

**Minutes of Proceedings  
Regular Board Meeting  
La Feria Utilities Board  
Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 5:15 P.M.** in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 East Commercial Avenue, La Feria, Texas 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on those items of Utilities Board business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with the State Open Meetings Law. The following Board Members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Adolfo Lopez	Chairman
Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap	Vice Chairman
Mr. Ralph Muse	Board Member
Mr. Steve Brewer	Mayor/Ex-Officio Member

Absent: Mr. Ovidio Saldivar Board Member

The following staff members were present at said meeting:

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Irene Szedlmayer	Planning and Community Dev. Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

The only other person present at this meeting was Ms. Mary Beth Wright.

At 5:17 P.M., Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez asked all present to rise and recite aloud the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. After this was done, Mr. Lopez declared that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD  
ON DECEMBER 7, 2010**

Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap made a correction to the minutes on the second page on the 11<sup>th</sup> line of the second paragraph where reference was made to an LFIDC Resolution. The correction should be that it was a Utilities Board Resolution and not LFIDC. After review of the minutes, Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the previous regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, as corrected. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board members present.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2010**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of

December, reviewing both the monthly and year-to-date figures. Ms. Chavero then reviewed the performance indicators, after which Board Chairman Adolfo Lopez announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

### **REPORT BY STAFF**

- **Water and Wastewater System Improvements projects**
- **Proposed Water and Wastewater Project Funding**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported the following:

- The two applications to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) were submitted by the deadline of December 27, 2010. Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Associates and the First Southwest Company, as well as the City Staff worked diligently to get these applications prepared. The TWDB has acknowledged receipt of the applications, and they are now going through their review process. The applications are for a total of approximately \$15,000,000.00 in grant funding for water and wastewater systems improvements. Mr. Philip said that the TWDB will be considering the application in March or April, and the City will be asking for the funds to be funded up front so that the City can implement the project.
- Mr. Philip explained the pilot program for the water meters and said the TWDB application includes a request for about \$600,000.00 to replace all the water meters so that remote reading can be done for the entire city. This is considered a green project. Planning and Community Development Director Ms. Irene Szedlmayer added that it is being considered as a green project because of the water conservation potential, since leaks will be able to be identified so quickly. It has the potential to reduce water loss.
- The City has submitted three applications to the United States Department of Agriculture.
- Mr. Philip explained the disinfecting system at the water treatment plant, and discussed the proposed Ultra Violet System, which is expected to reduce chemical costs.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez declared the public comment session open. No one signed up to speak before the board, so Mr. Lopez declared the public comment session closed.

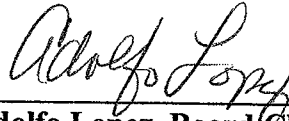
### **ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap moved for adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Ralph Muse seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

### **ADJOURNMENT – BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:51 P.M.

**APPROVED:**



**Adolfo Lopez, Board Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria as official record of the Utilities Board at 8:30 AM on February 7, 2011.

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

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