

MINUTES

**HIDALGO COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (HCRMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
5:30 P.M. – THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007**

**WESLACO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
301 WEST RAILROAD, WESLACO, TX.**

PRESIDING: DENNIS BURLESON, CHAIRMAN

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) Board of Directors held a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce in Weslaco, 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 Serna

Others

Ms. Mary Escalona, HCMPO
Mr. Ken N. Jones, LRGVDC
Mr. Victor Morales, LRGVDC
Ms. Debby Morales, LRGVDC
Ms. Blakely Fernandez, Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP
Mr. Mario Jorge, TxDOT
Mr. Behrooz Badiozzamani, TxDOT
Mr. Sam Maldonado, J. E. Saenz
Ms. Jody Ellington, TxDOT
Mr. Raul Lozano, Hidalgo County Judge's Office
Mr. Jose Reyes, TEDSI
Mr. Jose Luis Muniz, Dannenbaum Eng.
Mr. Richard Zamora, Pate Transportation Eng.
Mr. Bernard Rodriguez, City of Weslaco
Mr. Cain Caceres, First National Bank
Mayor Joe Sanchez, City of Weslaco

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

Chairman Dennis Burleson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and announced that a quorum of voting members was present.

Chairman Dennis Burleson introduced Mayor Joe Sanchez, City of Weslaco. Mayor Joe Sanchez welcomed the RMA Board members and the audience to the City of Weslaco. Mayor Sanchez briefly went through some history of Weslaco and invited the RMA to have more Board meetings in The City of Weslaco.

2. **Consider Approval of April 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

(ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 2. – Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ruben Serna 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 MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS)

Ms. Blakely Fernandez advised the Board that Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP has partnered with Montalvo Ramirez Law Firm and introduced Mr. Juan Ramirez from the firm.

A: Consider RFQ RE: To Plan, Develop, Design, Construct and/or Finance All or a Portion of the US 83 Project

Chairman Burleson then moved to item 4A. Chairman Burleson introduced Blakely Fernandez, Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP. Ms. Fernandez stated that this item was being brought back from last month's meeting. Ms. Blakely went through the RFQ with the Board members and mentioned some changes that were made. All of the changes were labeled in red. Only minor changes to the verbiage and dates were made from the original document from last month's copy. ***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to authorize the release of the RFQ to Plan, Develop, Design, Construct and/or Finance All or a Portion of the US 83 Project. Mr. Ruben Serna seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

B: Legislative Update

i. Resolution in support of a Veto of House Bill 1892.

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 4B. Ms. Blakely Fernandez, Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP stated that Vehicle Registration Increase Fee Bill was progressing very well. She stated House Bill 1892 would be harmful in regards to transportation issues. She said that many entities are encouraging that this bill be Vetoed by the Governor. ***Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to adopt the Resolution recommending that the Governor Veto House Bill 1892. Mr. Joe Olivarez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

C: Consideration and Adoption of Policies and Procedures

i. Resolution Adopting TxDOT's Procedures for Unsolicited Proposals

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 4.C.i. Ms. Blakely Fernandez stated that before an RMA accepts any Unsolicited Proposals; each RMA needs to Adopt Procedures for Unsolicited Proposals. ***Mr. Ruben Serna made a motion to adopt the Resolution Adopting TxDOT's Procedures for Unsolicited Proposals as presented. Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

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

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 5. Mr. Burleson stated that the County has hired a Public Information Officer and they will be giving the RMA some ideas. This item was tabled until further notice.

6. Discussion and Possible Action RE: Meeting Schedule (ACTION ITEM)

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 6. Mr. Burleson stated that the next RMA Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2007. After further discussion Mr. Burleson stated that there was not a need for a June meeting but that it would be left open and schedule a meeting later if necessary.

7. **Presentation of Expense Report**

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 7. Mr. Ken Jones, LRGVDC, briefly went through the expense report. A summary sheet was provided for the members for review. Mr. Jones stated that the report included administrative services, legal fees, reimbursements and registration fees for Team TX meeting. A detail attachment from Legal Council was also included. *Mr. Ramiro Salazar made a motion to approve the Expense Report. Mr. Ruben Serna seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

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

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

Mr. Jones stated that there was an upcoming meeting in Austin scheduled for July 18-20, 2007. If any Board member would like to attend please advise staff for registration purposes. *Reports only, no action taken at this time.*

B. Discussion RE: Establishment of Subcommittees & Task Forces

No reports were given at this time.

9. **New or Old Business**

A. Consider Selection of Business Cards for Board Members

Chairman Burleson then moved to Item 9.A. Mr. Burleson stated that RMA Board members would find it helpful to have business cards while attending meetings and or seminars. Several options were presented for the Board to review.

10. **Adjournment**

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. *Mr. Ruben Serna made a motion for adjournment; Mr. Ramiro Salazar seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

ATTEST:

Ramiro E. Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer