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HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

5:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER

510 S. Pleasantview Drive

Weslaco, Texas 78596

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

Board Members Present:

Dennis Burleson, Chairman

Michael Cano, Vice Chairman

Joe Daniel Olivarez, Secretary-Treasurer

Alonzo Cantu

David Guerra

Forrest Runnels

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chairman Burleson established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Status on relocation of HCRMA Office

Godfrey Garza reported the City of Pharr has offered a building to the HCRMA at a very reasonable rate. The building was showed to Chairman Burleson and Vice-Chair Cano on Monday. The reasonable rate is a \$1.00 a year. The building is in a very good location, but needs a little bit of maintenance and to be furnished.

B. Status update on

1. HCRMA Roadway System Projects – Godfrey Garza, CFM

Godfrey Garza gave an update on all HCRMA Projects.

a. TCC Surveying Rates

Godfrey Garza reported rates from Surveying firms were received, and TxDOT has reviewed the same; however, contracts are not ready to be executed, but the HCRMA can begin negotiations.

b. Environmental Status of TCC and IBTC

Godfrey Garza gave a status update on the TCC and IBTC. On IBTC, Atkins is waiting on revised schematics from 2 lanes to 4 lanes (S&B is working on those schematics).

Chairman Burleson stated Blanton was hired to do a peer review on Environmental work for IBTC.

2. Procurements – Godfrey Garza, CFM

a. Discussion of Review Committee and ranking procedures for Program Manager and Executive Director

Godfrey Garza reported on the selection process for the Program Manager/General Consulting Services. The Planning Committee will review the submissions and intends to shortlist firms to 3 (if there are 3 firms that meet the qualifications). The shortlisted firms will make presentations to the board, with the board making final selection. Blakely Fernandez went over criteria for ranking, scoring and selection for US 281 engineering. Ms. Fernandez suggested this criteria may not work for Executive Director. Alonzo Cantu

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suggested we need to make the Executive Director a full time, permanent, at-will employee, not an interim position.

b. Update on outstanding procurements

Blakely Fernandez stated there are 3 outstanding procurements right now: Toll Integrator, Program Manager/General Consulting Services and Executive Director.

Moved to item 3D.

3. Status of Pass Through Projects - Jody Ellington, P.E., TxDOT

- a. TCC
- b. US 281 OP at San Juan Road
- c. US 281 OP at FM 755
- d. US 83 at La Joya

Norma Garza, TxDOT reported for Jody Ellington. Ms. Garza reported on status of Pass Through Projects. Ms. Garza stated the HCRMA is required to submit a letter to TxDOT with revised financial status for the La Joya Bypass Project.

4. Financial Update on Projects – Richard Ramirez, First Southwest
No report.

5. Tiger Grant III Application – Godfrey Garza, CFM

Godfrey Garza reported the HCRMA had previously applied for a Tiger grant on the US 83 Donna Connector, which was unsuccessful. Mr. Garza recommends the HCRMA reapply and contract S&B Infrastructure to submit the application on the HCRMA's behalf since this is the firm currently working on this project. It is the consensus of the board to proceed with engaging S&B Infrastructure to submit an application for this project.

C. Discussion, consideration and approval of term sheet for Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Hidalgo County and Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority – **Resolution 2011-24**
Alonzo Cantu made a motion not to take action on the term sheet, David Guerra seconded the motion, upon a vote the motion carried.

D. Interviews (if necessary) and Selection of firm(s) for the Engineering Consultants for Preliminary Design through PS&E and Surveying for the US 281 Project – **Resolution 2011-25**

The board heard presentations from the following firms: Halff & Associates, S&B Infrastructure, and Teds. Ranking sheets were submitted to Flor E. Koll to be tallied. (The tallies were made by Flor E. Koll, while the Board Members entered into executive session to discuss other matters.) After Executive Session: *The firms ranked as follows:*

#1-Teds, #2-Halff and #3-S&B Infrastructure. Joe Olivarez motioned to accept the ranking as is, Alonzo Cantu seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion passed.

Alonzo Cantu made a motion to enter into Executive Session, Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney regarding item 3B2b. Status of Procurements, Forrest Runnels seconded the motion and upon a vote the motioned carried unanimously. *Chairman Burleson then adjourned regular session at 7:16 pm and entered into Executive Session.*

Regular Session reconvened at 7:55 pm. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

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- E. Discussion and Review of Administrative and Managerial Consultant Agreement (Integ)
No discussion.

4. Chairman's Report – Dennis Burleson

- A. Letter to TxDOT regarding Falfurrias Overpasses

Chairman Burleson reported on the Letter to TxDOT regarding the Falfurrias Overpass and open discussion with TxDOT on a partnership related to this project.

- B. Items for next board meeting

Selection for General Consulting/Program Management Firm.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney

- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property

- C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

Chairman Burleson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Attested by:

 9-14-11
Joe Daniel Olivarez Date