

MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
5:30 P.M. – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007
HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ROOM
100 E. CANO – EDINBURG, TX**

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Board of Directors held a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2007 at the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court Room, in Edinburg, Texas. In attendance were:

Board Members

Mr. Dennis Burleson, Chairman
Mr. Rick Perez, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ramiro Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Joe Olivarez
Mr. Ruben Serna
Mr. Roberto Villarreal

Others

Mr. Andrew Canon, HCMPO
Ms. Maria Champine, HCMPO
Ms. Mary Escalona, HCMPO
Ms. Melba R. Ramos, TxDOT
Ms. Sandra Spense, Dannenbaum Engineering
Mr. Victor Morales, LRGVDC
Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC
Ms. Debby Morales, LRGVDC

Chairman Dennis Burleson called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and announced that a quorum of voting members was present. Chairman Burleson then moved to item 2. – Consider Approval of meeting minutes from January 11, 2007 and January 30, 2007. Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 11, 2007 and the meeting of January 30, 2007 as presented. Mr. Ruben Serna seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 3. - Public Comment, as no one had signed up for Public Comment, the Chairman then moved to item 4. – Discussion and Possible Action RE: Meeting Schedule. It was the consensus of the Board that a meeting in late February was not necessary and that the next regular Board meeting would be on March 8, 2007. Chairman Burleson informed the Board that he, Mr. Andrew Canon, and Mr. Ken Jones would be attending an RMA / MPO meeting in Austin on February 12, 2007, and announced that the next Team Texas meeting would be in April 2007.

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 5. – Consider Adoption of 2007 Administrative Budget, and recognized Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC. Mr. Jones referenced the Staff Proposal for Hidalgo County RMA that indicated the utilization of staff currently assisting with the HCMPO program. Mr. Jones then turned the floor over to Mr. Andrew Canon, HCMPO and Mr. Canon then detailed the services the HCMPO office and staff members could provide to the Board. At the conclusion of discussion, which included the need to revisit potential services that could be provided by Hidalgo County, Mr. Ramiro Salazar suggested the Board request a proposal for Administrative Services from Hidalgo County. ***Mr. Salazar made a motion to table this item. Mr. Ruben Serna seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried and this item was tabled.***

Upon conclusion of discussion on item 5. Chairman Burleson then moved to item 6. – Presentation of Expense Report and again recognized Mr. Ken Jones. Mr. Jones stated that there were no expenses incurred in the month of January. **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to accept report as presented. Mr. Ruben Serna seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on item 6. the Chairman moved to item 7.A. – Consider Action on Authorization of RFQ's RE: Website Development / Services and recognized Mr. Victor Morales, LRGVDC Procurement Officer. Mr. Morales stated that the RFQ was a total package that would support the information sharing the HCRMA required. Chairman Burleson asked if the RFQ was broad enough to have the technical expertise necessary, as well as design features that were user friendly and attractive to the general public. Mr. Morales answered in the affirmative. Upon conclusion of discussion **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the RFQ as presented and to authorize the Executive Committee to select 3 - 5 submittals to bring before the Board. Mr. Rick Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on item 7.A., Chairman Burleson moved to item 7. B. – Consider Action on Authorization of RFQ's RE: Financial Advisor and again recognized Mr. Victor Morales. Mr. Morales stated that the RFQ presented to the Board had been reviewed by the Board's legal counsel, Ms. Blakely Fernandez, Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP. Mr. Salazar asked if this document had been adopted from the form used by CCRMA; Mr. Morales answered in the affirmative. Upon conclusion of discussion **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the RFQ for Financial Advisor as presented. Mr. Bobby Villarreal seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action on item 7.B. the Chairman moved to item 8. – Status Report. Regarding item 8.A. – Selection of General Counsel Services. Chairman Burleson stated that he had visited the San Antonio offices of Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP, read their contract and was satisfied with the terms. Upon conclusion of discussion **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to accept the Professional Service Agreement with Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP. Mr. Rick Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Item 8.B. – TxDOT meeting with RMA's and Associated MPO's had been previously covered. Regarding item 8.C. – Discussion RE: Establishment of Subcommittees & Task Forces, there was nothing new to report.

At the conclusion of the Status Reports, Chairman Burleson moved to item 9. – New or Old Business, as there was no new or old business to discuss, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Rick Perez made a motion for adjournment; Mr. Ruben Serna seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer