

**Minutes of Proceedings
Regular Board Meeting
La Feria Utilities Board
Tuesday, July 12, 2011**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 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. Ovidio Saldivar	Board Member
Mr. Ralph Muse	Board Member
Mr. Steve Brewer	Mayor/Ex-Officio 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 Julie Cavazos.

At 5:15 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 MAY 10, 2011**

Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the meeting of proceedings of the regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on May 10, 2011 as presented in written form. Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD
ON JUNE 28, 2011**

Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the special meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on June 28, 2011 as presented in written form. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO CONFIRM THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 8-INCH HORIZONTAL, SELF-PRIMING, CENTRIFUGAL, SOLIDS HANDLING, AIR COOLED, DIESEL ENGINE DRIVEN, PORTABLE PUMP ALL COMPLETE APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that this pump would be purchased with leftover funds from the Lilac Pressure Main Project. He said the City Commission already approved the project in order to expedite the delivery of the pump within the Lilac Pressure Main Project contract period. Mr. Ralph Muse moved to confirm the purchase of one (1) 8-inch horizontal, self-priming, centrifugal, solids handling, air cooled, diesel engine driven, portable pump all complete approved by the City Commission of the City of La Feria. Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO CONFIRM THE BUYOUT AND TRANSFER OF SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA FERIA AND NORTH ALAMO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA

City Manager Sunny K. Philip said that a copy of the Buyout and Transfer of Service Agreement and a copy of the map was included in the package. He reviewed the area on the map. Mr. Philip said this is necessary as part of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) grant award of \$15 million for water and sewer improvements. Mr. Ralph Muse moved to confirm the Buyout and Transfer of Service Area Agreement between the City of La Feria and North Alamo Water Supply Corporation approved by the City Commission of the City of La Feria. Mr. Ovidio Saldivar seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2011

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of June 2011, 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 Lilac Pressure Main Project will be complete after the delivery of the portable pump. The project will be ready to be closed out then.
- The City is still working on the SLC project, which was taken over by the bonding company. They have been much slower in completing this project than anticipated.
- The TWDB has prepared the documents for the loan forgiveness for the \$15 million water and wastewater project, and they are being reviewed by La Feria's Bond Counsel.

- The City has submitted an application for the 2012 Water and Wastewater round of funding. It would be 70% grant.

Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap reported that two residents who live on Kiester Lane have complained about having dirty water coming out of their faucets in their bathrooms. Mr. Philip said the City would check it out. Mayor Brewer, who lives on Kiester Lane, said he had not noticed that.

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, Mr. Ralph Muse moved for adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT – BOARD CHAIRMAN


Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:37 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 3:00 PM on August 6, 2011.



 Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

