

# MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
5:30 P.M. – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008  
City of Pharr  
City Hall  
118 South Cage  
Pharr, Texas**

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Board of Directors held a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at the City of Pharr City Hall, Pharr, Texas.

In attendance were:

Board Members

Mr. Dennis Burluson, Chairman  
Mr. Rick Perez, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Ramiro, Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mr. Ramon Garcia

Others

Ms. Maria Champine  
Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT  
Ms. Norma Y. Garza, TxDOT  
Ms. Flor Koll, HCRB  
Mr. Jacinto Garza, L & G Engineering  
Ms. Angie Garza, Hidalgo County MPO Chairman  
Mr. Oscar Cuellar, City of Donna

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

Chairman Dennis Burluson called the meeting to order at 5:36pm and announced that a quorum of voting members was present.

**2. WELCOME FROM THE CITY OF PHARR**

Chairman Burluson welcomed everyone in the audience to tonight's meeting. Mr. Burluson acknowledged Commissioner Angie Garza, Hidalgo County MPO Chairman, and thanked Mrs. Garza for attending.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None at this time.

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Consideration and Approval of Outstanding Invoices and Travel Requests – Maria Champine.**

Ms. Maria Champine gave a brief summary of the outstanding invoices. Ms. Champine stated that an invoice from Salinas Allen & Schmitt and the registration for Ramiro Salazar and Rick Perez (Vice Chair) for the Texas Transportation Forum had been submitted. Ms. Champine stated that the due date for the bank payment was changed to the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month to provide the board members more time to review and approve for payment. The total expenses for this month were \$21,953.00. Mr. Burluson stated that the interest should be lower next month.

***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the outstanding invoices and travel requests as presented. Ramon Garcia seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

**B. Consideration and Approval of Monthly Invoice Report**

**i. Vinson & Elkins Invoice**

Mr. Burluson stated that Vinson & Elkins is the RMA's bond counsel. He stated that this invoice relates to the previous work done in October 2008, on the FNB loan audit.

***Vice Chairman Rick Perez made a motion to approve the Vinson & Elkins Invoice as presented. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ON HIDALGO COUNTY LOOP PROJECT SECTIONS B AND D:**

Mr. Jacinto Garza stated that Hidalgo County Roadbuilders is ready to make a presentation to the public for the Technically Preferred Alignments. Mr. Mario Jorge expressed his approval for Hidalgo County Roadbuilders to move forward due to two major traffic generators coming in the near future. Dennis Burleson welcomed Oscar Cuellar, City Manager for City of Donna. Mr. Burleson stated that he received a letter of Support from the City of Donna today.

*Ramiro Salazar mad a motion to approve a schedule for public presentations on Hidalgo County Loop Project sections B and D requests as presented. Mr. Ramon Garcia seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

**6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS ON HIDALGO COUNTY LOOP PROJECT SECTIONS B AND D:**

Mr. Jacinto Garza stated that Hidalgo County Roadbuilders was ready to advertise for public presentations on Hidalgo County Loop Project Sections B and D.

*Ramon Garcia made a motion to approve on advertisement for public presentations on Hidalgo County Loop Project sections A and B requests as presented, Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ENGAGING A FIRM TO PROVIDE AUDITING SERVICES AND THE CREATION OF AN AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Burleson introduced Ruben Moreno from the auditing firm. Mr. Moreno summarized services provided by his firm and explained the proposal.

*Vice-Chairman Rick Perez made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-30 engaging a firm to provide auditing services and the creation of an audit committee as presented. Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

*The chairman determined that an audit committee would be appointed at a later date.*

**8. 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. Personal Matters

No executive session was held.

**9. NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**

Mr. Burleson suggested that the standing committees consider what information they need to consider in terms of future agenda items.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ramon Garcia seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

ATTEST:

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Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer