

MINUTES

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

3:00 PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010

CITY OF PHARR: COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2ND FLOOR

118 S. CAGE BLDV, PHARR TEXAS

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

Board Members Present:

Dennis Burleson, Chairman

Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer

Juan Maldonado, Member

Ricardo Perez, Member

Michael Cano, Member

Joe Olivarez, Member

Godfrey Garza, Jr.

Others:

Flor E. Koll

Blakely Fernandez

Dan Rios

Richard Ramirez

Erika Reyna

Richard Moya

Greg Beatty

Delaino Schaefer

Mike Trevino

Arlin & Lorna Jacobson

Ken Jones

Jesse Salinas

Reza Badiozzamani

Behrooz Badiozzamani

Jacinto Garza

Eddie Saenz

Ken Jones

Carol Y Robert Pratt

Carl Erickson

Jose Tejodor

Robert Fina

Eric Dietrich

Scott Young

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present at 3:10 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Pratt addressed the Board of Directors and inquired as to when negotiations regarding their property might begin.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes December 12, 2009

Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Michael Cano seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration and Approval of Outstanding Invoices and Travel Requests

Joe Olivarez made a motion to approve the outstanding invoice and travel request as presented, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Bellamy made a brief presentation of the financial report. *Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, Ricardo Perez (member) seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

- D. Consideration and Approval of HCRB Invoice #1494-006A

Joe Olivarez made a motion to approve HCRB Invoice #1494-006A, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Administrative Report – Godfrey Garza, Jr.

1. Updates from Texas Transportation Forum

Mr. Garza gave a short briefing on topics discussed at the Texas Transportation Forum

2. County Meetings/Financing Workshop

Mr. Garza gave a brief summary on meetings with County Judge and Commissioners.

3. Discussion, consideration, and approval of response to TxDOT's proposed business terms for local projects; affirming the RMA's desire for a market valuation waiver; and authorization to submit business terms to the MPO for review.

Mr. Garza reported on the Letter received from TxDOT regarding the proposed business terms and presented a response letter for signature. Ms. Blakely Fernandez elaborated on the letter. *After the report, Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the response to TxDOT on the proposed business terms, Juan Maldonado seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

4. Discussion, consideration, and approval of Amendment 4 to the Preliminary Project Development Agreement with Hidalgo County Roadbuilders.

Mr. Garza gave an overview of the amendment to the board. *Juan Maldonado made a motion to approve the amendment as presented, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

5. Discussion, consideration, and approval on GMP Project Sequencing

Mr. Garza requested the board approve a letter to the Hidalgo County Roadbuilders requesting modifications to the scope of the sequencing on segment 2 of the GMP. *Michael Cano moved to approve the request, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

6. Discussion, consideration and approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County for Accessing the Hidalgo County Professional Services Pool

Mr. Garza gave a brief explanation of the Interlocal Agreement and Ms Blakely Fernandez clarified the services would be provided through the county. *Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Hidalgo County, Ricardo Perez (member) seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

7. Discussion, consideration, and approval of Tiger Grant Project Development

No action taken at this time. This item will be covered under item 4.E.1.

8. Discussion, consideration, and approval of Engagement with Engineering Firms to provide Professional Engineering Services as it relates to the GMP Review

Mr. Garza recommended to the board that neither firm be engaged at this time.

Item 4.A.8. is an update item, no action required or taken.

B. TxDOT – Mario Jorge, PE

1. Market Valuation/Primacy; Timeline for Waiver Agreement
2. Pass-Through Program Call for Projects; Adding HCRMA Projects to State Highway System
3. Other State Financing Tools – Update
 - a. Proposition 12 Funding
 - b. Infrastructure Bank

Ms. Norma Garza gave a brief report on the Market Valuation/Primacy and Pass-Through Program call for Projects. Ms. Garza stated nothing new on Proposition 12 Funding, also TxDOT is still waiting on rules for Infrastructure Bank.

C. Hidalgo County Roadbuilders – Reza Badiozzamani

1. Project Update

Mr. Badiozzamani gave a brief update on the Hidalgo County Roadbuilder's status, stating two critical paths being Environmental and Right of Way Acquisition.

D. First Southwest – Richard Ramirez

1. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding C&M Investment Grade Study

Prior to Mr. Ramirez addressing the Board, Mr. Garza recommended the Board move forward with the Investment Grade Study. Mr. Ramirez gave a short briefing on the Investment Grade Study regarding C&M. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the C&M Investment Grade Study, Michael Cano seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Financing Update/Schedule

No update was given.

E. PBS&J –Kerry Winkler

1. Discussion, consideration, and action approving revised Contract Proposal

Mr. Godfrey Garza gave a brief summary with Ms. Winkler, Mr. Badiozzamani and Mr. Ramirez elaborating on past and future work by PBS&J. Ms. Blakely Fernandez voiced concerns over some of the proposed language in the proposed contract amendment. After a short discussion, Juan Maldonado made a motion to approve the revised contract upon stipulation of further definition of the scope, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

F. TRPSA – Blakely Fernandez

1. Training schedule

Ms. Fernandez is working on a Government and Ethics Training schedule for Board Members. No action required.

2. Discussion, consideration, and action on Resolution clarifying Administrative/Managerial Consultant Contract

Ms. Fernandez gave an explanation of Chapter 43 of the Administrative Code regarding Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer. Rick Perez (Vice-Chair) made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-01 clarifying administrative and managerial consultant contract, Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion on Annual filing of Personal Financial Statements

Ms. Fernandez reminded the Board of Directors annual filing of Personal Financial Statements are due April 30, 2010. No action required.

4. Discussion on Legal Services Contract/Procurement

Ms. Fernandez advised the Board of Directors that it was time to renew or procure for new Counsel for Legal Services. No action required at this time.

G. Chairman's Report

1. Updates from Texas Transportation Forum

Chairman Burleson gave a brief update on the Texas Transportation Forum, thanked the members for attending. Chairman announced the upcoming February Team Tx Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

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

No Executive Committee was called.

Attested by:

Ramiro E. Salazar 2/25/10
Ramiro Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer Date