

# MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
5:30 P.M. – TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2007  
MISSION 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 5:38 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2007 at the City of Mission Commissioner's Court Room, in Mission, 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 Plata  
Mr. Roberto J. Villarreal

Others

Ms. Mary Escalona, HCMPO  
Mr. Victor Morales, LRGVDC  
Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC  
Ms. Debby Morales, LRGVDC  
Mr. Andrew A. Canon, HCMPO  
Ms. Veronica Chidester, Pate Engineering  
Ms. Sofia Hernandez, Hidalgo County Judge's Office  
Mr. Bryan Feld, Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP

**1. Call to Order & Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Dennis Burleson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and announced that a quorum of voting members was present. Mr Ruben Serna was not present.

**2. Consider Approval of March 08, 2007 Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 2. –Mr. Ruben Plata made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 08, 2007. Mr. Ramiro Salazar 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. Report from Legal Counsel (ACTION ITEM)**

**A. Consider Selection of Financial Advisor (ACTION ITEM)**

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 4. Chairman Burleson introduced Bryan Feld, Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP. Mr. Feld stated that a scoring sheet was provided to all of the members for the consideration of a Financial Advisor. Chairman Burleson stated that the consultants would give their presentation in order as follows: 1) Estrada-Hinojosa Investments Bankers 2) RBC Capital Markets and 3) First Southwest Company. Mr. Burleson stated that his firm did not compete with any of the three firms that up for consideration. Mr. Ruben Plata abstained from voting. The firms then gave brief presentations of their experience and qualifications. Chairman Burleson asked questions of each firm and noted their responses.

Chairman Burleson requested the Board go into Executive Session to tally the votes and make a decision. Mr. Ruben Plata abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest as he was employed by First National Bank; therefore he did not go into Executive Session. ***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Rick Perez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Upon returning Chairman Burleson stated that the Board was back in full session. Mr. Burleson asked if any of the firms object to having a partner in the future if the RMA found it in their best interest. There were no objections from any of the firms. ***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to enter into a contract with RBC Capital Markets. Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

B: Consider RFQ RE: To Plan, Develop, Design, Construct and/or Finance All or a Portion of the US 83 Project (ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 4B. Mr. Bryan Feld stated that there were still pending issues regarding the RFQ. He requested this item be tabled and reconsidered during the April 12, 2007 RMA Meeting. ***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to table this item and bring it back to the April 12<sup>th</sup> RMA Meeting. Mr. Ruben Plata seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

C: Discussion on Texas Ethics Commission Reports

Mr. Bryan Feld stated that memos from the Texas Ethics Commission were included in the Board packets and that all Board Members needed to turn in their forms by April 30<sup>th</sup>. A Personal Financial Statement needed to be completed and turn it in to the LRGVDC prior to the deadline. *Report only.*

D: Legislative Update

Mr. Bryan Feld gave a brief update on what Bills were passed by the Legislature. Several handouts were given to the Board for review. The Legislative Session was scheduled to end on May 28, 2007. He also stated that Commissioner Andrade was scheduled to be at the April 12<sup>th</sup> RMA Meeting. Mr. Andrew Canon, HCMPO, stated that Commissioner Andrade would also be present at the Hidalgo County MPO 2007 Border-to-Border Conference on April 17<sup>th</sup> and Senator Hinojosa would be attending the Luncheon. *Reports only.*

5. Consider Selection for Website Development Services (ACTION ITEM)

This item was tabled and to be brought back at the April 12<sup>th</sup> RMA Meeting.

6. Consider Approval of Annual Report (ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 6. Mr. Burleson stated that state law required this report. Mr. Burleson requested this Annual Report be submitted for consideration at the next Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court session. The Annual report was approved by the Board and will be submitted to the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court at their next regular meeting. ***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Annual Report. Mr. Ruben Serna 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. It was the consensus of the Board to next meet on April 12, 2007.

8. **Presentation of Expense Report**

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 8. Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC, stated that an expense report and a billing invoice from general council were included in the Board packets. After reviewing all of the documents: staff recommended approval for payment of the included items.

*Mr. Ruben Plata made a motion to approve the attached Expense Reports and process for payment. Mr. Rick Perez seconded the motion and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

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

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

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 9A. Mr. Burleson asked if any of the members would like to attend the next Team TX Meeting in Dallas.

B. Discussion RE: Establishment of Subcommittees & Task Forces

No reports were given at this time.

C. Congressional Meeting

No reports were given at this time.

9. **New or Old Business**

Chairman Burleson moved to item 9. – Mr. Burleson stated that he met with Congressman Hinojosa’s Chief of Staff and discussed the future Donna Bridge project.

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 8:30 p.m.*

ATTEST:

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Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer