Telecommunicator Award Ceremony and Seek Sponsorships Mr. Gomez reported that the week of April 12-13, 2010 has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Each year the second week of April is dedicated to
the men and women who serve as Emergency 9-1-1 dispatchers. The 9-1-1 Department would like to host the 1st Annual Telecommunicator Award Ceremony on April 13, 2010 at the Pharr Convention Center. The goal is to show appreciation and gratitude and give recognition to our local Telecommunicators. The LRGVDC 9-1-1 Department services 19 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) that include 250 dispatchers. **Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval for the 9-1-1 Department to host the 1st Annual Telecommunicator Award Ceremony and seek sponsorship.** **Ms. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action President Ingram moved to item 11. - Regional Police Academy and recognized Mr. Paul Williams. Regarding item 11.A. – Consider Approval RE: Resolution for the Regional Academy to Apply for CJD Funds for the 2010-2011 Funding Year. **Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the resolution as presented.** **Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Ingram next moved to item 11.B. – Consider Approval RE: Contractual Agreement with Workforce Solutions to sponsor cadets through the Basic Peace Officer Course in 2010 using WIA funds. **Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion to approve the contractual agreement with Workforce Solutions as presented.** **Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Williams informed the Board that the status reports were in the Board folders.

Item 12 had been address at the beginning of the meeting and there being no further business to discuss, **the President asked for a motion to adjourn.** **Mr. Arturo Ramirez so moved.** **Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded and the meeting was adjourned 3:08.**

**COMMISSIONER JOHN INGRAM, PRESIDENT**

**ATTEST:**

**MAYOR CHRIS BOWELL, 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary**