MEETING OF THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2010 - 2:00 P.M.
LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER
510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DR. - WESLACO, TEXAS
PRESIDING: MAYOR CHRIS BOSWELL, PRESIDENT

Mayor Chris Boswell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Let it be noted that Executive Director, Ken Jones was unable to attend as he was recovering from surgery and Mr. Joe Gonzalez sat in for him at this meeting. Mayor Boswell asked for a moment of prayer for Mr. Jones’ full and speedy recovery and for blessings on these proceedings. At the conclusion of the prayer President Boswell asked Ms. Debby Morales 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: July 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Roberto Loredo 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 to the Board’s attention issues regarding the Rio Metro bus line.

Upon conclusion of Public Comments President Boswell moved to item 3.B. – Presentation RE: Recognition Plaque from U.S. Census Bureau for the LRGVDC Board of Directors and recognized Ms. Felicia Ramirez, Census 2010 Partnership Specialist. Ms. Ramirez summarized efforts made to complete the 2010 Census, thanked the LRGVDC staff and the Valley cities and counties for their cooperation during the Census taking process. Ms. Ramirez presented a plaque to President Boswell recognizing the LRGVDC as a valued partner, for raising awareness and inspiring participation in the 2010 Census.

Upon conclusion of the presentation President Boswell moved to item 3.C. – Discussion and Consideration of Changing Board Meeting Start Time; this item was tabled at the previous meeting. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to remove this item from the table. Mayor Joel Quintanilla seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried. President Boswell suggested starting the meetings at noon. Mayor Steve Brewer noted starting the meeting at noon would allow for more time to consider the agenda items and allow Board Members to return to their respective places of business in a timely manner to conduct further business during the afternoon. Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion to change the start time of the LRGVDC Board meets to 12:00 noon. Mr. Don Medina seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 3.D. – Presentation of 2009 LRGVDC Annual Audit and recognized Mr. Gary Gipson, Smith Fankhauser Voigt & Watson PLLC. Mr. Gipson reported that he and his staff concluded the LRGVDC audit for 2009. The audit consists of two sets of financial statements: Basic Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements, which are reconciled in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to
Statement of Activities. A standard audit report has been issued along with a report on internal control and financial reporting and a compliance report. Most importantly there were no reportable findings. Upon conclusion of Mr. Gipson’s report Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to approve the 2009 LRGVDC Annual Audit. Mayor Joel Quintanilla seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action, President Boswell moved to item 4.A. - TRACS Report from Professional Advisory Review Panel (PARP) and recognized Ms. Marcie Oviedo who was reporting in the absence of Mr. Oscar Cuellar. Ms. Oviedo informed the Board that the PARP met on August 11, 2010 and reviewed the following applications. Ms. Oviedo noted that application #6 was tabled because no representative was present, and the PARP is recommending approval of applications 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

1. City of Donna – City of Donna Fire / Police Sub-Station
   $1,081,938.00 ............................................................... USDA
2. Sharyland Water Supply Corporation – Proposed 8 MGD Supply
   $31,730,793.00 ............................................................... USDA
3. City of Pharr – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
   $1,216,241.00 ............................................................... HUD
4. Proyecto Desarrollo Humano, Inc. – Mini-bus to transport people to community center/ clinic
   $54,280.00 ............................................................... USDA
5. City of Alton – 2010 Interpretive Center / Digital Library
   $1,220,000.00 ............................................................... USDA
6. City of San Benito – Community Development Block
   $545,708.00 ............................................................... HUD
7. Doctors Hospital at Renaissance – Transition to Improved Pediatric & Adolescent Access
   $1,548,532.00 ............................................................... HHSC

Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion to approve applications 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 as recommended by PARP. Commissioner Edward Camarillo seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action on item 4, President Boswell moved to item 5. - Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Mr. Emilio Vera, Chairman for the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Mr. Vera addressed item 5.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Fiscal Year 2011 Funding Recommendations. Mr. Vera informed the Board that the Advisory Council submits its recommendations for fiscal year 2011 funding for Supportive and Nutrition Services. Nine applications were received for a total amount requested of $2,429,207 in Title III funds. The tentative amount available is $2,285,000, which is the same amount as fiscal year 2010. Mayor Joel Quintanilla made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2011 Funding Recommendations. Commissioner Roel Landa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell then moved to item 5.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Vendor Agreements for Fiscal Year 2011. Mr. Vera informed the Board that this list of vendors submitted for consideration would be utilized by Case Managers to acquire services for their clients depending on their individual needs.

Commissioner John Ingram made a motion for approval of the vendor agreements for fiscal year...
2011 as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Vera stated that the status reports were in the Board folders for review.


Upon conclusion of the EDA status reports President Boswell moved to item 7. – Report from Transportation Department and recognized Mr. Rodney Gomez who was standing in for Mr. Manuel Flores. Mr. Gomez turned the floor over to Mr. Victor Morales for the first three action items, and Mr. Morales preceded to present item 7.A.1. – Consider Ratification of Executive Committee Action RE: Adoption of Resolution for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion to ratify this Executive Committee action. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell next moved to item 7.A.2. – Consider Approval to begin the Invitation To Bid (ITB) Process RE: Purchase of Transit Dispatching Software. Mr. Morales informed the Board that due to the acquisition of new busses for the LRGVDC Transit Services fleet, under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the necessity to maintain more control over routes using satellite signals, hardware and software systems are required. Staff seeks approval to start the ITB process to select the most advantageous software system for this purpose. Commissioner Edward Camarillo made a motion for approval to begin the ITB process to purchase Transit Dispatching Software. Commissioner John Ingram seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Boswell moved to item 7.A.3. – Consider Approval to begin the Invitation To Bid (ITB) Process RE: Purchase of a Tow Truck and a Service Truck. Mr. Morales informed the Board that due to the acquisition of new busses for the LRGVDC Transit Services fleet under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) there is a need to maintain and service our own fleet rather than subcontract this work out. The tow truck and the service truck will provide flexibility and savings to the Transit Department. Mr. Don Medina made a motion for approval of the ITB for the purchase of a tow truck and a service truck. Commissioner Roel Landa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell moved to item 7.A.4. – Consider Approval RE: Amendments to Title VI Policy. Mr. Gomez stated that the Transportation Department seeks approval to amend the Title VI Policy. These amendments are recommended by the Federal Transit Administration Civil Rights Officer. The Title VI Policy has been updated to be consistent with the current FTA Circular 4702.1A regulations. Commissioner John Ingram made a motion for approval of the amendments to the Title VI Policy as presented and recommended by staff. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell next moved to item 7.A.5. – Consider Approval to Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract with City of McAllen RE: FY 2011 – 5307 Funds. Mr. Gomez informed the Board that these funds will be split 50/50 between McAllen Express Transit and the LRGVDC Transit Department and the Governor of the State of Texas has designated the LRGVDC to receive these State funds under

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the Section 5307 program. Transportation Code Chapter 455 authorize the LRGVDC to assist the sub-
recipient in procuring aid for the purpose of establishing and maintaining public and mass transportation
projects and to administer funds appropriated for public transportation under Transportation Code
Chapter 456. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval to authorize the Executive Director
to execute the contract with the City of McAllen RE: FY 2011 – 5307 Funds. Mr. Roberto Loredo
seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action
Mr. Gomez briefly went over the status report on ridership.

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.B. – HUD Disaster Recovery Funding. Regarding item 8.B.1 –
Consider Approval of LRGVDC Phase 1/Partial Method of Distribution (MOD) & Resolution Adopting
LRGVDC MOD, Ms. Oviedo informed the Board that staff held three public hearings to receive
comments on the "Draft" Phase 1 Partial Method of Distribution for Round Two of HUD's Disaster
Recovery Supplemental Allocation. Written summaries of the three public hearings are included in the
Board folders for review, along with copies of all written comments received. Mr. Don Medina made a
motion for approval of LRGVDC Phase 1/Partial Method of Distribution (MOD) & Resolution
Adopting LRGVDC MOD. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote
the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action President Boswell moved to item 8.B.2. – Consider Recommendation from
Regional Housing Advisory Committee to Approve RFP Document and Release to Prequalified Vendors
and recognized Mr. Victor Morales. Mr. Morales informed the Board that the CDBG Housing Advisory
Committee met to discuss and recommend the release of the Request For Proposal (RFP) documents to
prequalified vendors through the Statement Of Qualifications (SOQ) process; staff requests Board
approval to do so. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval to release the RFP to
prequalified vendors. Commissioner Edward Camarillo seconded the motion, and upon a vote
the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Ms. Oviedo stated that the program status
report was in the Board folders for review.

The Vice President then moved to item 9. - Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Mr.
Cruz gave the program status reports for 9.A. – Homeland Security and brought to the Board’s attention
the fact that the local committee established a deadline of September 30, 2010 for the region before a
notice of de-obligation of uncommitted funds is sent to jurisdictions. This will be done so that any funds
not committed by the set deadline can be appropriately de-obligated and reallocated to the next eligible
jurisdiction, thus giving the new sub-recipient enough time to utilize the funds. Mr. Cruz noted that a list
of the Sub-grantee Grant Progress Spending Report was included, however that report had been
updated since this printing and the most current version will be emailed to the Board at the earliest
possible opportunity. Mr. Cruz then went over the status report.

President Boswell then moved to item 9.B. – Criminal Justice Program. Regarding item 9.B.1. –
Consider Approval RE: The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley
Development Council and the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division FY 2011 Continuation
Grant, Mr. Cruz stated that the purpose of this contract is for the CJD to promote and enable
intergovernmental communication performed by the COG specific to grants awarded by CJD within the
COG’s geographic region. In consideration of CJD providing the funds, the COG agrees to perform the
requirements and duties described by this contract. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion for approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Lower Rio Grande Valley
Development Council and the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division FY 2011
Continuation Grant as presented. Commissioner John Ingram seconded the motion, and upon a
vote the motion carried unanimously. Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz stated that regarding item

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9.C. – Metropolitan Medical Response System, Mr. Cruz briefly went over the MMRS status reports.

President Boswell next moved to item 10 - 9-1-1 Department and recognized Mr. Juan Gomez. Mr. Gomez noted that the standard status reports were in the Board folders and brought to the Board's attention an issue regarding the Border Wall. At a recent 9-1-1 Regional Advisory Committee meeting there was mention of suspicion that the AT&T equipment on the south side of the Border wall is not being maintained. More information is needed on how much of this information is rumor and how much is fact. President Boswell requested the inclusion of this item on the next agenda for further discussion.

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 status reports, and there being no other matters to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

MAYOR CHRIOS BOSWELL, PRESIDENT

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

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary