

MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
5:30 P.M. – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
CITY OF HIDALGO – CITY COMMISSION ROOM
704 E. TEXANO
HIDALGO, TEXAS**

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Board of Directors held a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at the City of Hidalgo's City Commission Room, Hidalgo, TX.

In attendance were:

Board Members

Mr. Dennis Burleson, Chairman
Mr. Ramiro, Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Ramon Garcia
Mr. Joe Olivarez
Mr. Ricardo Perez

Others

Ms. Mary Escalona
Ms. Maria Champine
Mr. Ken N. Jones, LRGVDC
Ms. Blakely Fernandez, Tuggey Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski
Agather LLP
Mr. Ron Morrison, RBC
Mr. Gustavo Beaz
Ms. Cheryl Bellamy, Salinas Allen & Schmitt
Mr. Everett Owen, Owen Consulting
Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT
Ms. Norma Y. Garza, TxDOT
Mr. Gerry Pate, HCRB
Ms. Jennie Taraborelli, HCRB
Ms. Lisa Fenner, Goldman Sachs
Mr. Richard Ramirez, Goldman Sachs

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chairman Dennis Burleson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and announced that a quorum of voting members was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Burleson

3. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting/ Workshop- August 14, 2008

Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the August 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration and Approval of Financial Reports – Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, LLP.

Ms. Cheryl Bellamy, SAS, gave a brief summary of the Financial Reports. She advised the Board members that her financial reports will be given on a monthly basis. Ms. Bellamy stated that the transfer of funds from the LRGVDC accounts are almost finalized and only a certain amount is pending due to invoices that have not cleared.

Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Consideration and Approval of Invoices and Travel Requests

Ms. Maria Champine stated that the expense report listed all of the invoices that needed to be paid. She stated that Board Member Ramiro Salazar had previously reviewed all of the billing and had approved them for payment.

Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Invoices and Travel Requests as presented. Mr. Ramon Garcia seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

D. October Meeting

Chairman Dennis Burlison recommended that next month's RMA meeting be held at the City of Edinburg or Pan-Am University or City of Mission. Mr. Burlison asked everyone if scheduling next month's RMA meeting on October 9, 2008 would be enough time to gather all of the information that needed to go in the packets. With everyone in agreement, next month's RMA meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2008.

4. DISCUSSION OF PROJECT FINANCE

Mr. Ron Morrison handed out a copy of RBC's presentation to the Board members. He noted that an electronic copy of the presentation will be given to Mary Escalona and it will also be posted on the RMA website. Mr. Morrison, and other members of the RBC team, went through the presentation thoroughly. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

5. APPOINTMENT OF INVESTMENT OFFICER

Mr. Ron Morrison stated that an Investment Policy was approved back in April 2008. The policy required the Board to select an Investment Officer. He advised the Board that the RMA will need to receive a quarterly investment report. Mr. Morrison noted that the person selected to be the Investment Officer will need to have ten (10) hours of Investment training. Mr. Burlison advised the Board members that Blakely Fernandez will provide information to the selectee regarding the Investment training that they will need. Mr. Burlison recommended that Mr. Ramiro Salazar be selected to be the Investment Officer. He suggested that since Mr. Salazar is currently the HCRMA's Secretary/ Treasurer; he would be the best suited for this position. **Mr. Joe Olivarez made a motion to select Mr. Ramiro Salazar as the RMA's Investment Officer. Mr. Ramon Garcia seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

6. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE ADDITION OF SECTIONS E AND F TO SERVE EASTERN HIDALGO COUNTY

Mr. Gerry Pate, HCRB, acknowledged all of the requests from Commissioner Handy and the elected officials from the Eastern part of the County presented at last month's meeting and presented a proposal to the Board incorporating such requests under the existing Preliminary Project Development Agreement. Mr. Joe Olivarez stated his desire to include Sections E and F into the Hidalgo County Loop. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH TXDOT TO ASSUME JURISDICTION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MILITARY HIGHWAY

Chairman Burlison stated that this item was a carry-over from last month's agenda. Mr. Everett Owen suggested that this item be removed from the agenda until further notice. **No action taken, this item was only removed from agenda.**

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MODIFY SCOPE OF HCRB AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE SECTIONS E AND F AND MILITARY HIGHWAY

Mr. Everett Owen recommended approval for the expanded scope the Loop Project to include Sections E and F, along with modifications previously adopted related to Section A-3. HCRB has presented a proposal outlining the costs associated with the additions of sections E and F into the Preliminary Project Development Agreement. He recommended approving the map including sections E and F. Mr. Owen stated that after all of the information was compiled; it will be brought back to the Board for discussion and approval. He noted that after all of the studies are done; then a Preferred Alignment will need to be picked. **Mr. Joe Olivarez made a motion to Modify Scope of**

HCRB Agreement to include sections E and F and Military Highway. Mr. Ricardo Perez seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION OF MARKET VALUATION WAIVER REQUEST

Chairman Bursleson stated that this item was a carry-over from last month's agenda. Mr. Everett Owen suggested that this item be removed from the agenda until further notice. ***No action taken, this item was only removed from agenda.***

10. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT SUBMISSIONS

Chairman Dennis Bursleson stated that this item is a carry-over from previous months. Mr. Bursleson wanted to thank all of the applicants for their interest in the position. Mr. Ramon Garcia stated that he would like to hire someone for the Executive Position. Mr. Bursleson advised the Board members that he would like to wait to hire someone until early next year when the budget has been reviewed. He advised the Board that we could re-advertise again once the beginning of the year. ***Mr. Ricardo Perez made a motion to put the Executive Director Position on hold and reconsider the position in January 2009 once the budget has been approved. Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and, upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

11. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

A. MARIO JORGE, P.E. TEXAS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Norma Y. Garza, TxDOT, stated that they have been meeting with L & G Engineering, PBS&J and HCRB. She advised the Board members that have scheduled a Town Hall meeting on November 5, 2008 at STCC in McAllen. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time***

B. RON MORRISON, RBC CAPITAL MARKETS

None at this time.

C. EVERETT OWEN, PROJECT CONSULTANT

- a. Project Update
None at this time.

D. Tracy Hill & Sharon Becca, PBS&J, Environmental Consultant

- a. Status of NEPA studies for HCRMA Projects
Ms. Sharon Becca, PBS&J, gave a brief status report and provided a handout for the Board members to review. She stated that she will be given the board members a report on a monthly basis.

E. GERRY PATE, HIDALGO COUNTY ROAD BUILDERS

- a. Public Outreach Update
Mr. Pate stated that a number of public meetings will be scheduled in October.
- b. County TRZ Presentation
Mr. Gerry Pate stated that the map displayed was going to be presented to the County Commissioners court for adoption.

F. BLAKELY FERNANDEZ, TUGGEY ROSENTHAL PAUERSTEIN SANDOLSKI AGATHER, LLP

Ms. Blakely Fernandez distributed a contract summary to the Board members for review. She stated that this item will be discussed at a later time when the Planning and Finance Committees meet. ***Reports only, no action taken at this time.***

12. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

- A. ARTBA Conference Overview
- B. Texas Lyceum Transportation Conference –December , 2008, Houston
- C. TeamTX Meeting – November 13-14
- D. Texas Transportation Forum – January 5-7, Austin

Chairman Dennis Burluson stated that he will be attending the Texas Lyceum Transportation Conference in December. He asked the members if they would like to attend any of the meetings to let him know so he could provide them with the information. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

13. HCMPO BORDER TO BORDER CONFERENCE

Ms. Maria Champine gave a brief update on the Border Conference. She recommended if anyone would like to attend that they still had time to register. **Reports only, no action taken at this time.**

14. 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.

15. ACTION RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Possible Action
- B. Possible Action
- C. Possible Action

No action items were taken.

16. NEW OR OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Burluson called for new business, but none was submitted.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:

Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer