

# MINUTES

HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 P.M. - THURSDAY, JULY 09, 2009  
UTPA  
INTERNATIONAL ROOM  
1201 WEST UNIVERSITY DRIVE  
EDINBURG, TEXAS

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Board of Directors held a Regular Public Meeting of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority will be held at UTPA, International Room, 1201 West University Drive, Edinburg, Texas.

In attendance were:

Board Members

Mr. Dennis Burluson, Chairman  
Mr. Rick Perez, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Ramiro Salazar, Secretary/  
Treasurer  
Mr. Joe Olivarez  
Mr. Juan Maldonado  
Mr. Ramon Garcia

Others

Ms. Mary Escalona  
Ms. Maria Champine  
Commissioner Scott Crane, City of McAllen  
Ms. Cheryl Bellamy, Salinas Allen & Schmitt  
Mr. Everett Owen, Owen Consulting  
Ms. Blakely Fernandez, TRPSA  
Mr. Gerry Pate, HCRB  
Ms. Flor Koll, HCRB  
Ms. Norma Y. Garza, TxDOT  
Mr. Andrew A. Canon, HCMPO  
Mr. Eric Dietrich, TEDSI/ Hidalgo County

Others

Mr. Tracy Hill, PBS&J  
Ms. Sharon Becca, PBS&J  
Mr. Reza Badiozzamani, HCRB  
Mr. Jacinto Garza, L & G Engineering  
Ms. Velma Garcia, L & G Engineering  
Mr. Robert Machesla, L & G Engineering  
Mr. Behrooz Badiozzamani, L & G Engineering  
Mr. Pete McRae, Pate Transportation  
Mr. Richard Ramirez, 1<sup>st</sup> Southwest  
Mr. Salomon Torres, US Ruben Hinojosa  
Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC

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

Chairman Dennis Burluson called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm and announced that a quorum of voting members was present.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None at this time.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2009

***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the June 16, 2009 Minutes as presented. Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

B. Consideration and Approval of Outstanding Invoices and Travel Requests

Ms. Maria Champine stated that there were only a couple of invoices that needed to be approved. She stated that the First National Bank Statement that is due July 1<sup>st</sup> has not arrived but she is requesting pre-approval to pay the invoice when it arrives. This will avoid any late fees to incur if the RMA does not meet again in until late July. **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Outstanding Invoices and Travel Request and to approve the payment from the First National Bank Interest Payment which is due by July 1, 2009. Mr. Ramon Garcia seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

C. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports- Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, L.L.P.

Ms. Bellamy briefly gave an update regarding the RMA Financial Reports. She stated that she is working diligently with the Auditors to finalize the report. She stated that they hope to give a report at the August Meeting. **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Financial Reports. Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority  
To Be Approved  
On August 18, 2009

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

A. Mario Jorge, Texas Department of Transportation

1. Update on Loop Project
2. Update on Special Session / Revolving Fund / Pass-Through Financing
3. Update on Expedited Market Valuation Process

Ms. Norma Garza, TxDOT, stated that Mario Jorge was unable to attend because he was in Austin for a meeting. Ms. Garza gave a brief update regarding the Hidalgo County Loop Project and Market Valuation.

B. Andrew Canon, Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization

1. Long-Range Plan
2. Market Valuation / Business Term Approval Process and Schedule

Mr. Canon reminded the Board members that MPO staff will need to meet with HCRB regarding the MPO Long Range Plan. He stated that the deadline is just around the corner. He advised the members that a Scenario Workshop was being scheduled on behalf of the MPO and staff will be sending out more information at a later date.

C. Gerry Pate, Hidalgo County Road Builders

1. Update on Project Financing / Trip to New York
2. Update on Project
3. Update on Public Meetings for E & F

Mr. Gerry Pate gave a brief update. Mr. Reza Badiozzamani stated that HCRB have scheduled several Public meetings in different locations. He stated that they have met with local City Officials to give the City a detail report. Mr. Pate stated that the Meeting in New York with Goldman Sachs didn't go very well. He stated that at this time Goldman & Sachs is unable to finance the entire project. He recommended to do Section A only. Mr. Pate gave a breakdown of all of the sections of the loop. Mr. Owen stated that at this time there are no Federal funds available. He stated that C & M is currently working on a report.

D. Tracy Hill, PBS&J

1. Update on Loop Project - Scope and Fees Strategy for System Broken Down by Sections
2. Discussion on Local Environment Process and Outstanding Tasks

This item was discussed by Everett Owen during Item #4. C.

E. Everett Owen, Owen Consulting

1. Revised Project Budget
2. Budget Comparison EA vs. EIS Under Federal Rules and Local Rules
3. Project Management / Oversight and Related Budgetary Matters

This item was discussed during Item #4.C.

F. Richard Ramirez, First Southwest

1. NADBank Discussions and Introductions
2. Presentation by NADBank
3. Discussion on RMA Financing Plan

Mr. Ramirez discussed the financing of Section A and suggested that a preliminary review showed the project may be feasible with some state or federal assistance. He advised that a joint meeting of NADBank and the BECC was scheduled for July 21.

G. Blakely Fernandez, TRPSA

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on Modification of Hidalgo County Road Builder's Contract
2. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action on Modification of PBS&J Contract

Ms. Fernandez stated that the scope of services/project be delivered under the PPDA would require a modification of that agreement. She noted that the Board had the option of modifying or terminating the existing contract. **Mr. Rick Perez, Vice Chairman, made a motion to Terminate, as of July 31, 2009, the Preliminary Project Development Agreement subject to successful negotiation of a contract amendment, acceptable to the HCRMA Board of Directors, by July 31, 2009. Mr. Juan Maldonado seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Fernandez stated that the Contract with PBS&J would need to be modified as well with the same modifications. **Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to modify the PBS&J Contract with a Revised Scope of Services for Environmental. Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion, and upon the vote the motion carried unanimously.**

H. Chairman's Report

1. Discussion on August RMA Meeting
2. Discussion on Planner I Advertisement

Chairman Burleson stated that next month's RMA meeting was scheduled for August 13, 2009 in Weslaco. He requested for everyone to look at their calendars and see if that is ok. Mr. Burleson stated that there were 10 applications that applied for the Planner I position. He stated that Executive Committee members will need to meet sometime next week and do interviews.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL OF LETTER TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACCEPTING BUSINESS TERMS ON LOOP PROJECT

Chairman Burleson stated that we have a Resolution to Accept the Business terms on the Loop Project. Ms. Fernandez stated that a letter was included for everyone to review. She stated that the letter is made to the attention of Mario Jorge. Ms. Fernandez stated that the Resolution approves the letter to Mr. Jorge and the terms. ***Mr. Juan Maldonado made a motion to approve the Letter to Texas Department of Transportation Accepting Business Terms on Loop Project. Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO COMPLETE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS FOR SECTION A.

Chairman Burleson stated that this item will be tabled and brought back at a later date. ***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to table Item #6: Approval of Resolution to Complete Local Environmental Process for Section A. Mr. Juan Maldonado seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551:

- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
  1. Preliminary Project Development Agreement
- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

**Mr. Rick Perez, Vice Chairman, made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

**Chairman Dennis Burleson stated that No Action was taken during Executive Session. He called the meeting back to order at 7:14pm.**

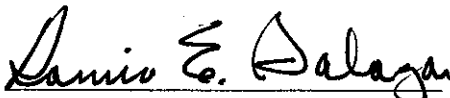
8. NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

This item was discussed during Item #4. H.

9. ADJOURNMENT

***Mr. Joe Olivarez made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Juan Maldonado seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

ATTEST:

  
Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer