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 was present.

President Ingram then moved to agenda item 2. – Consider Approval RE: April 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented. Mayor Joel Quintanilla 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. At this time Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez announced that the Hidalgo County Democratic Party’s voting precinct chairs elected Mayor Joel Quintanilla as the Commissioner for Hidalgo County Precinct 1. Mayor Quintanilla thanked Mayor Pro-tem Gonzalez and the Board for their support.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments President Ingram moved to item 3.B. – Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: Letter on Fort Stockton Holdings Permit Moratorium. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to ratify this Executive Committee action. Mr. Don Medina 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 Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: LRGVDC Solid Waste Program Resolution. Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion to approve this Executive Committee action. Commissioner John Wood seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

The President then moved to item 3.D. – Report on TARC Board of Directors Work Session RE: Enhancing Regional Collaboration, Identifying Barriers and Membership Development Training and recognized the Honorable Norma G. Garcia. Ms. Garcia summarized the outcome of this special meeting then turned the floor over to the Honorable Penny Redington, TARC Executive Director. Ms. Redington stated that explaining what a Development Council does is complex and its activities are usually not known to the general public. Most people do not know what a Development Council is or what it does; it is not easy to condense a Development Council’s activities down to a sound bite. Ms. Redington stated that the staff at TARC is planning to make steps to try to clarify the mission of Development Councils and do a better job of communicating about that mission, in particular to members of the Texas legislature and congressional delegation. One item discussed during the special TARC meeting was the expansion of COG Board representation to include one or more members of the State Delegation; Ms. Garcia asked for feedback from the Board regarding expanding the LRGVDC Board of Directors’ membership to include a State Representative. Mr. Don Medina agreed and stated that if the State Representative him/herself could not attend meetings perhaps a staff member could become an Ex Officio member on his/her behalf. Mr. Arturo Ramirez stated that many years ago the South Texas legislative delegates were regularly invited to the Board meetings to address issues that were going to be introduced to the legislature. That proved very informative to the Board. This is a good body to promote regional projects and it would be good to have a State Representative on the Board. No action taken.

Upon conclusion of Ms. Garcia’s report President Ingram moved to item 3.E. – Presentation RE: Support for Law Enforcement Training by F.B.I. given by Special Agent Wayne Furnia, and recognized Mr. Paul Williams.
Mr. Williams stated the purpose for this presentation then turned the floor over to Special Agent Furnia. Special Agent Furnia informed the Board that the F.B.I. was offering many courses to local law enforcement at no charge, many of which would benefit the unique needs of this border region. Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for continued support by LRGVDC staff to work with the F.B.I. to coordinate the maximum amount of training available for this region, to have said training locally and notify the local law enforcement agencies when the training is available. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Ingram then moved to item 3.F. – Presentation RE: Citizen Corps Program Trailer and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Mr. Cruz thanked those who participated in the press conference held prior to the Board Meeting and expressed his confidence that the trailer will benefit the efforts of the Homeland Security Department. No action.

Upon conclusion of the presentation the President moved to item 3.G. – Presentation RE: Effective Public Health Messaging on Contaminated Floodwaters after a Disaster and recognized Dr. Sudha Arlika. Dr. Arlika informed the Board that her department at the University of North Texas received a grant to perform a survey on how public, private and non-profit agencies in the Rio Grande Valley provide public health information to colonia residents during disasters. No action.

President Ingram then moved to item 3.H. – Presentation RE: South Texas Border Business Contracting Expo (STBBCE) and recognized Mr. Mark Winchester. Mr. Winchester then turned the floor over to Mr. Hector Landez, Special Programs Coordinator for UT Pan American PTAC. Mr. Landez provided information regarding the purpose of this Expo which is geared toward small business owners and entrepreneurs in the Rio Grande Valley. The Expo is scheduled for July 7 & 8. No action.

