

# MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 P.M. – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009  
LRGVDC TRANSPORTATION CENTER  
510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE  
WESLACO, TEXAS**

A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 AT 5:30PM AT THE LOWER RIO GRANDE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION CENTER, 510 S. PLEASANTVIEW DRIVE, WESLACO, TEXAS.

In attendance were:

Board Members:

Mr. Dennis Burleson, Chairman  
Mr. Rick Perez, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Ramiro Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Ricardo Perez  
Mr. Joe Olivarez

Others:

Ms. Blakely Fernandez, TRPSA  
Mr. Barron Wallace, Vinson & Elks  
Mr. Richard Ramirez, First Southwest  
Mr. Everett Owen, Owen Consulting  
Mr. Gerry Pate, HCRB  
Mr. Reza Badiozzamani, HCRB  
Mr. Godfrey Garza, HCDD#1  
Mr. Tracy Hill, PBS&J  
Ms. Sharon Becca, PBS&J  
Mr. Allan Butcher, Raba-Kistner  
Mr. Robert Macheska, L&G  
Ms. Velma Garcia, L&G  
Ms. Norma Y. Garza, TxDOT  
Mr. Jody Ellington, TxDOT  
Mr. Behrooz Badiozzamani  
Mr. Hector Zamora, Landowner  
Mr. Dan Rios, Attorney  
Mr. Robert Fina, JESaenz

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

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

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*None.*

## 3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

### A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2009

*Mr. Joe Olivarez made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

### B. Consideration and Approval of Outstanding Invoices and Travel Requests

*Flor E. Koll stated that the Verizon payment and Vehicle Registration Fee were added to the Outstanding Invoices. Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve payment of the outstanding invoices and travel expenses, Juan Maldonado seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

### C. Review and Appropriate action on Invoice from HCRB:

1. Invoice # 1494-002A – Schematic Design & Independent QA/QC and Hourly Services
2. Invoice # 1494-002B – Program Management

*Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve payment on Invoice #1494-002A and Invoice # 1494-002B, Mr. Ricardo Perez (member) seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

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

*Ms. Cheryl Bellamy gave a brief summary on the Financial Reports. Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, Mr. Ricardo Perez (member) seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

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

##### A. Barron Wallace, Vinson Elkins

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Appropriate Action on Resolution Approving Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

*Mr. Barron Wallace briefly gave a summary and explanation on the restated credit agreement. Mr. Rick Perez (Vice-Chair) made a motion to authorize and approve an amended and restated credit agreement, Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

##### B. Norma Garza, Texas Department of Transportation

1. Update on Commission Funding, including Proposition 12 funds, Pass-Through Financing, and Stimulus funds
2. Update on Project

*Mr. Jody Ellington briefly gave an update on Proposition 12 funds. Mr. Ellington stated the TIGER grant application was sent in. He also updated briefly on the Project.*

##### C. Maria Champine, Hidalgo County MPO

1. Update on Long Range Plan
2. Update from MPO

*Ms. Maria Champine gave an update on the Long Range Plan. Ms. Champine stated the MPO is currently working on the MTP and forecast.*

##### D. Hidalgo County Road Builders

1. Presentation on TIGER grant application for Hidalgo Trade Corridor Section A & Section B
2. Update on MPO Long Range Plan
3. Update on right of way protection plan
4. Update on Schematic Submittals to TxDOT and Status of QA/QC.

*Mr. Gerry Pate briefly gave an update on the TRZ, GMP and Roadbuilders office. Mr. Reza Badiozzamani gave an update on the TIGER Grant Application, MPO long range plan, Right of Way protection plan and schematic submittals.*

##### E. Tracy Hill, PBS&J

1. Report on items outstanding to complete environmental work on Hidalgo Trade Corridor Section A & Section B, reduced scope cost, and credits to RMA under existing contract
2. Discussion, Consideration and Appropriate Action on Amended Professional Service Agreement between PBS&J and HCRMA

*Mr. Tracy Hill reported on outstanding items. Amended Professional Services agreement was discussed. Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approved the Amended Professional Services Agreement, Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

##### F. Everett Owen, Owen Consulting

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Appropriate Action on revision of Project Scope definition
2. Discussion, Consideration, and Appropriate Action on revised Project Budget
3. Discussion, Consideration, and Appropriate Action on consulting team to assist with review of GMP

*Mr. Everett Owen gave a brief summary on Project Scope definition and Project Budget. Mr. Owen reported he would need assistance in three areas with review of the GMP: Engineering, ROW Cost and Risk Fee Management. Mr. Behrooz Badiozzamani briefly elaborated on the connector to Expressway 83 for Section B. Mr. Owen recommended that the two areas that need help be sub contracted under legal counsel (Blakely Fernandez).*

G. Richard Ramirez, First Southwest

1. Updated finance report for Hidalgo Trade Corridor Section A & Section B
2. C&M Engagement

*Mr. Richard Ramirez gave a brief summary on finance report, Intermediate T&R forecast update and comprehensive T&R forecast. Mr. Ramirez confirmed C&M would work with First Southwest as a sub-contractor.*

H. Blakely Fernandez, Tuggey Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather LLP

1. Discussion, Consideration, and Appropriate Action on Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County related to Hidalgo County Transportation Reinvestment Zone No. 1

*Ms. Blakely Fernandez briefly gave an update on the Interlocal Agreement. Ms. Fernandez stated Hidalgo County legal counsel had already agreed to the terms and signed the agreement. Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Hidalgo County, Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion Carried unanimously.*

I. Chairman's Report

1. Discussion on October RMA Meeting
2. Discussion, Consideration, and Appropriate Action on Audit Letter
3. Team Tx - October 1-2, 2009 - San Antonio, Texas

*Mr. Dennis Burlison gave a brief summary on the Audit. Mr. Burlison stated a special meeting in late September would be required to approve the Audit. Mr. Burlison discussed the TEAM Tx Meeting and encouraged people to attend.*

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551:

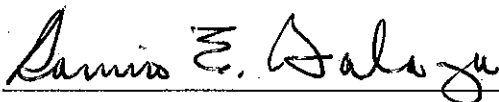
- A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney
- B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property
- C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters

*No Executive Session was called.*

6. NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

7. ADJOURNMENT 7:15pm

Attest:



Ramiro Salazar, Secretary/Treasurer