



(I) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None were presented.

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(II) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
APRIL 13, 2006, SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 18, 2006, SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2006, SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 13, 2006, SPECIAL MEETING**

Upon motion by Director Garza, seconded by Director Alvarez and carried unanimously, the Minutes of April 13, 2006, Special Meeting, May 18, 2006, Special Meeting, June 22, 2006, Special Meeting and July 13, 2006, Special Meeting were approved.

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III **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE FINDING OF AN EXEMPTION UNDER V.T.C.A., LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. SECTION 262.04(A) FROM THE COMPETITIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PURCHASE BY A COUNTY OR BY THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY IN REFERENCE TO HIRING AN ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CAMERON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY.**

Mr. Pete Sepulveda, Interim Executive Director, explained that the matter was placed on the agenda to address issues of compliance and recommended approval of the order exempting professional services from the competitive requirements under V.T.C.A. Local Government Code Section 262.024.

Director Alvarez moved that the Order granting an exemption under V.T.C.A. Local Government Code Section 262.024 be approved.

The motion was seconded by Director Campbell and carried unanimously.

**The Order is as follows:**

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**IV. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE CCRMA AND LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP (C- BRIAN CASSIDY) TO ASSIST THE CCRMA ON SPECIFIC ISSUES.**

Mr. Sepulveda explained that the needed professional services pertain specific to the CDA for the Second Causeway Project and recommended legal services be obtained from Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP, as an exemption under Section 262.024 (a)(4) of the County Purchasing Act, because they were already familiar with the project. He explained that proposals for legal services in general could be requested at a later time.

Upon motion by Director Campbell, seconded by Director Alvarez and carried unanimously, the Letter of Engagement between the CCRMA and Locke Liddell & Sapp (C- Brian Cassidy) to assist the CCRMA on specific issues was approved.

**The Letter is as follows:**

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V. **DISCUSS AND ACKNOWLEDGE CRMA MONTHLY  
REPORT FROM GEC FOR JULY 2006.**

Mr. Dave Clark, HNTB Inc., presented and highlighted the CRMA Monthly Report from GEC for July 2006.

Director Garza moved that the CRMA Monthly Report from GEC for July 2006 be acknowledged.

The motion was seconded by Director Campbell and carried unanimously.

**The Report is as follows:**

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Director Alvarez, seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session at 8:53 a.m.

**A. Deliberation on the possible appointment and employment of an executive director for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 551.047(a)(1).**

Upon motion by Director Alvarez, seconded by Director Scaief and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 9:42 a.m.

**B. Deliberation on the possible appointment and employment of an executive director for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority.**

Director Scaief moved that Mr. Pete Sepulveda be appointed Executive Director.

The motion was seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously.

Director Garza suggested that employment issues be consulted with the Cameron County Attorney.

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**VI. REVIEW OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2006 THROUGH JULY 2006.**

Mr. Sepulveda informed that presentations were made before the cities as an effort to get needed funding, that letters had been sent and funds were expected.

Upon motion by Director Ramon, seconded by Director Campbell and carried unanimously, the discussion regarding Income and Expenditure Reports from October 1, 2006 through July 2006 was acknowledged.

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**VII. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION TO MARY ROBLES FOR PREPARATION OF MEETING MINUTES.**

Mr. Sepulveda recommended approval of compensation to Mary Robles for preparation of meeting minutes. He explained that she was a county employee and that any possible issues would be discussed with legal counsel. Mr. Sepulveda noted that the method of payment would be determined with the County Auditor.

Director Ramon moved that compensation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Mary Robles for preparation of meeting minutes be approved.

The motion was seconded by Director Alvarez and carried unanimously.

**VII. STATUS REPORT BY INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

**West Loop Project**

Mr. Sepulveda informed that the CCRMA had been allocated \$21.6 million and would receive it in draws for the West Loop Project. He added that the work scope was being negotiated and that the fees would be negotiated later.

**Second Causeway Project**

He reported that the preliminary study for the Second Causeway Project was complete, and that the Level II Study would be complete by March 2007 at a cost of \$356,000.00.

**North Rail Relocation Project**

Mr. Sepulveda reported that the project was 95% complete and that \$9 million were available for the same.

**509 Loop**

He reported that the environmental assessment was being prepared at this time and that the estimated time of construction was about eighteen months.

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**IX. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CCRMA AND THE PORT ISABEL EDC**

Upon motion by Director Ramon, seconded by Director Alvarez and carried unanimously, the contract between the CCRMA and the Port Isabel EDC was approved.

**The Contract is as follows:**

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**X. APPROVAL OF MEETING LOCATION FOR NEXT CCRMA MEETING.**

The consensus of the Board was that the September meeting be held in La Feria, Texas.

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**XI. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEAM TX ORGANIZATION.**

Upon motion by Director Scaief, seconded by Director Alvarez and carried unanimously, the Interim Executive Director was authorized to serve as secretary of the Board of Directors of the TEAM TX Organization.

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**XII. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN ALEX AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE TEAM TX MEETING HELD ON SOUTH PADRE ISLAND.**

Chairman Alex reported that a great and well attended meeting was held.

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**XIII. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO TRAVEL TO AUSTIN ON AUGUST 23-24, 2006 TO ATTEND THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING.**

Mr. Sepulveda requested that at least one member attend the meeting and Director Scaief agreed to attend.

Director Garza invited everyone to the Gulf Aviation 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony to take place Thursday at 6 p.m.

Upon motion by Director Alvarez, seconded by Director Garza and carried unanimously, the travel to Austin on August 23-24, 2006 to attend the Texas Transportation Commission Meeting was authorized.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting and upon motion by Director Garza, seconded by Director Alvarez meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 10:58 A.M.

**APPROVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of **September 2006**.

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**CHAIRMAN DAVID E. ALLEX**

**ATTESTED:**

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**SECRETARY LAURA BETANCOURT**