

# MINUTES

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

4:00 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011

LRGVDC Transportation Center

510 S. Pleasantview Drive

Weslaco, Texas

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

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### Board Members Present:

Dennis Burleson, Chairman

Michael G. Cano, Vice-Chair

Joe Olivarez, Secretary/Treasurer

Ricardo Perez

Forrest Runnels

David Guerra

Alonzo Cantu

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

**Chairman Burleson established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.**

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Mr. Jim Barnes representing the OWLS addressed the board regarding the projects in general.**

### 3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

#### A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for 1/25/2011, 2/1/2011 and 2/2/2011

***Michael Cano made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

#### B. Consideration and Approval of Expense Report for February 2011

***Flor E. Koll briefed the board on the expenses bill previously and the new additions to the February Expense Report. Alonzo Cantu made a motion to approve the expense report as presented, David Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

#### C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports – Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, LLP.

***Ms. Cheryl Bellamy gave a brief summary on the January and February Financial Reports. David Guerra made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, Michael Cano seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

#### D. Consideration and Approval of Paying Certain Recurring Monthly Bills – **Resolution 2011-04**

***Ms. Blakely Fernandez explained the Resolution stated that the legal bills would not be included in the recurring monthly bills. Alonzo Cantu stated a second person needed authority to review the bills. David Guerra made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-04 with the addition "and/or Chairman" be included on the authorization for payment, Alonzo Cantu seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

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## 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

**Michael Cano made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney, Forrest Runnels seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Burleson terminated regular session at 4:21 pm and entered into Executive Session.**

**The Chairman reconvened regular session at 5:50 and announced no decisions were made during Executive Session.**

## PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

## 5. PROJECT REPORTS - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Godfrey Garza, Jr.

- A. Selection of Engineering Consultants for Segmented TCC and Authorization to Begin Negotiations - **Resolution 2011-02**

**Godfrey Garza provided an update on TCC segmenting as previously approved by the board, including estimated costs per segment: Segment 1, from 10<sup>th</sup> street to Conway estimated at about \$61 million ; Segment 2 from 10<sup>th</sup> street going east to Dicker Road is about \$46 million ; and the US 281 military highway overpass is approximately \$14.086 million. After discussion pertaining to the US 281 Military Highway Overpass, David Guerra motioned to proceed, at this time, only with the TCC project (not the US 281 overpass). Mr. Guerra further moved that with regard to the project west of 281 (the \$61 million estimated cost) that the RMA enter into discussions and negotiations with L&G and with regard to the other segment the RMA enter into negotiations with S&B Engineering. Michael Cano seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Approval of Surveyors' Rankings for TCC, Selection of Surveying Consultants for Segmented TCC, and authorization to Begin Negotiations – **Resolution 2011-03**

**Godfrey Garza discussed clarification issues on the scoring and ranking of surveying firms. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept Resolution 2011-03 (rescinding Resolution 2010-77) and rank the Surveying firms as Dos Land number 1, Quintanilla Headley & Associates number 2, and Dannenbaum number 3. Mr. Cano continued the motion by stating that the RMA enter into negotiations on Segment 1 with Dos Land and on Segment 2 with Quintanilla Headley & Associates. Mr. Garza stated for clarification purposes that the number 1 ranked firm will go with L&G and the number 2 ranked will go with S&B, Mr. Cano stated that was his motion, David Guerra seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Discussion of Pass-Through Applications

**Godfrey Garza reported that three Pass Through Toll Applications were submitted to TxDOT on behalf of the RMA: US 281 at FM 755, La Joya Bypass and US 83 to SH 495. Mario Jorge, TxDOT Pharr District, gave a short briefing, explaining how TxDOT has been involved in all three projects and has done some of the work on the La Joya**



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**Relief Route project including Environmental work. Mr. Jorge addressed potential partnering on RMA Projects.**

- E. Update on IBTC Environmental Assessment Review

**Godfrey Garza reported the Environment Assessment would be ready by May.**

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Richard Ramirez

- A. Overview of System Financing for IBTC / TCC

**Richard Ramirez gave a brief overview of the System Financing for the IBTC and TCC and, for financing purposes, highly encouraging the board to move towards a design-build project. Mr. Ramirez also reported that a Peer Review Summary for the Traffic and Revenue Study would be available at the next meeting..**

7. TxDOT REPORT - Mario Jorge, P.E.

- A. Pass-Through Program Call  
B. Updates on Legislative Session  
C. Discussion of Projects  
**Report given on item 5C.**

8. LEGAL REPORT – Dan Rios/Blakely Fernandez

- A. Legislative Update and Possible Action in Support of or Against Specific Legislative Proposals – **Resolution 2011-05**  
**Blakely Fernandez reported on legislative items for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session. After a brief discussion, David Guerra made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-05 with the following changes: Support legislation improving Transportation Reinvestment Zone including House Bill 563 and Against legislation prohibiting System Financing including House Bill 363.**
- B. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Board Appointments - **Resolution 2011-06**  
**No action taken.**

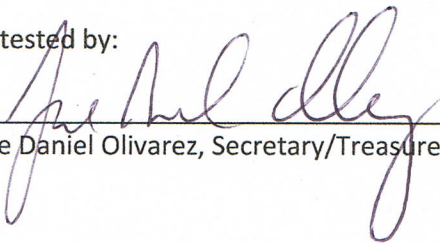
9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Team Texas, March 24 & 25, Austin  
B. IBTTA July Meeting

**Chairman Burleson invited the Board Members to attend Team Tx and the IBTTA conferences**

David Guerra motioned to adjourn the meeting, Forrest Runnels seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously. Regular meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Attested by:

  
Joe Daniel Olivarez, Secretary/Treasurer

4/13/11  
Date