

HARLINGEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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July 12, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Harlingen Irrigation District met for a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Sam Morrow
Rick Guerrero
Keith Adams
Tom McLemore, General Manager
Alan Ozuna – Attorney

Sam Morrow conducted the meeting.

The minutes of the HID Board meeting of June 28, 2023 were reviewed. A motion was made by Keith Adams and seconded by Rick Guerrero to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Keith Adams and seconded by Rick Guerrero to pay the following accounts:

06/29/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	58.38
06/29/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	34.62
06/29/2023	E-pay	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	7,590.22
06/29/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	63.00
06/29/2023	25718	Leo San Pedro	19.30
06/29/2023	E-pay	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	26.80
06/30/2023	25719	RANDY HORKMAN'	200.00
07/03/2023	DD	WAYNE HALBERT.	5,000.00
07/05/2023	ACH	AFLAC	1,002.80
07/05/2023	ACH	AT&T MOBILITY	1,530.65
07/05/2023	ACH	Principal Life Insurance Company	438.27
07/05/2023	ACH	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS - DALLAS	744.85
07/06/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	58.38
07/06/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	34.62
07/06/2023	E-pay	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	6,201.54
07/06/2023	DD	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	1,825.00
07/06/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	63.00
07/10/2023	ACH	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS	11,211.44
07/11/2023	25720	Alan T. Ozuna	3,975.00
07/11/2023	25721	ANDERSON EQUIPMENT COMPANY	305.93
07/11/2023	25722	ARCHER BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.	45.00
07/11/2023	25723	B & V WELDING	7.00
07/11/2023	25724	Boswell Elliff	3,338.08
07/11/2023	25725	BROTHERS EQUIPMENT PARTS, INC	27,212.17
07/11/2023	25726	EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONAL	3,340.48
07/11/2023	25727	FERRELLGAS	30.56
07/11/2023	25728	GOODE ELECTRIC CO.	3,094.47
07/11/2023	25729	GRAINGER	221.63
07/11/2023	25730	H & V EQUIPMENT	1,723.78
07/11/2023	25731	HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM	251.08

07/11/2023	25732	Higginbotham Insurance Agency	1,800.00
07/11/2023	25733	HOLT CAT	487.28
07/11/2023	25734	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	113.63
07/11/2023	25735	JOHNNY'S TRUE VALUE	61.53
07/11/2023	25736	LEWIS ELECTRIC MOTORS INC.	13,325.81
07/11/2023	25737	Marcia Appia Civil Infrastructure	5,496.00
07/11/2023	25738	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.	1,017.55
07/11/2023	25739	OIL PATCH FUEL & SUPPLY INC.	232.00
07/11/2023	25740	Paisano Diesel Repair Services	13,041.44
07/11/2023	25741	PANCHO'S AUTO ELECTRIC	135.00
07/11/2023	25742	PICO PROPANE OPERATING, LLC	20,323.60
07/11/2023	25743	QUICK COMPUTE, INC.	5,140.82
07/11/2023	25744	SEIVER IMPLEMENT CO.	624.13
07/11/2023	25745	SOUTH TEXAS BOLT & SUPPLY	18.40
07/11/2023	25746	TDR Inc.	4,432.00
07/11/2023	25747	Triple S Steel Holdings Inc.	817.90
07/11/2023	25748	Mouser Electronics	127.51
07/11/2023	25749	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	2,474.88
07/11/2023	25750	RLI SURETY	100.00
07/11/2023	25751	Wegener Welding LLC	136.05
07/11/2023	25752	TWCA RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	66,658.00
07/11/2023	ACH	FUSION	181.00
07/11/2023	ACH	MAGIC VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP	9,376.57
07/11/2023	ACH	MILITARY HIGHWAY WATER SUPPLY	95.39

The motion passed

The following petitions for exclusion were presented for consideration:

- 31.38 acres Block 12 Stuart Place Subdivision, Survey 139 – Mittanck Investments, LLC.
- 1 acre Block 13 Stuart Place Subdivision, Survey 139 – Mittanck Investments, LLC.
- 1.93 acres Block 13 Stuart Place Subdivision, Survey 139 – Mittanck Investments, LLC.

A motion was made by Keith Adams and seconded by Rick Guerrero to accept the petitions. The motion passed.

An offer from Roel Cavazos to purchase District property interest out of block 2 Stuart Place Subdivision survey 305 was presented for discussion and approval. After a short discussion the item was tabled.

A request from Adriana P. Davalos for relief of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes was presented. After a short discussion a motion was made by Keith Adams and seconded by Rick Guerrero to forgive the penalty and interest on the account provided all the back assessments are paid in full and a petition for exclusion is filed. The motion passed.

A resolution urging Mexico to deliver water in accordance with the 1944 Treaty was presented for approval.

A RESOLUTION URGING MEXICO TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THE 1944 TREATY

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande is the only source of fresh water for the Rio Grande Valley of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande flows are greatly dependent on inflows from Mexican tributaries that flow into the Rio Grande above Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs; and,

WHEREAS, the 1944 Treaty between the United States and Mexico allots to the United States one-third of the tributary inflow from six-named tributaries that flow into the Rio Grande above the international reservoirs and this one-third shall not be less than 350,000 acre-feet as an annual average over a cycle of five consecutive years; and,

WHEREAS, the only exception to the annual delivery of this water is if Mexico is experiencing extraordinary drought or has experienced serious accident to the hydraulic systems on the six-named tributaries; and,

WHEREAS, Mexico has accumulated over 2.9-million-acre feet of water in the reservoirs on the six-named tributaries since August 2022, and is an indication that Mexico is not in an extraordinary drought and there have been no reports of any accidents to their hydraulic systems; and,

WHEREAS, the current five-year Treaty Delivery Cycle commenced October 25, 2020, and Mexico is behind in their deliveries to the United States by over 550,000-acre feet of water; and,

WHEREAS, the United States ownership of water in the Amistad/Falcon Reservoir System is slightly less than one years' supply of water; and,

WHEREAS, Mexico has sufficient water in storage in the tributaries that the United States is entitled to receive water from and could release this water as called for by the 1944 Treaty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Harlingen Irrigation District strongly urges Mexico to comply with the terms of the 1944 Treaty and release the water due to the United States.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Harlingen Irrigation District this 12th day of July, 2023

A motion was made by Rick Guerrero and seconded by Keith Adams to approve the resolution and forward to the LRGVDC as requested. The motion passed.

The manager presented two quotes for mower tractors. After a short discussion the item was tabled.

The manager presented a letter from Buffo and Berkman that states they will no longer be able to provide audit services. Also presented was a proposal for auditing services from Roberto Lopez CPA. After a short discussion A motion was made by Rick Guerrero and seconded by Keith Adams to engage Roberto Lopez's services for the 2022 audit. The motion passed.

Wayne Halbert reported on the final legislation that could affect the District.

The current water allocation report was presented. No action was taken.

The Manager made a report of the operations of the District.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Attest:

Sam Morrow - President

Jose Ricardo Guerrero - Secretary