

MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
5:30 P.M. – THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007
MCALLEN CITY HALL – COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
1300 HOUSTON, MCALLEN, 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 Thursday, April 12, 2007 at the City of McAllen Commissioner's Court Room, in McAllen, Texas. In attendance were:

Board Members

Mr. Dennis Burleson, Chairman
Mr. Ramiro Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Joe Olivarez
Mr. Ruben Plata
Mr. Roberto J. Villarreal
Mr. Ruben Serna

Others

Commissioner Hope Andrade
Ms. Mary Escalona, HCMPO
Mr. Victor Morales, LRGVDC
Ms. Debby Morales, LRGVDC
Ms. Blakely Fernandez, Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP
Mr. Ed Taylor, City of McAllen
Mr. Scott Crane, City of McAllen
Mr. Mario Jorge, TX DOT
Mr. Mark Lupher, TEDSI
Mr. Godfrey Garza, HCDD #1
Mr. Raul Lozano, Hidalgo County Judge's Office
Mr. Jose Reyes, TEDSI
Mr. Reza Badiozzamani, L & G Engineering
Mr. Don Medina, LRGVDC

1. Call to Order & Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Dennis Burleson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and announced that a quorum of voting members was present. Mr Rick Perez was not present.

2. Consider Approval of March 29, 2007 Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 2. – Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections to Item 4. A. and Item 6. Mr. Ruben Plata seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 3. - Public Comment; however no one had signed up for Public Comment.

4. Discussion with TxDOT Commissioner Hope Andrade

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 4. Commissioner Hope Andrade gave a welcome speech. She recommended that the RMA work very closely with TxDOT and other region RMA's to help expand the benefits of what the RMA will be able to accomplish in the future. She stated that she was very proud of what the RMA has accomplished already and is very excited to what the future will bring. Upon conclusion of

Commissioners Andrade's presentation and discussion, the HCRMA Board thanked the Commissioner for attending and sharing her thoughts with them.

5. Report from Legal Counsel

(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS)

A: Consider RFQ RE: To Plan, Develop, Design, Construct and/or Finance All or a Portion of the US 83 Project (Tabled 3/29/2007)

Mr. Ruben Plata made a motion to remove this item from the table. Mr. Ruben Serna seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 5A. Chairman Burleson introduced Blakely Fernandez, Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP. Ms. Fernandez stated that this item was tabled at last months RMA Meeting; therefore; an updated RFQ was attached for everyone to review. She gave a brief summary of the RFQ and went through it by individual sections. Mr. Burleson asked if the board would like to go ahead and release the RFQ and if there are any concerns we could have an executive committee meeting. *Mr. Ruben Plata made a motion to authorize the executive committee to release the RFQ to Plan, Develop, Design, Construct and/or Finance All or a Portion of the US 83 Project. Mr Bobby Villarreal seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

B: Legislative Update

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 5B. Ms. Blakely Fernandez stated that there were three resolutions that needed to be approved. She gave a brief review and back ground of each resolution individually. Resolutions: 1) 2007-01 The Pass-Through Financing Bill, 2.) 2007-02 Concession CDA/Design-Build CDA Bill and 3) Vehicle Registration Fee Bill. She also gave a brief update on other bills that have been discussed at the Legislature. The board requested that Ms. Blakely Fernandez come back to the June RMA Meeting and give an update on which Bills were approved.

Mr. Bobby Villarreal made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-01 The Pass-Through Finance Bill. Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-02 Concession CDA/Design-Build CDA Bill. Mr. Bobby Villarreal seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-03 Vehicle Registration Fee Bill with the recommendations to expand the language at a later date. Mr. Ruben Serna seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

C: Consideration and Adoption of Policies and Procedures

i. Governance Policy

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 5.C.i. Ms. Blakely Fernandez stated that these guidelines are the RMA's strategic goals. This policy is designed to provide the authority the necessary authority and practices in place to review and evaluate its progress and the effectiveness of the board. *Mr. Ruben Plata made a motion to adopt the Governance Policy. Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

ii. Environmental Review Policy

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 5.C.ii. Ms. Blakely Fernandez stated that the RMA is required to have an Environmental Review Policy. In the event that the RMA enters into a project and that does not fall into the scope of the federal environmental requirements this will insure that the RMA follows that same process. *Mr. Ruben Plata made a motion to adopt the*

Environmental Review Policy. Mr. Bobby Villarreal seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

iii. Public Access Statement

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 5.C.iii. Ms. Blakely Fernandez stated that an updated Public Input Policy was attached. The changes that were made address the attendees with disabilities and are ADA Compliance and accommodations for Spanish speaking attendees. The LRGVDC will have two-days notice to accommodate any requests prior to the meetings.

Mr. Ruben Plata made a motion to adopt the Public Input Policy. Mr. Bobby Villarreal seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously

6. Consider Selections for Website Development Services (ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 6. Mr. Burleson stated that this item would stay on the table until further notice. *Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion for this item to stay on the table. Mr. Ruben Plata seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

7. Discussion and Possible Action RE: Meeting Schedule (ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 7. Mr. Burleson stated that the next RMA board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2007. After further discussion Mr. Burleson recommended for the next meeting to take place at the Weslaco City Hall.

8. Status Report (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS)

A. Team TX Meeting April 9 – 10, 2007 in Dallas

No reports were given at this time.

B. Discussion RE: Establishment of Subcommittees & Task Forces

No reports were given at this time.

9. New or Old Business

Chairman Burleson moved to item 9. – Mr. Burleson stated the Hidalgo County MPO would be having a 2007 Border-to-Border Conference on April 17-19, 2007. Ms. Blakely Fernandez also reminded the board members to turn in their certificates. Mr. Burleson advised everyone that a Transportation Forum meeting has been scheduled for July 18, 2007.

10. Adjournment

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. *Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion for adjournment; Mr. Ruben Plata seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

ATTEST:

Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer