

MINUTES

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HYBRID ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 - 12:00 P.M.
INITIATED AND CHAIRD FROM LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS
301 W. RAILROAD ST., BUILDING B
WESLACO, TEXAS VIA GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE & IN PERSON

PRESIDING: MAYOR JIM DARLING, PRESIDENT

President Jim Darling called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Roll call was taken for the General Membership and the Board of Directors, who are scheduled to meet immediately after this meeting, and a quorum was declared for both entities.

President Darling then moved to item 2: Consider Approval of January 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes. *Commissioner Edward Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Pilar Garza seconded and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.*

Upon conclusion of action President Darling moved to item #3: Caucus to Seat New Board Members.

Caucusing was held virtually via GoToMeeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, and the following entities were elected to the Board of Directors:

- A. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Populations between 10,000-24,999

CITY	COUNTY
City of Alamo	Hidalgo
City of Mercedes	Hidalgo
City of Raymondville	Willacy

- B. Three (3) Directors Representing Member Cities with Populations under 10,000

CITY	COUNTY
City of Lyford	Willacy
City of Primera	Cameron
Town of Rancho Viejo	Cameron

- C. Two (2) Directors Representing Educational Institutions

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	COUNTY
South Texas College	Hidalgo
Texas State Technical College	Cameron

D. Two (2) Directors Representing Special Governmental Units

ENTITY	COUNTY
Delta Lake Irrigation District	Hidalgo
Willacy County Navigation District	Willacy

E. One (1) Director Representing the Poor and Underprivileged (Grassroots Organizations)

NAME	ENTITY
Lupita Sanchez Martinez	Proyecto Juan Diego

Upon conclusion of the caucus report President Darling moved to item #4: Act on Recommendations of Nominating Committee and addressed the following:

A. Election of Five Members-at-Large to Serve on General Membership for the 2021-2022 Term

President Jim Darling reported that the committee recommends the following individuals as at-Large Members to the LRGVDC General Membership:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY
Ms. Ann Cass	McAllen	Hidalgo
Mr. David Penoli	McAllen	Hidalgo
Mayor Jim Darling	McAllen	Hidalgo
Vacant		
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President Darling then opened the floor for nominations for the two (2) open seats.

Commissioner David Garza nominated Mayor Pro-tem Rene Estrada from Combes; Mayor Rick Salinas nominated Mayor George Rivera from Palm Valley. There being no other nominations, President Darling called for a motion to approve the following slate of Members-at-Large:

NAME	CITY	COUNTY
<i>Ms. Ann Cass</i>	<i>McAllen</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>
<i>Mr. David Penoli</i>	<i>McAllen</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>
<i>Mayor Jim Darling</i>	<i>McAllen</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>
<i>Mayor Pro-tem Rene Estrada</i>	<i>Combes</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Mayor George Rivera</i>	<i>Palm Valley</i>	<i>Cameron</i>

Commissioner David Garza made a motion to elect the above slate of Members-at-Large. Councilman Johnny Garcia seconded, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

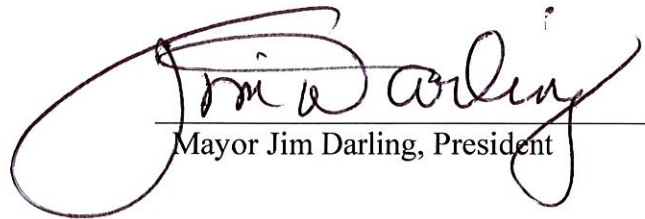
B. Election of Officers for the 2021-2022 Term

President Darling stated that the Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the 2021-2022 term:

<i>OFFICE</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>COUNTY</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>Judge Aurelio Guerra</i>	<i>Willacy</i>
<i>1st Vice President</i>	<i>Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	<i>Mayor Chris Boswell</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mayor Trey Mendez</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mayor David Suarez</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>
<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>Mayor Jim Darling</i>	<i>Hidalgo</i>


Councilman Johnny Garcia made a motion to accept the slate of Executive Committee Officers as presented. Mayor George Rivera seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Darling moved to item #5. – New or Unfinished Business; there being no further business to come before the General *Membership the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.*



Mayor Jim Darling, President

ATTEST:



Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary