

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

February 7, 2018

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

Jack Wallace, Jr.	President
Jud Flowers	Vice President
James Bettiga	Secretary
Nowell Borders	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
Cris Vela	Hilltop Securities, Inc.
Eddie Lucio	Attorney
Oscar Longoria	Attorney

2. Prayer - Mr. Wallace lead the Board in prayer.
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of December 6, 2017. Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Presentation by Mr. Frank Ferris on the Water Supply Contingency Planning and intent to submit a grant application by February 14, 2018 for possible TWDB Grant funding for engineering and design relative to same.
5. Discussion by Mr. Frank Ferris on the update of the VFD Building stating it was pending final connection of the variable frequency drive controls to the pump of interest. The building construction was complete.
6. Presentation by Mr. Cris S. Vela from Hilltop Securities in reference on conducting a survey of the District's financials. Mr. Vela will investigate for the last five years of all the revenue and expenses done by the district. He explained that he would do a study to review all the strengths and weaknesses relative to a possible merger with District One.
7. Approval of subdivision Plat of South Texas Truck and Equipment Subdivision

being a 1.059 Acres Tract out Lot 25, Santa Cruz Gardens Subdivision Unit One, Hidalgo County, Texas According to Map thereof Recorded in Volume 7, Page 45, Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas. Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the Plat. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of Application for the Exclusion of a certain Acre Tract of land consisting of 1.059 Acres out of Lot 25, Block 41, Santa Cruz Gardens Unit One, Hidalgo County, Texas
Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the Exclusion. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Approval of subdivision Plat of Brushline Estates being a 7.5 Acre of Land, more or less, out of and forming a part of Lot 3 and Lot 4, Block 27, Amended Map of Santa Cruz Gardens Unit Two(2), Hidalgo County, Texas as per the Map of Plat thereof, Recorded in Volume 8, Pages 28-29, Map of Records of Hidalgo County, Texas. Tract out of the South Five (5) Acres of Lot A, Santa Cruz Gardens Subdivision Unit One, Hidalgo County, Texas According to Map thereof Recorded in Volume 7, Page 45, Map Records of Hidalgo County, Texas.
-Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the Plat. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Approval of Application for the Exclusion of a certain Acre Tract of land consisting of 7.5 Acres, more or less, out of and forming a part of Lot 3 and Lot 4, Block 27, Amended Map of Santa Cruz Gardens Unit Two (2), recorded in Vol. 8, Pages 28-29, Hidalgo County, Texas.
Mr. Bettiga made a Motion to approve the Exclusion. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
11. A presentation by Mr. Oscar Longoria and Mr. Eddie Lucio III on their experience and knowledge representing other Water Districts as Legal Counsel. Mr. Longoria informed the District that he is in The Texas House of Representatives, Representing the 35th District. As per Mr. Lucio, he is also a Representative but he represents the 38th District. The Board will acknowledge all their information and will decide on the Legal Counsel after hearing from other attorneys.
12. Consideration regarding bids for the repair of Pump 15. Item Tabled. Waiting on other bids.
13. Consideration regarding bids for repair of Canal C at Hillcrest Road crossing. Item Tabled.
14. Approval of the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Borders made a Motion to approve the Budget. Motion was seconded by Mr. Flowers. Motion passed unanimously.
15. District Fiscal Report – Mario Trigo showed Board the Balances and the Profit & Loss for the Month of January.

16. Report District Operations: Mr. Hinojosa attended Texas Water Development Board Workshop on December 12, 2017 at the Renaissance Convention Center.

Working on getting Bids for Pump 15 and the Hillcrest Road Crossing Project. There is a leak under the Road which needed to get camera survey in order to assess the damages and repair options.

Mr. Hinojosa posted the announcement to submit application for place on ballot. He also contacted attorneys regarding options on legal counsel for the District.

Mr. Hinojosa contacted TWCA Risk Management Fund regarding claim against the District by AT&T regarding alleged damage by the District of an optic fiber line in March 2016. District was not notified of claim until January 2017 about 9 months after alleged incident. TWCA will intercede on our behalf.

A Letter of Support to grant proposal to National Science Foundation for multi-million dollar grant in partnership with UTRGV and Texas A&M Citrus Center; an initiative to conduct research and help establish policy addressing regional needs and challenges on water issues to include agriculture and water conservation.

District will be getting free dirt from Raymondville Drain work on FM 2812 conducted by Hidalgo County Drainage District One.

17. Field Operations Report – Carlos De La Rosa informed the Board on the work that has been done in the District.
18. 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.
19. Sign Checks - Done
20. Adjourn - Mr. Borders made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bettiga. The Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

President
Jack Wallace