Upon conclusion of item 3.H., President Ingram moved to item 3.I. – Consider Approval RE: Selection of Contractor and Authorization to Execute Contract for Renovation at the Rio Transit Center and Recognized Mr. Mark Winchester. Mr. Morales informed the Board that staff had received seven responses to the Request for Proposals for the Rio Transit Center Renovation & Expansion. Of the seven responses staff recommends awarding the contract to E-Con Group based on the previous experience with the McAllen Intermodal Transit Terminal. Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion for approval of E-Con Group as the contractor for the Rio Transit Center Renovation & Expansion. Mr. Roberto Loredo seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on item 3.I. – the President moved to item 3.J. – Consider Approval RE: Amendment of Procurement Policies to include the FTA General Clauses for all Federal Procurement and again recognized Mr. Morales. Mr. Morales informed the Board that the Federal Transit Administration recently reviewed the LRGVDC Procurement Policies and recommended that Article III, Part B Section 3-203: Competitive procedure be revised; Mr. Morales then summarized the recommended revision, which entailed including an appendix to the policies. Upon conclusion of Mr. Morales’ summary Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval of the amendment of the Procurement Policies as presented. Mayor-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

The President next moved to item 3.K - Update on Texas Gas Service Company's Rate Filing Pursuant to the Cost of Service Adjustment Tariff (COSA). Mr. Jones was recognized and informed the Board that Texas Gas Service (TGS) formally submitted its 2010 initial rate filing pursuant to COSA. All cities affected by this filing received the details of the proposed increase scheduled to be effective with the first billing cycle in August. Pursuant to the terms of the COSA, each city has ninety days to review the proposed annual rate adjustment. The City of McAllen has initiated a review by their rate consultant and upon completion; the findings will be forwarded to all communities for any action that may be needed. The City of McAllen is undertaking this review process at no expense to the other communities affected. Mr. Jones stated he would keep the Board apprised of any addition information that becomes available. No action needed.
President Ingram then moved to item 3.L - Consideration of Model Pet Ordinance by Cities and recognized Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones reminded the Board that last year much work was accomplished by the Pet Over Population Work Group which resulted in the Board adoption of a "Model Pet Ordinance". This model ordinance was forwarded to each of our local governments encouraging ordinance adoption thus bringing regional consistency to addressing this issue. Recently the City of McAllen adopted the model ordinance with minor revisions, copies of which can be provided upon request. No action.

Upon conclusion of action President Ingram moved to item 4.A. – TRACS Report from Professional Advisory Review Panel (PARP) and recognized Mr. Oscar Cuellar. Mr. Cuellar informed the Board that the PARP met on May 12, 2010 and recommends approval of applications 1-16.

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Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to approve applications 1 through 16 as recommended by PARP. Mr. Don Medina 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 Vender to the Direct Purchased Services Vendor Pool and informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommended the addition of Nightingale Primary Home Care, Dulce Esperanza Home Health Care, MedCross DME and MedCo Medical Supply. Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion for approval of the additional vendors as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Ingram then moved to item 5.A.2. - Consider Approval RE: Support of the University of Texas Health Science Center's Proposal to Address Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommends approval to support the University of Texas Health Science Center's proposal to the Administration on Aging request for proposal under the "Innovative Programs to Better Serve People with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders" category. Under the proposal the Area Agency on Aging will have a role in the project by partnering with Leeza's Place. All local match funds to the grant will be provided by the WellMed Foundation and will not be presented to the local TRACS for review. Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion for approval of this Advisory Council recommendation. Mayor Joel Quintanilla 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 next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas. Regarding item 6.A.1. - Consider Approval RE: Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Supplemental Grant for Economic Development District's Planning Grant Ms. Salinas informed the Board that the EDA provided a supplemental grant to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Economic Development District's Planning Grant. This funding will only be available for a two year period beginning this year and ending in 2012. The LRGVDC will receive $20,000 from the EDA which will need to be matched with $5,000 for a total project cost of $25,000, and due to the match requirement Board approval is required to approve the allocation of these matching funds from the LRGVDC membership dues. Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion for approval of the EDA supplemental grant as presented. Commissioner Edward Camarillo seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Ingram then moved to item 6.A.2. - Status Report on B-HIT Project. Ms. Salinas informed the Board that there was a good turnout at the First Annual Economic Development and Emergency Management Conference "B-HIT or B-PREPARED" and thanked the Emergency Managers from Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties for their support and participation.

The President then moved to items 6.A.3 & 4 - Act on Consultants Recommendation for Membership on the Regional Economic Adjustment Steering and Technical Committees. It was the consensus of the Board to consider these items together. Mr. Danny Rios and Ms. Charlotte Teague of S&B Halff were recognized and presented the lists of nominees for both the Technical and Steering Committees. After reviewing this lists of recommended nominees, the Board suggested the Steering Committee would be more effective if it was
comprised of a greater number of elected officials and the Technical Committee would be better served by more individuals with practical experience in drainage and water related issues. The Board recommended switching certain individuals from one committee to the other and adding nominees to both committees. Following is the Board recommendation for the Technical Committee Members:

Hidalgo County
Mr. Jo Jo White, General Manager, HCCI #9
Mr. Ramiro Gutierrez, PE, President of R Gutierrez Engineering Corp
Mr. Javier Hinojosa, PE, President of Javier Hinojosa Engineering
Mr. Raul Sesin, PE, Planning Engineer, Hidalgo County Planning
Mr. Noe Saldivar, PE, Technical Engineer, HCDD #1
Mr. Raul Lozano, Chief Administrator, Hidalgo County Pct #1
Mr. Richard Garcia, City Manager, City of Mercedes

Cameron County
Mr. James Holdar, Professional Engineer
Mr. Luis Ara, Road/Bridge Superintendent, Cameron County Pct #3
Mr. Jack Brown, PE, President, Brown Leal & Associates
Ms. Sonia Lambert, General Manager, CCID #2
Mr. Allen Moore, General Manager, Harlingen Irrigation District
Mr. Bobby Sparks, Land Owner – Agricultural/Farmer, SRS Farms

Willacy County
Mr. Freddie Nieto, Wildlife Manager, El Sauz Ranch
Mr. Gary Palousek, Board Member, WCDD #2
Mr. Juan Pena, District Conservationist, Lyford - NRCS
Mr. Paul Greenhill, General Manager, WCDD #1

Starr County
Judge Eloy Vera, Starr County

Upon conclusion of discussion Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion for approval of the consultant’s recommendation for membership on the Regional Economic Adjustment Technical Committee as revised by the Board of Directors. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Following is the Board recommendation for the Steering Committee Members:

Hidalgo County
Commissioner Eddy Gonzalez, City of Edcouch
Commissioner Hector “Tito” Palacios, Hidalgo County Pct #2
Mr. Domingo Villarreal, Coordinator, Hidalgo County Pct #3
Commissioner - Elect Joseph Palacios, Hidalgo Co Pct #4
Mr. Godfrey Garza, District Manager, HCDD #3
Mr. Pilar Rodriguez, PE, Assistant City Manager, City of McAllen
Commissioner Alma Garza, City of Edinburg
Mr. Julio Cerda, PE, City Manager, City of Mission
Mr. Troy Allen, General Manager, Delta Lake Irrigation District
Mr. Sonny Hinojosa, HCID #2
Mayor Polo Palacios, City of Pharr
Cameron County

Mayor Robert Pinkerton, Town of South Padre Island
Mr. Eddy Hernandez, Director of Customer & Inf Services, Brownsville Public Utilities
Commissioner David Garza, Cameron Co Pct #3
Mayor Steve Brewer, City of La Feria
Mr. Dan Serna, Public Works Director, City of Harlingen
Mr. Jeff Johnston, Assistant City Manager, City of Brownsville
Mr. Wayne Halbert, General Manager, Harlingen Irrigation District
Mr. Eddie Campirano, Prt Director and CEO, Port of Brownsville
Mr. Tom Hushen, Past Chief Emergency Officer, Cameron County

Willacy County

Mr. Tony Nieto, Plant Manager, Kenaf Industries
Mr. Jerry Taylor, General Manager, El Sauz Ranch
Commissioner Fred Serrato, Willacy County Pct #3
Judge Pro-tem Aurelio Guerra, Willacy County
Mr. Eleazar “Yogi” Garcia, City Manager, City of Raymondville
Mr. Michael Wilson, Port Director, Willacy Co Navigation Dist – Port Mansfield
Mayor Orlando Correa, City of Raymondville

Starr County

Commissioner Abel Gonzalez, Starr County Pct #4
Ms. Rose Benavidez, Executive Director Star County Industrial Foundation

Mayor Chris Boswell made a motion for approval of the consultant’s recommendation for membership on the Regional Economic Adjustment Steering Committee as revised by the Board of Directors. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Ingram noted that item 6.B.1. - Status Report for the May 14, 2010 work session on the 2011-2016 Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Strategic Plan was in the Board folders and moved to item 7.A. – Report from Transportation Department, Rural and Urban Transit System. Regarding item 1. – Consider Approval RE: Service Policy, President Ingram recognized Mr. Manuel Flores. Mr. Flores reported that this new policy will aid in the planning of bus routes and will strengthen those efforts to make sure the LRGVDC Transportation Department is providing the best possible service. It will enable the department to have a structured approach when creating, deleting or modifying routes. Items such as guidelines for routes, bus shelters, stops, service hours, target population, public involvement process, vehicle design, outreach, service area, are covered within this policy. Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the Service Policy as presented. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

The President then moved to item 7.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Operations Manual. Mr. Flores stated that the LRGVDC Transit Service’s Operations Manual will provide guidance to the entire Transit staff to prevent confusion regarding operational procedures. Employee expectations, employee conduct, customer service and proper use of equipment are generally what this policy will clarify. Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the Operations Manual as presented. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Ingram then moved to item 7.A.3. – Route Re-alignment. Mr. Flores informed the board that the LRGVDC Transit staff has recently initiated the planning phase to reconfigure the Hidalgo County route system. Rio Metro/Rio Transit will focus on increasing mobility in and out of city centers in an effort to parallel the trend of many cities that are investing in the small business corridors of “Main Street”. In September 2010 staff will present the Board with a new route structure for consideration. Transit hopes to begin operating the new service routes by January of 2011. LRGVDC staff will work cooperatively with HCMPO staff, city planning departments, Health & Human Services Commission, Workforce Solutions, Area Agency on Aging, and others to develop the most advantageous routes possible to serve the public. Upon conclusion of this
President Ingram noted that the Report on Ridership was in the Board folders.

President Ingram then moved to item 8 - Reports from Regional Planning & Services stated that those status reports were in the Board folders for review.

The President then moved to item 9 - Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Mr. Cruz noted that the Homeland Security Advisory Committee's status report was in the Board folders. Regarding item 9.B.1.a. - Consider Criminal Justice Programs Grant Priority Listing and Resolution, Mr. Cruz reported that applications were submitted to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division and the total amount requested by this region was $677,208. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Criminal Justice Program's grant priority listing 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 9.B.1.b. - Consider General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Priority Listing and Resolution. Mr. Cruz informed the Board that applications were submitted to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division and the total request by this region was $1,316,357.40. Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the General Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Priority Listing and Resolution 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 9.C. 1. - Consider Approval RE: Revisions to MMRSSC Bylaws. Mr. Cruz reported that upon review of the bylaws the committee determined that several minor revisions were in order. Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the revised bylaws as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Ingram stated that the status reports for MMRSSC, the 9-1-1 Department and the Regional Police Academy and Training Center were in the board folders for review. There being no other matters to come before the Board, Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Steve Brewer seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:55.

COMMISSIONER JOHN INGRAM, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

MAYOR CHRIS BOSWELL, 1st VICE-PRESIDENT

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary