



**LRGA MEETING MINUTES:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003 - 8:00 A.M.
RIO RED CLASSROOM
TEXAS A&M CITRUS CENTER
312 NORTH INTERNATIONAL BLVD.
WESLACO, TEXAS**

Presiding: Bobby Sparks, President

President Bobby Sparks called the meeting to order, and Mr. Richard Hinojosa, LRGVDC Deputy Executive Director announced that there was a quorum present.

The president then moved to agenda item 2. - Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2003, and asked for any changes. There were none, and ***Mr. Jimmie Steidinger made a motion to approve these minutes. Mr. Gordon Hill seconded the motion, and upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.***

Following action on the minutes, President Sparks proceeded to agenda item 3. - Consider Approval of Application to Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) RE: Master Plan, and recognized Mr. Bill Norris, NRS Consulting Engineers. Mr. Norris informed the Board that a committee had met on October 6th to develop this application. He added that under the Scope of Work, page 2, the committee had changed some of the wording, specifically in d) ii) and iii), delete the word recommendations and add evaluate alternatives. *A copy of the scope of work is attached to these minutes for clarification.* Following discussion, ***Mr. Jimmie Steidinger made a motion to re-insert the word recommendations in items 10.c) ii) and iii). Mr. Paul Heller seconded the motion, and following discussion, the motion passed, with Mr. Tito Nieto voting nay.***

Mr. Gordon Hill then made a motion that the Board accept the overall plan application with the changes previously voted upon. Mr. Joe Barrera seconded the motion. Following discussion on improvement of water storage facilities in the Valley, Mr. Norris reported that there were funds available through NADBank for water conservation projects, such as on-far metering to accurately measure irrigations, and that Mr. Erick Schleich with NADBank had suggested that the LRGGA apply for IDP grants to complete its plan. These grants are available in amounts up to \$250,000 per year. ***At the conclusion of Mr. Norris' report, and following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.***

There being no further business to be conducted by the Board, ***Mr. Jimmie Steidinger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sonia Kaniger seconded the motion, upon a vote, the motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.***

Bobby Sparks, President

Joe Barrera, Secretary/Treasurer