

HARLINGEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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September 27, 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
Leonard Simmons
Levi Burns
Keith Adams
Tom McLemore, General Manager
Alan Ozuna – Attorney

Sam Morrow conducted the meeting.

The minutes of the HID Board meeting of September 13, 2023 were reviewed. A motion was made by Levi Burns and seconded by Leonard Simmons to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Leonard Simmons and seconded by Levi Burns to pay the following accounts:

09/13/2023	25862	Aguaworks	780.00
09/14/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	58.38
09/14/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	34.62
09/14/2023	E-pay	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	6,225.00
09/14/2023	25863	B & V WELDING	733.12
09/14/2023	DD	OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	63.00
09/19/2023	25864	CAMERON COUNTY CLERK OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY	500.00
09/21/2023	DD	GENERAL OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY	58.38
09/21/2023	DD	GENERAL	34.62
09/21/2023	E-pay	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	6,323.62
09/21/2023	ACH	FUSION OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY	364.38
09/21/2023	DD	GENERAL	63.00
09/22/2023	ACH	AT&T MOBILITY	1,470.67
09/22/2023	ACH	WASTE CONNECTIONS OF TEXAS	127.25
09/22/2023	ACH	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS - DALLAS	7,931.35
09/26/2023	25865	Alan T. Ozuna	5,575.00
09/26/2023	25866	Bearden Auto Air Conditioning	95.00
09/26/2023	25867	CINTAS	1,816.46
09/26/2023	25868	Custom Software	7,800.00
09/26/2023	25869	Esparza Pest Control	175.00
09/26/2023	25870	GUTIERREZ MUFFLER SHOP	75.00
09/26/2023	25871	Kubota Credit Corporation USA	3,350.32
09/26/2023	25872	MARRIBER A/C	450.00
09/26/2023	25873	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC. MCCOY'S BUILDING SUPPLY	861.98
09/26/2023	25874	CENTER	21.59
09/26/2023	25875	OIL PATCH FUEL & SUPPLY INC.	1,185.34
09/26/2023	25876	PANCHO'S AUTO ELECTRIC	217.49
09/26/2023	25877	Principal Life Insurance Company	588.75
09/26/2023	25878	QUICK COMPUTE, INC.	4,821.75
09/26/2023	25879	SOUTH TEXAS BOLT & SUPPLY	8.28
09/26/2023	25880	UVXC LLC	247.76
09/26/2023	25881	WAYNE HALBERT. ARCHER BUSINESS SYSTEMS	400.00
09/26/2023	25883	INC.	78.20
09/26/2023	25884	HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM	117.96
09/26/2023	25885	WATERMAN INDUSTRIES, INC.	3,257.15
09/26/2023	25886	Bottom Line Equipment LLC	71.82
09/26/2023	25888	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL FRESNO VALVES & CASTING	890.56
09/26/2023	25889	INC.	2,974.02

The First Amendment to Option Agreements (Solar Energy Lease) for the HID and Adams Reservoirs were presented for consideration. After Alan Ozuna explained the reason and effect of the amendment to the original agreement, a motion was made by Levi Burns and seconded by Leonard Simmons to approve the amendments. The motion passed.

An offer by Dung Dang Nguyen to purchase .225 acres of excess right of way adjacent to blocks 27 and 26 Dixieland #1 subdivision was presented for consideration. After a short discussion a motion was made by Leonard Simmons and seconded by Keith Adams to accept the offer and sell the right of way for \$7,727.66 plus legal and filing fees. The motion passed.

An offer by Robert Conchola of \$5,000.00 to purchase 0.76 acres of excess right of way and 0.30 acres of easement out of block 11 Palm Subdivision was presented for consideration. After a short discussion of the value, based on the Districts policy for determining land values, a motion was made to reject the offer from Mr. Conchola and approve the sale based on the Districts calculated value of \$6,486.76 plus legal and filing fees.

Alan Ozuna reported on legal issues of the District. No action was taken.

The current water allocation report was presented. The Manager reported the number of outstanding water orders and the current water in storage. After a long discussion on when to curtail accepting water orders for District water, a motion was made by Leonard Simmons and seconded by Keith Adams to stop taking water orders for allocated District water as of 10 am September 27, 2023 and continue to take water orders for privately owned contract water. The contract water is to be delivered with a water duty of 1:1. The water duty is to be reviewed at the next regular Board meeting. Also, issue a letter to all lawn water contract holders stating that all lawn water contracts are suspended until the District has sufficient water to reinstate the contracts. The motion passed.

Letter to lawn water contract customers:

Dear Lawn Water Customer,

Due to environmental conditions and Mexico's refusal to release U.S water from their dams, the Harlingen Irrigation District has reached a critical stage in our water supply. The District does not expect this situation to change in the near future and therefore the District's Board of Directors has issued an order to suspend all Lawn Water Contracts until the critical water situation improves. Because of this suspension, the District is giving you the option to not pay your 2024 Lawn Water Contract bill. If you have already paid your bill, you have the option to leave the payment on your account or be refunded the amount paid. The District will not disconnect lawn water valves unless it is determined that the customer is continuing to irrigate their yard. If the customer is caught irrigating, the lawn water valve will be removed and no further service will be allowed on the property.

The District will be shutting off all pipelines and securing canal gates to reduce the amount of losses in our system, however we must continue to deliver water to the City of Harlingen and some farmers that still have water. Because of this water may be available in the system that feeds your lawn. We are asking that all customers refrain from using water even if it is available to your area. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we continue to work through this water shortage.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the office.

Sincerely,

Thomas McLemore

General Manager

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

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 09:38 am.

Attest:

Sam Morrow - President

Jose Ricardo Guerrero - Secretary