

SANTA CRUZ IRRIGATION DISTRICT #15
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Directors
Echo Hotel and Conference Center
1903 S. Closner Blvd.
Edinburg, Texas 78539

December 6, 2017

1. Mr. Jack Wallace, Jr. President called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. with the following members of the Board present:

Jack Wallace, Jr.	President
Jud Flowers	Vice President
James Bettiga	Secretary
Prudencio Villarreal	Director

Also, Present:

Jose (Joe) Hinojosa	District Manager
Carlos De La Rosa	Watermaster
Mario Trigo	Recorder
Beatriz Rodriguez	Recorder
Frank Ferris	Ferris, Flinn & Medina, Inc.
Rusty McDaniels	Hidalgo County Irrigation Dist. #1

2. Prayer - Mr. Wallace lead the Board in prayer.
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 4, 2017. Mr. Flowers made a Motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bettiga. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Presentation by Mr. Frank Ferris on the United Irrigation Delivery Pipeline Conceptual Plan. Mr. Ferris explained that the Project would increase supply rate and the loss to District would be reduced. The demand on water from District #1 could possibly increase; therefore, United Irrigation would help our District with contingencies should one of our major pump houses fail or if we were to take on more demand due to increased farmer production in our western sectors. The District can apply for a Grant from the Bureau of Reclamation or Texas Water Development Board. Applications for TWDB are due in mid-February.
5. Discussion by Mr. Frank Ferris on the update of the VFD Building which is almost completely finished. Just waiting on AEP for service and to install solar panels.
6. Discussion on the delivery rates from District #1 resulting in continued shortfall of District financial balance. Mr. Rusty McDaniel was in attendance to discuss how the respective Districts might benefit from merging. The District would benefit from hiring a financial company to assess the financial aspects leading up to and resulting from a proposed merger or other form of combination of the two districts.. Mr. Wallace wants a financial meeting with the representative of Hill Top Capital to

considering on the financial study

7. The consideration of the current and future retainage of Legal Counsel for the District. Mr. Wepfer was to have sent a letter on his letterhead expressing his wished to continued representing the District, but no letter has been send to date. As per the Board, we need to get legal candidates to submit bids on representing the District. Board will need to appoint new legal representative before letting go of Mr. Wepfer.
8. Approval of Application for Exclusion for a certain Acre Tract of land consisting of 1.00 Acre of land, more or less out of Lot four (4), Block Seventeen (17), Santa Cruz Gardens Subdivision Unit Two, Hidalgo County, Texas According to Map thereof Recorded in Volume 8, Page 28-29, Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas. Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the Application. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Approval of Application for Exclusion for a certain Acre Tract of land consisting of 0.8437 Acre of land, Lot eleven (11), Meadow Lands Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas According to Map thereof Recorded in Volume 21, Page 148, Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas. Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the Application. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Approval of Application for Exclusion for a certain Acre Tract of land consisting of 9.8 Acre of land, of Lot Seven (7) through Ten (10), Block Thirty-four (34), Santa Cruz Gardens Subdivision Unit Two, Hidalgo County, Texas According to Map thereof Recorded in Volume 8, Page 18, Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas. Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the Application. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
11. The Approval of District Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. Item Tabled.
12. The Approval to authorize Mr. Jose A Hinojosa, General Manager, to apply to the Texas Water Development Board for funding project application. Approval was granted only to apply for assistance, but other decisions need Board Approval. Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the Authorization. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
13. Report District Operations: Mr. Hinojosa attended an Agricultural Workshop in Mercedes on October 26 hosted by Texas A&M Citrus Center. He also attended a seminar by TWCA at the Echo.

Mr. Hinojosa joined UTRGV staff and County Commissioners from Willacy and Cameron on a trip to Washington, D.C. to promote national designation for an Estuary Program.

The completion of the water rights conveyance to North Alamo Water Supply Corp.

of 207 agricultural acres to 103.5 municipal. The funding of approximately \$155,750.00 should be transferred to the Districtd shortly.

The TWDB has added engineering and design to eligible projects for consideration for funding in current grant applications.

10. Comments and Discussion of Santa Cruz Irrigation District #15 by the Public in attendance as recognized By the President of the Board of Directors. None.
11. Sign Checks - Done
12. Adjourn - Mr. Flowers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bettiga. The Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:19p.m.

Board Secretary
James Bettiga