President Chris Boswell called the meeting to order at 2:06 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 Boswell then moved to agenda item 2. – Consider Approval RE: May 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Hon. Norma G. Garcia noted a correction on page 5 to Mr. Eddy Gonzalez’ title; it should be “Commissioner Eddy Gonzalez, City of Edcouch”, and on page 6 Mayor Orlando Correa, City of Raymondville needed to be added to the Willacy County category of the Steering Committee. Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion for approval of the minutes with the corrections noted. Commissioner Roel Landa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on the minutes, President Boswell moved to item 3.A. – Public Comment and recognized Mr. Robert Jeffrey. Mr. Jeffrey brought issues regarding bus pick up schedule times and bus routes to the Board’s attention.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments President Boswell moved to item 3.B. – Act upon Recommendation of Nominating Committee and recognized Committee Chair, Commissioner John Ingram. Regarding item 1. – Selection of five (5) Persons for Election as Members-at-Large to the Membership. The Nominating Committee recommended the following persons:

Dr. Maria Christina Garcia - Harlingen
Dr. Andrew Lavine - Weslaco
Commissioner Leonard Garcia - Mercedes
Mr. Don Medina - McAllen
Mr. Joe Saenz – McAllen

Regarding item 2. – Selection of Three (3) At-large Members to be elected to the 2010-2011 Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee recommended the following persons:

Hon. Norma G. Garcia
Mayor Pro-tem Alvin Samano
Mr. Don Medina

Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion for approval of the Nominating Committee’s recommendation as presented for both the five (5) persons as Members-at-Large and for the three (3) Members-at-Large to be elected to the 2010-2011 Board of Directors.
Directors. Commissioner Roel Landa 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. – Presentation RE: Recognition of Past President, Commissioner John Ingram. President Chris Boswell presented a gavel plaque to Commissioner Ingram and congratulated him on his year of service as President to the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, President Boswell 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 June 9, 2010 and recommends approval of applications 1-5.

1. City of La Joya – Community Facility
   $4,145,490.00 ................................................................. USDA

2. Primera Economic Development Corporation – Revolving Loan Program
   $350,000.00 ..................................................................... USDA

3. San Benito Consolidated Independent School District – Improving Literacy Program
   $280,107.00 ..................................................................... DOE

4. South Texas College – All Hazards Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
   $749,514.00 ..................................................................... DOE

5. D. Ansley Company Inc., - Shary Road Apartments
   $16,650,423.00 ................................................................... HUD

Mr. Don Media made a motion to approve applications 1 through 5 as recommended by PARP. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion. Commissioner Celeste Sanchez abstained, and upon a vote the motion carried.

Upon conclusion of action on item 4, President Boswell 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: De-Obligation of Social Services Block Grant Funds. Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommends approval to de-obligate Social Services Block Grant funds from the Texas A&M Center on Housing and Urban Development (Promotora Program) and the Pharr Community Outreach Program. The de-obligated amount for A&M is $67,149 and $32,474 for Pharr Community Outreach Project. Their expenditure levels are low enough that these amounts will be left over. The current expenditures need to be at 66%. A&M is at 15% and Pharr Community 43%. The amounts de-obligated will bring them to 75%. Mr. Don Medina suggested allowing a 30 day extension for the staff at the Pharr Community Outreach Program to submit the required paperwork. Mr. Gonzalez explained that even though Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) staff has trained the Pharr Community Outreach Program staff on how to submit the paper work, there are invoices from March that have yet to be submitted. AAoA staff has left numerous phone and email messages on this matter that go unanswered. Upon conclusion of discussion Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to approve the de-obligation of Social Services Block Grant Funds as recommended by
the Advisory Council. Commissioner Roel Landa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried with Mayor Leo “Polo” Palacios voting against.

President Boswell then moved to item 5.A.2. – Distribution of De-Obligated Social Services Block Grant Funds. Mr. Gonzalez reported that the Advisory Council is recommending approval to award $66,000 to the La Sara Fire Department to construct one apparatus bay and $33,623 for the Hope Family Clinic in McAllen for health services. Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the distribution of de-obligated Social Services Block Grant funds as recommended by the Advisory Council. Commissioner Roel Land 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 Boswell next moved to item 6. – Report from Economic Development Department. Ms. Terrie Salinas was unable to attend and Mr. Jones was recognized in her stead. Mr. Jones gave the status report on the B-Hit Project then turned the floor over to Ms. Charlotte Teague who updated the Board on the progress of the Regional Economic Adjustment Plan.

Upon conclusion of the Economic Development Status Reports President Boswell moved to item 7.A.1 – Report from Transportation Department and noted that those Status Reports were in the Board folders. The President then moved to item 7.B. – Consider Approval to Amend Architect Contract for Transit Facility Expansion/Renovation and recognized Mr. Victor Morales. Mr. Morales reported that due to a reduction in cost from E-Con Group, the selected contractor for the expansion/renovation of the Transit Facility, the Architect firm Negrete & Kolar agreed to reduce their cost as well. Staff seeks Board approval for Contract Amendment No. 1 for Architectural Services between LRGVDC and Negrete & Kolar Architects for LRGVDC Office Building Additions and Renovations. Commissioner Roel Landa made a motion for approval of the contract amendment as presented. Commissioner Robert Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell then moved to item 8. – Reports from Regional Planning & Services and recognized Ms. Marcie Oviedo. Ms. Oviedo noted that the Natural Resources status reports were in the Board folders for review then addressed item 8.A.2. – Solid Waste Management, item a. – Consider Solid Waste Advisory Committee Recommendations RE: Solid Waste Grant Application Ranking List. Ms. Oviedo noted that at the last Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting the members ranked the FY 2011 Solid Waste grant applications, a total of thirty-two (32) applications were received, four (4) were deemed ineligible and twenty-eight (28) were scored. Of the twenty-eight (28) scored, fifteen (15) projects will receive funding. Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the Solid Waste grant application ranking as presented. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Ms. Oviedo noted that the Solid Waste status reports were in the Board folders.

Upon conclusion of action President Boswell moved to item 8.B.1. – Consider Housing Advisory Committee Recommendation RE: Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair and recognized Mr. Victor Morales. Mr. Morales reported that the Committee recommends Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez as the Chair and Mr. Julio Cerda as the Vice-Chair. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the Housing Advisory Committee’s recommendation for Chair and Vice-chair as recommended by the committee. Commissioner John Ingram seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 8.B.2. – Consider Housing Advisory Committee Recommendation RE: Selected Firms Prequalified for RFP Process and recognized Committee Chair, Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez. Mayor Pro-tem Gonzalez reported that the Committee reviewed responses to the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from nine (9) firms. Two (2) of the nine (9) firms were deemed not qualified because they did not meet the required experience, and the remaining seven (7) firms are eligible to receive a Request for Proposals (RFP) at a later date. Upon conclusion of his report Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Housing Advisory Committee Recommendation regarding the firms prequalified for the RFP process. Commissioner John Ingram seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of discussion and action Mr. Jones gave the status report for the HUD Disaster Recovery Funding.

The President then moved to item 9. - Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Regarding item 9.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: City of McAllen’s Citizen Corps 2008 Funds Transfer to the LRGVDC Citizen Corps Program, Mr. Cruz stated that the City of McAllen advised the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) that due to reprioritization of its activities, as they related to the Citizen Corp Program, staff did not foresee expending the $5,000 grant award received for this program. Therefore the City of McAllen requests to de-obligate the $5,000 to the LRGVDC. The HSAC recommended approval of the City of McAllen’s CCP grant change request and requested Board approval to do so. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the de-obligation of funds as recommended by the City of McAllen and the HSAC. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell then moved to item 9.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: LRGVDC Interoperability Training and Exercise Plan. Mr. Cruz informed the Board that the HSAC recommended implementing the LRGVDC Regional Interoperability Training and Exercise Plan for the region. The HSAC adopted the training and exercise schedule that will be comprised of Field Exercises, WebEOC training, Interoperability training, Hurricane Evacuation for a category 4 & 5 table top exercise, Hurricane Sheltering and Recovery. Commissioner Celeste Sanchez made a motion to approve the LRGVDC Interoperable Training and Exercise Plan as presented. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz stated that the status reports for Homeland Security and the Criminal Justice Program were in the Board folders. President Boswell then moved to item 9.C.1. – Consider Approval RE: Appointment of the Chair on the Metropolitan Medical Response System Steering Committee (MMRSSC). Mr. Cruz stated that Ms. Yvette Salinas has fulfilled her duties as Chair of the MMRSSC. In accordance with the committee’s bylaws nominations were opened and Mr. Noel Garcia is recommended to fill the position as Chair. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of Mr. Noel Garcia as the Chair of the MMRSSC. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell moved to item 9.C.2. – Consider Approval RE: Appointment of the Vice Chair on the MMRSSC. Mr. Cruz stated that the MMRSSC opened nominations for the Vice Chair position on the MMRSSC and Mr. Frank Torres was recommended to fill this position. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion for approval of Mr. Frank Torres as the Vice-chair of the MMRSSC. Commissioner John Ingram seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
Upon conclusion of action President Boswell recognized Mr. Sergio Castro who gave the status report for the 9-1-1 Department. Upon conclusion of the 9-1-1 report the President recognized Mr. Paul Williams who gave the status report for the Regional Police Academy and Training Center. Upon conclusion of the Police Academy report, and there being no other matters to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:08.

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MAYOR CHRIS BOSWELL, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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

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Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary