

August 13, 2020
San Benito, Texas 78586

The Board of Directors of Cameron County Irrigation District #2 met in regular session in the office of the District upon the above date at 9:00 a.m. by teleconference.

The following Directors were present: Sam Simmons, Brady Taubert, William Goad, Buck Rhyner, and Lupe Argullin. Also present was Sonia Lambert, General Manager, and Buddy Dossett, Attorney.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2020.

The water report was made by Sonia Lambert, who reported that Falcon Reservoir contains 546,419 acre-feet of water, of the normal conservation 2,646,817 acre-feet. The Amistad Reservoir contains 1,129,319 acre-feet of water, of the normal conservation 3,275,532 acre-feet which 42.90% is U.S. total conservation capacity compared to 59.25% this time last year. District's usable water balance as of August 11, 2020 is 54,700.80 acre-feet, and the storage balance is 55,917.0988. This time last year, usable water balance was 76,564.2353 and storage balance was 113,895.9453.

The District's 2nd Quarter Investment Report was reviewed by the Board of Directors. The report showed rates for accounts with First Community Bank, interest amount yielded for each month of the quarter, and the ending value as of June 30, 2020. A motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Brady Taubert, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the District's 2nd Quarter Investment Report as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Ector Ruiz had originally requested that the Board consider allowing use of lawn water from old District #16. The request has been withdrawn as all fees have been paid. No action was taken.

Mr. Eduardo Ruiz, for Ofelia Ruiz, made a request to waive interest to flat rate account #18445. Mr. & Mrs. Ruiz inherited the property and were unaware that there was any flat rate being charged or due on the account. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to deny Mr. Eduardo Ruiz's request to waive interest to flat rate account #18445 under the name of Ofelia Ruiz. Motion carried.

Ms. Nora Gonzalez requested the Board consider waiving the interest to flat rate account #30580. This property is in the old District #16 boundaries and was previously given the opportunity to pay the flat rate and have the interest waived, as were all delinquent flat rate accounts in 2019. After discussion, a motion was made by Buck Rhyner, seconded by Lupe Argullin, and upon unanimous vote, passed to deny Ms. Gonzalez's request to waive interest to flat rate account #30580 under the names of Nora and Ramiro Gonzalez Cisneros. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the list of properties currently leased by the District, which are up for renewal on September 01, 2020. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to authorize the lease of the following

properties to the following individuals at the specified rates, for the period covering September 01, 2020 through August 31, 2021, and to authorize the Manager to lease any other District property which may become available for lease or make any adjustments to acreage as appropriate, at the specified rates:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jimmie Cantu	40005	37.00	\$25.00	Pasture	Blk 103, SBL&WCO	\$925.00
Jimmie Cantu	40241	1.00	\$25.00	Pasture	Blks 75 & 104, SBL&WCO	\$25.00
Michael Flores	40236	39.12	\$60.00	OD/Pasture	Banco Land, S. of P. Plant	\$2,347.20
Eusebia Leal	40013	1.00	\$50.00	House	Blk 104, SBL&WCO	\$50.00
Randall McMurray	40021	40.00	\$75.00	Farmland	Blk 168, SBL&WCO	\$3,000.00
Randall McMurray	40237	10.07	\$75.00	Farmland	Blk 11, Los Indios	\$755.25
						\$7,102.45

Motion carried.

At a previous meeting, the Board authorized the Manager to file theft charges on certain property owners who reconnect their lawn water connections after being disconnected for non-payment and/or being ineligible to access lawn water. The Manager stated that there have been several others that have illegally reconnected and asked for the Board to authorize her to file charges on those who illegally reconnect without having to come to the Board each time for authorization. A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to give the Manager a blanket authorization to file theft charges on those landowners who illegally reconnect their lawn water connection after being disconnected. Motion carried.

There was nothing to discuss in Executive Session. Accordingly, no executive session was held.

A motion was made by Brady Taubert, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to approve the following bills:

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
19432	Uriel Guardado	\$2680.00
19433	Aflac	\$117.54
19434	AT&T	\$88.53
19435	AT&T U-Verse	\$71.65
19436	AT&T	\$1,132.88
19437	AT&T Mobility	\$63.45
19438	City of San Benito	\$81.38
19439	Diamond Plastics Corp	\$14,417.92
19440	Dropped Dead Pest Control	\$275.00
19441	Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	\$189.90
19442	Direct Energy	\$966.93
19443	First Community Bank	\$233.06
19444	High Sierra Edu SVS	\$280.00
19445	H&V Equipment	\$245.50
19446	McCoy's	\$177.05
19447	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$3,805.69
19448	Romco Equipment	\$725.11
19449	Sprint	\$922.59
19450	Southern Tire Mart	\$881.51
19451	Stone's Home Inspections	\$750.00
19452	Texas Gas Service	\$3,012.17
19453	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,546.00

19454	TWCA RMF	\$38,368.00
19455	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
19456	Unifirst	\$904.57
19457	United Rentals, Inc.	\$3,347.26
19458	AT&T Mobility	\$66.44
19459	BSP, LLC	\$1,090.00
19460	Big John Site Services	\$96.00
19461	City of San Benito	\$270.75
19462	Constellation New Energy	\$4,148.84
19463	Dept. of the Treasury	\$93.35
19464	Direct Energy	\$301.11
19465	Uriel Guardado	\$2,430.00
19466	Hollon Oil Co.	\$184.65
19467	Home Depot Credit Service	\$565.20
19468	John Deere Financial	\$172.80
19469	Military Highway Water	\$127.51
19470	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$11,532.14
19471	San Benito Medical Associates	\$191.00
19472	Southern Tire Mart	\$253.89
19473	United Rentals, Inc.	\$3,347.26
19474	Coast to Coast Computer	\$4,375.44
19475	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$24.00
19476	Gigabit Communications, LLC	\$250.00
19477	Mares Tires	\$244.00
19478	Office Depot Credit Plan	\$581.80
19479	Orkin	\$195.00
19480	Powerplan	\$1,451.82
19481	Rio Hondo Lumber	\$69.99
19482	San Benito News	\$88.00
19483	Tops the Outdoor Store	\$62.97
19484	Waste Management of Texas	\$132.01
19485	Amigo Bolt & Supply	\$34.23
19486	American Heritage Life	\$380.66
19487	BC/BS of Texas	\$13,544.00
19488	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$46.16
19489	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
19490	Lambert, Sonia	\$45.00
19491	Law Office of Andrew Rozell	\$75.00
19492	Magic Valley Electric	\$416.69
19493	Matt's Building Materials	\$11.98
19494	Moncivaiz, Jesus	\$49.99
19495	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	\$2,953.24
19496	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,543.00
19497	Tractor Supply	\$26.99
19498	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
19499	Wylie Implement	\$66.36
19500	Your Auto Repair Shop	\$212.24
19501	City of San Benito	\$208.31
19502	Direct Energy	\$14,528.50
19503	Hardware Software Service	\$360.00
19504	Aflac	\$117.54
19505	AT&T	\$89.88

19506	Autozone	\$29.47
19507	AT&T U-Verse	\$32.26
19508	AT&T	\$693.46
19509	Alamo Distribution, LLC	\$1,332.73
19510	Arroyo's Garage	\$7.00
19511	AT&T Mobility	\$63.76
19512	City of San Benito	\$126.93
19513	Direct Energy	\$58.12
19514	First Community Bank	\$181.78
19515	Fresno Valve & Casting	\$10,741.50
19516	Waters, Barry D.	\$1,313.35
19517	Holt CAT	\$5,306.84
19518	Johnny's True Value	\$15.60
19519	JI Special Risk Ins.	\$1,130.00
19520	McCoy's	\$315.58
19521	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$5,647.04
19522	JF Petroleum	\$4,696.44
19523	Pitney Bowes	\$178.68
19524	Praxair Distribution, Inc.	\$334.50
19525	Romco Equipment	\$1,435.11
19526	R & A Truck Repair	\$40.00
19527	Sanders	\$65.00
19528	Sprint	\$943.91
19529	Texas Gas Service	\$422.42
19530	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
19531	Unifirst	\$201.29
19532	South Texas Bolt & Supply	\$65.95
19533	AT&T Mobility	\$65.19
19534	American Heritage Life	\$380.66
19535	Boswell Elliff Ford	\$3,500.00
19536	Benitez Diesel Repair	\$125.00
19537	Central Ready Mix	\$1,528.00
19538	Constellation New Energy	\$2.85
19539	Delta Lake Irrigation District	\$454.00
19540	Dearborn Life Insurance	\$183.90
19541	Dainamik Business	\$595.00
19542	Direct Energy	\$878.57
19543	Gigabit Communications, LLC	\$250.00
19544	Harlingen Irrigation District	\$385.91
19545	Holt CAT	\$2,595.48
19546	Johnny's True Value	\$67.20
19547	JI Special Risk Ins.	\$47,864.00
19548	Magic Valley Electric	\$122.01
19549	Matt's Building Materials	\$14.58
19550	McCoy's	\$762.55
19551	Military Highway Water	\$175.81
19552	Office Depot	\$838.82
19553	Oil Patch Fuel & Supply	\$11,440.83
19554	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	\$2,572.15
19555	Orkin	\$195.00
19556	Romco Equipment	\$870.00
19557	Rio Hondo Lumber	\$63.33

19558	Rio Grande Steel	\$535.00
19559	San Benito News	\$30.00
19560	San Benito Medical Associates	\$1,560.00
19561	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,543.00
19562	Tractor Supply	\$23.98
19563	Texas Child Support	\$135.69
19564	Unifirst	\$952.87
19565	Utility Trailer Sales	\$15.34
19566	Verizon	\$610.74
19567	Waste Management of Texas	\$132.01
19568	Your Auto Repair Shop	\$112.98
19569	Alamo Concrete Products	\$99.60
19570	BC/BS of Texas	\$13,544.00
19571	Cameron County Drainage District #3	\$45,000.00
19572	Dossett Law Office	\$400.00
19573	Dropped Dead Pest Control	\$375.00
19574	Direct Energy	\$21,491.60
19575	Grajale's Tire Shop	\$100.00
19576	Hollon Oil, Co.	\$1,631.46
19577	Lambert, Sonia	\$45.00
19578	Moncivaiz, Jesus	\$19.99
19579	Romco Equipment	\$749.50
19580	R & A Truck Repair	\$87.00
19581	Sprint	\$939.74
19582	Southern Tire Mart	\$2,020.78
19583	TWCA Risk Management Fund	\$2,756.00
19584	United Rentals, Inc.	\$1,952.25
19585	Utility Trailer Sales	\$141.43

The Manager reported on the following items to the Board of Directors:

- a)
 - i) June Maintenance Report – Includes 28 jobs performed by the crews for June and \$2,053.65 billed for private work performed.
 - ii) July Maintenance Report – Includes 43 jobs performed by the crews for July and \$3,282.98 billed for private work performed.
- b) June/July Machine Locations/Accomplishments – A report indicating work performed by the excavators, dozers, and mowers for the month was presented to the Board.
- c)
 - i) June Pumping Plant Report – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of grounds and plant; 3) Pumping for the month: 5/31 – 10 a.m. rate at 0 CFS, 6/1 – 10a.m. rate at 50 CFS, 6/2 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 100 CFS, 6/8 – 10 a.m. rate reduced to 50 CFS, 6/12 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 100 CFS, 6/12 – 4 p.m. rate increased to 150 CFS, 6/15 – 10 a.m. rate at 150 CFS, 6/16 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 250 CFS, 6/18-6/22 – No Pumping-Salts very high at 1700, 6/22 – 10 a.m. rate set at 250 CFS, 6/26 – 10 a.m. rate set at 150 CFS through rest of pumping period; 4) Rainfall: 8.80"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 4,407.00; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 256.20; 7) Average TDS readings: 1063 p.p.m.
 - ii) July Pumping Plant Report – 1) Running standard operations; 2) General maintenance of grounds and plant; 3) Pumping for the month: 6/28 – 10 a.m. pumping at 100 CFS, 6/29-7/1 – No pumping due to recent rains, 7/4 – 4 p.m. start at 50 CFS, 7/6 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 150 CFS, 7/10 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 200 CFS, 7/10 – 4 p.m. rate increased to 250 CFS, 7/12 – 4 p.m. rate increased to 350 CFS, 7/13 – 10 a.m. rate increased to 400 CFS, 7/17-7/24 – 10 a.m. rate reduced to 350 CFS, 7/24 – 10 a.m. rate reduced to 250 CFS through rest of pumping

- period; 4) Rainfall: 3.50"; 5) Acre feet diverted: 12,943.9169; 6) Total No Charge Pumping: 396.6938; 7) Average TDS readings: 851 p.p.m.
- d) June/July Financial Reports:
 - 1) M&O Account – The financial reports were presented.
 - 2) Rehab Account – The financial reports were presented.
 - 3) Canal Rehab Account – The financial reports were presented.
 - 4) WaterSMART Account – The financial reports were presented.
 - e) Water Duty – for June was 1.03 acre-feet per acre and 1.08 acre-feet per acre year to date. The water duty for July was 2.64 acre-feet per acre and 1.18 acre-feet per acre year to date/
 - f) Sign/Land Leases – The reports with listings of all contracts and amounts due were presented to the Board.
 - g) IBWC/Mexico's Water Deficit – The Manager and 3 other Irrigation District Managers met with IBWC Commissioner Jayne Hawkins via teleconference to discuss Mexico's water deficit under the terms of the 1944 Treaty. October 24, 2020 will be the end of the current 5-year cycle. At that time, if no water deliveries are made by Mexico, they will be in debt to the United States by approximately 400,000 acre-feet. Recent releases from Luis Leon Reservoir may allow for approximately 100,00 acre-feet of payment towards the 400,000. The Mexican government claims that due to the rioting and violence by the farmers in southern Chihuahua, it has made it difficult to make any releases. A Rio Grande Policy meeting will be held this Thursday, August 13, 2020. Between IBWC, TCEQ, and the IBWC's Mexico counterpart to discuss policy and compliance of the treaty. Commissioner Hawkins suspects that Mexico may once again offer deliveries from the Rio San Juan, a non-treaty tributary, be credited towards their deficit. TCEQ Commissioner Nierman has stated that if the United States accepts the Rio San Juan water, all diversions will be charged to the diverter and IBWC will give credit to Mexico. The District Managers expressed their objection to the San Juan water as this is the basis for the pending lawsuit against TCEQ by the Valley Irrigation Districts.
 - h) Sale of District's Old Office Building – located at 216 S. Sam Houston, fell through. During the rains in June, it was determined that the roof is in need of repair. The buyer opted to not proceed with the purchase. The District is getting the roof repaired to avoid further damage to the interior.
 - i) Lateral 8 – Bureau of Reclamation approved funding for the piping of the remainder of this canal from Gamble Road east. However, the Texas Historic Commission will not issue environmental clearance until a study requiring excavation, for possible archeological materials in accordance with Federal Cultural resources laws and regulations, is conducted. The study is currently underway.
 - j) Customs and Border Patrol – The Manager met with CBP regarding the proposed location of the border fence at the District's pumping plant site. CBP claims the proposed IBWC area for the levee gap closure around the south side of the pumping plant is not an option because although IBWC is proceeding with plans there is no funding available in the near future for the construction of the levee gap closure. However, we have been made aware that the Paramount purpose use may be a legal option for the District to use for the court to determine which of the entities has the greater paramount purpose

The Attorney reported on:

- a) Cameron County Drainage District No. 3 and Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2 vs. City of San Benito. A 3-judge panel of the appeals court will review /decide the appeals case on August 26, 2020.

A motion was made by William Goad, seconded by Buck Rhyner, and upon unanimous vote, passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Sam Simmons, President

William Goad, Secretary