Mayor Chris Boswell called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and asked Mr. Ken Jones to call roll. Upon completion of roll call it was ascertained that a quorum was present.

President Boswell then moved to agenda item 2. – Consider Approval RE: August 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes. Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Arturo Ramirez 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 scheduling on the Rio Metro bus line and also issues regarding the McAllen Express line running late. Next the President recognized Mr. Daniel Moreno who spoke on behalf of family members who use the Valley Metro system Career Link lines and had concerns regarding the proposed bus re-routing.

Upon conclusion of action, 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 September 8, 2010 and reviewed the following applications. Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to take application #5 off the table; Commissioner Roel Landa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried. Mr. Cuellar stated that PARP recommended approval of applications 1-5.

1. National Farm Workers Service Center, Inc. – Messina Farm Worker Housing $3,693,000.00 .............................................................. USDA
2. La Joya Independent School district – Region One SLC – Creating Connections to College $6,750,000.00 ............................................................................ DOE
3. City of Brownsville – Public Transit Capital Planning & Operating Assistance $8,094,440.00 ............................................................................ FTA
4. Hidalgo County Head Start – Continuation Application $30,467,576.00 ............................................................................ DHHS
5. San Benito – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program $545,708.00........... (Tabled August 11, 2010) ......................................... HUD

Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion to approve applications 1 - 5 as recommended by PARP. Mr. Roberto Loredo 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. Joe Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez addressed item 5.A.1. - Consider Approval RE: Adding Vendors to the Direct Purchased Services Pool. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommends approval to add 9 vendors to the Direct Purchased Services Vendor Pool and that upon approval Area Agency on Aging Case Managers will utilize these vendors to purchase services for their clients. **Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion to approve the additional Vendors as recommended. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Boswell then moved to item 5.A.2. – Consider Approval for Additional SSBG Funds to Support the Family Crisis Center. **Mr. Roberto Loredo made a motion for approval for the additional SSBG funds to support the Family Crisis Center as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mr. Arturo Ramirez seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez gave the status report on the SSBG Program.

President Boswell next moved to item 6. – Report from Economic Development and recognized Ms. Terrie Salinas. Ms. Salinas gave status reports on the Business Hurricane Information & Training Project (B-HIT); the Economic Development Administration’s Supplemental Grant II for Economic Development District’s Planning Grant; the GIS Basic Course at Texas State Technical College; the Upcoming Public Conference on LRGVDC’s Economic Adjustment Plan for Building Disaster Resilient Communities; and the State report on the Regional Economic Adjustment Plan were provided by Ms. Sharlotte Teague of S&B Infrastructure. Ms. Salinas also provided the status of the LRGV Regional Strategic Plan.

Upon conclusion of the EDA status reports President Boswell moved to item 7. – Report from Transportation Department and recognized Mr. Luis Guajardo who addressed item 7.A.1. – Consider Approval RE: Service Changes for FY 2011. Mr. Guajardo provided the Board with a detailed explanation of the proposed service changes for the Rio Metro/Rio Transit bus routes. Upon conclusion of the summary **Mr. Arturo Ramirez made a motion for approval of the service changes for FY 2011 as presented. Commissioner Roel Landa seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Boswell next moved to item 7.A.2. – Consider Approval RE: Valley Metro Outreach Campaign Proposal. Mr. Guajardo stated that the proposed outreach campaign is designed to effectively communicate the recently adopted system wide Valley Metro name to the public. **Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza made a motion for approval of the Valley Metro Outreach Campaign as presented. Mr. Roberto Loredo seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion passed unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Guajardo noted that the status reports were in the Board folders.

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, then reported on the upcoming Valley Environmental Summit and encouraged the Board member to attend this event.

The President next moved to item 8.B. – HUD Disaster Recovery Funding, item 1. – Discussion RE: Implementation of Housing Component of Hurricane Dolly Disaster Recovery Funding and recognized Ms. Ann Cass. Ms. Cass came before the Board representing the Equal Voice for America’s Families (Equal Voice) organization and stated that Equal Voice understands that the $106 million in disaster recovery funding for housing is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make changes in the quality of life of the resident of the Rio Grande Valley, in particular the moderate, low and very low income families.
Because of Equal Voice's experience with fair housing practices they made the following request of the Board:

1. For Ann Cass from Hidalgo County and Nick Mitchell-Bennet from Cameron County to serve as ex-officio members of the LRGVDC Housing Committee
2. To schedule a workshop to ensure that the language and scope of work that goes into the contract will follow the Fair Housing Guidelines and address the specific needs of moderate and low income families.
3. That the contact with the entity awarded the RFP to stipulate that Equal Voice be involved and be a primary resource in the development of the needs assessment and planning process.

At the conclusion of Ms. Cass' presentation Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez, Chair of the LRGVDC Housing Advisory Committee stated he would present these ideas to the Committee at the next meeting and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Upon conclusion of discussion the President noted that item 8.B.2. - HUD Disaster Recovery Funding Program Status Report was in the Board folders for review.

The President then moved to item 9. - Homeland Security and recognized Mr. Manuel Cruz. Mr. Cruz turned the floor over to Mr. Jeff Johnson, the Vice Chair of the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC). Regarding item 9.A.1. - Consider Approval RE: Homeland Security Advisory Committee's FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Allocations Mr. Johnson summarized the allocation process and explained the ranking. Upon conclusion of discussion Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez made a motion for approval of the FY 2010 HSGP allocations as recommended by the HSAC. Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz stated that the Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Status reports were in the Board folders for review.

President Boswell then moved to item 9.C.1. – Consider Approval RE: MMRS Steering Committee Recommendation of the MMRS Appointment Membership List. Mr. Cruz stated that in accordance with the committee bylaws the MMRSSC recommends replacing Chief Rogelio Rubio with Chief Shawn Snider. Mr. Don Medina made a motion for approval of the MMRS Committee appointment as recommended by the committee. Council Member Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 9.C.2. – Consider Approval RE: The MMRSSC Selection of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) MMRS Capability Focus Area’s (CFA’s) for the FY 2010 MMRS Grant Program; the focus areas are: Strengthen Interoperable and Operable Communications Capabilities; Community Preparedness: Strengthening Planning and Citizen Capabilities; Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities. Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the MMRSSC’s selection of the HSGP MMRS CFA’s for the FY 2010 MMRS Grant Program as recommended. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Boswell next moved to item 10 - 9-1-1 Department and recognized Mr. Juan Gomez. Regarding item 10.A. – Consider Approval RE: Public Education Materials Purchase, Mr. Gomez stated that staff seeks approval to spend $43,000 from the $45,000 allocated budget for FY 2010-2011 to purchase public education materials to distribute at events within Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. The 9-1-1 Department is in high demand for educational materials during presentations made at schools, adult daycare centers and city events. Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion for approval of the purchase of 9-1-1 educational materials. Mayor Pro-tem Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 10.B. – Update RE: AT&T Equipment on South Side of Border Wall. Mr. Gomez reported that investigation into this matter is ongoing and staff has determined that the area in question has been brought into the Donna City limits with the construction of the new Donna Bridge into Mexico. Staff is currently collecting data on the number of citizens residing between the border and the location of the Border Wall; the wall has not yet been constructed in this area and hopefully this situation will be addressed prior to it becoming an issue. Staff will bring further updates to the next Board meeting.

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 report, and there being no other matters to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

MAYOR CHRIS BOSWELL, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary