

**Hidalgo County Water Improvement District Number Three  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
December 20, 2023**

**Call to Order:**

President Othal Brand, Jr. called the regular meeting to order at the District's Office located at 1325 Pecan Blvd, McAllen, Texas 78501. The meeting began by reciting the pledge of allegiance. President Othal Brand, Jr. gave the prayer invocation.

**Board Members Present:**

Othal Brand, Jr.	President
Mark Freeland	Secretary
W.D. Moschel	Director

**Absent:**

Chris Burns	Vice-President
Lance Neuhaus	Director

**Others Attending:**

Jim Hall	Ewing & Lara
Frank Ferris	Ferris & Flinn & Medina
Macarena Ortiz	Attorney
Raquel Espinoza	
Jose R. De Leon	General Manager, HCWID3
Chris Villarreal	

**Visitors:**

Heather Flores	Carr, Riggs, Ingram Auditors
Angel Quirino	Carr, Riggs, Ingram Auditors
Esmeralda Yniquez	Carr, Riggs, Ingram Auditors
Lisa Helle	Realtor

**Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on November 15, 2023.**

A Motion was made by Mark Freeland and seconded by W.D. Moschel to approve the Regular Board Meeting on November 15, 2023.

Motion Carried.

**Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting on November 21, 2023.**

A Motion was made by W.D. Moschel and seconded by Othal Brand, Jr. to approve the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting on November 21, 2023.

*Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.*

Motion Carried.

**Consideration and possible action regarding the review of Financial Reports and the approval of accounts payable checks.**

A Motion was made by Mark Freeland and seconded by W.D. Moschel to approve the Financial Reports and accounts payable checks.

Motion Carried.

**Consideration and possible action on a presentation to the Board by Auditors Carr, Riggs, and Ingram regarding draft financials and discussion on certain disclosures.**

No Action Taken.

**Consideration and possible action on the sale of property located at the Newport Subdivision Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Hidalgo County, Texas.**

A Motion was made by Mark Freeland and seconded W.D. Moschel to authorize President Othal Brand, Jr. to enter into a contract with Swan Arbitrage, LLC, at 1117 Orange Avenue, McAllen, TX 78501 for the sale of District property at Newport Subdivision Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, located at Bicentennial Blvd and Newport Avenue, McAllen, Texas. *(See attachment A-Texas Realtors – Commercial Contract)*

Motion Carried.

**Engineering Report**

**Report on District allocation in the Falcon & Amistad Reservoir System.**

Engineer Frank Ferris reported that the District began the month with a usable balance of 3,097 acre feet, amounting to 36% percent of the annual water right, and 26% percent of the storage balance. The US share is down to 21.77% as of December 9. The District currently has 4,083 acres of irrigable land in account balances, which requires 2,722 acre feet of usable balance, so there is not enough in storage for an allocation with 1,000 acre feet in the operating reserve. The District diverted 3,464 acre feet this year to date and has charged 2,458 acre feet to its irrigation account.

**Las Milpas Road** – No ongoing movement at all.

**HCRMA Project-** District approved the construction plans and they finished the Lateral F canal relocation project but have not done much progress on the construction work plans.

**McAllen South Industrial Park** –General Manager, Joe De Leon reported to the Board that they started installing the 18-inch pipe crossed the street with the casing.

**Consideration and possible action to amend the Water Allocation program.**

No Action Taken.

**Consideration and possible action to declare water rights as surplus property.**

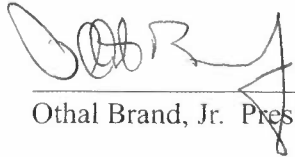
A Motion was made by Mark Freeland and seconded by W.D. Moschel to declare 500 acre feet of Class A water rights as surplus water and no longer needed by the District.

Motion Carried.

**Adjourn**

A Motion was made by Mark Freeland and seconded by W.D. Moschel to adjourn the Board Meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Motion Carried.

  
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Othal Brand, Jr. President

  
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Mark Freeland, Secretary