

**Minutes of Proceedings  
Special Board Meeting  
La Feria Utilities Board  
Tuesday, October 22, 2013**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the City of La Feria Utilities Board met in special session on **Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 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. Paula Rodriguez	Planning and Community Dev. Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

A copy of the signature roster of all others present is attached as a part of the minutes hereof.

At 5:20 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.

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

After review of the minutes, Mr. Ralph Muse moved to approve the minutes of proceedings of the regular meeting of the La Feria Utilities Board held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 as presented in written form. 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 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Finance Director Ms. Maria Chavero reviewed the financial reports for the month of September 2013 with the board, reviewing both the monthly and year-to-date figures. Ms. Chavero then reviewed the Performance Indicators for the month. Ms. Chavero explained that the September report is the end-of-the fiscal year report and that there are still some changes that will need to be made to close the year and prepare for the annual

audit. After review and all questions answered, Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez announced that the reports would be filed for audit.

**REVIEW BID TABULATION FOR PROPOSED WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST, MOST QUALIFIED AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip explained that the City went out for bids on the Proposed Water Distribution Improvements Project and nine bids were received. He reviewed the bid tabulation with the board members. The bids received were as follows.

Cornet Construction P.O. Box 2048 San Benito, TX 78586 956-399-3743	\$2,006,850.90
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TX Cordia Construction 3149-A Center Point Drive Edinburg, TX 78539 956-627-6181	\$2,270,522.77
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Saenz Utility Contractors 22290 N. FM 88 Edcouch, TX 78538 956-262-8506	\$5,504,293.00 (\$2,241,941.50)*
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\*This is the figure submitted by Saenz Utility Contractors. The \$5,504,293.00 was listed on the bid tabulation completed by Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Associates after calculating a total for a line item that was also listed as a unit price by the number of units, which calculated to a much higher total for that line item.

The 5125 Company 1008 Doherty Ave. Mission, TX 78572 956-583-5125	\$2,333,333.00
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Reim Construction 9612 North Stewaet Rd. Mission, TX 78573 956-580-2675	\$2,375,628.90
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R.M. Walsdorf, Inc. 10155 Old State Highway 48 Brownsville, TX 78521 956-831-3984	\$2,493,226.45
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FJW 1100 E. Jasmine Ave., Suite 102 McAllen, TX 78501	\$2,526,266.99
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956-688-2397

DKIII Hornback \$2,574,589.04  
 702 W Expressway 83, Suite 116  
 Weslaco, TX 78596  
 956-968-2829

Jimmy Closner & Sons Construction Co. \$3,171,785.00  
 P.O. Box 170  
 Mercedes, TX 78570  
 956-565-2688

Discussion was held concerning the different areas in the city that would be part of this construction and Mr. Philip indicated each area on the map. The low bidder was Cornet Construction of San Benito with the low bid of \$2,006,850.90. Mr. Philip asked the Board to recommend to the City Commission award of contract to the lowest, most qualified and responsible bidder Cornet Construction of San Benito, subject to the approval of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Mr. Ralph Muse moved to recommend to the City Commission to consider award of contract to the lowest most qualified and responsible bidder Cornet Construction of San Benito in the amount of \$2,006,850.90, subject to the approval of the TWDB. Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the board members present.

#### **REPORTS BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD**

- **Water and Wastewater Systems Improvement Project**

City Manager Sunny K. Philip reported the following:

- Water and Wastewater Systems Improvement Project – Some of the other items on this project have been reviewed, i.e., sewer lines, and staff will be working on those.

#### **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.

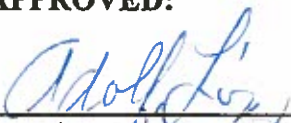
#### **ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

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 members present.

#### **ADJOURNMENT – BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Board Chairman Mr. Adolfo Lopez adjourned the meeting at 5:55 P.M.

APPROVED:

  
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 Adolfo Lopez, 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  
10:38 AM on November 3, 2013.

  
Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

**LA FERIA UTILITIES BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**

AT THE

CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013, AT 5:15 PM**

WELCOME

PLEASE SIGN IN

**NAME**

**MAILING ADDRESS**

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