

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

*Meeting August 13, 2008, 12:00p.m.,
in the 1st Floor Conference Room of TransGuide, at 3500 N.W. Loop 410.*

Minutes

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairman Thornton called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m. All Board members, with the exception of H. Muñoz and R. Diaz, were present.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the July 22, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.**

R. Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. J. Jenkins seconded. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

3. **Discussion and appropriate action regarding a resolution revising the FY 2007-2008 Annual Operating Budget and adopting the FY 2008-2009 Annual Operating and Capital Budget.** T. Brechtel introduced the item for discussion and called upon M. Nitschke and C. Conner to present.

C. Conner presented the revised 2007-2008 Annual Operating Budget. C. Conner indicated that there was a favorable difference between the FY 08 Adopted Budget and the FY 08 Revised Budget. The difference between the two is an approximate \$5,610,325 saving between the adopted and proposed revisions to the FY 08 Budget.

C. Conner stated the limited budget increases between the two documents, on a line-by-line basis, were mainly due to changes in project development and other expenses, which included printing and other administrative services being greater than projected, due to the change in direction on Alamo RMA projects as a result of legislative changes from the 80th session of the Texas Legislature.

M. Nitschke presented the Board with the proposed Capital Budget for FY09 and explained Capital Project expenditures for key categories.

T. Brechtel advised the Board that the Capital Budget would be revised at the end of the calendar year 2008 or first quarter of 2009 to provide projected Capital Project Budgets through 2014.

The Operating Budget represents the cost of administration management, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment whereas the Capital Budget represents long-term project costs. C. Conner detailed the proposed Operating Budget for professional services, staff compensation, and other expenses, which total \$2,295,824 million.

Board discussion ensued. Board members acknowledged the budget was developed with a logical approach given the dynamic nature of the budget and the ever changing environment of developing projects. In addition to the above, Board members expressed a desire to see revisions to the budget on a more frequent basis. Board members also expressed the desire to control future Capital expenses specific to right of way costs by giving counties the authority to preserve and protect corridors in the future.

J. Reed made the motion to adopt resolution 08-23 as presented to the Board. R. Thompson seconded. Motion carried by a 4-1 vote. J. Jenkins voted Nay.

A copy of this presentation is on file.

4. **Discussion and appropriate action regarding a resolution on participation within Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) for plan year 2009.** T. Brechtel asked C. Conner to present the item to the Board. C. Conner stated that the proposed changes to the TCDRS plan reduced the years for vesting from 8 years to 5 years. There were no other changes to the plan for plan year 2009.

J. Reed made the motion to adopt resolution 08-24 as presented to the Board. R. Thompson seconded. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

5. **Discussion and appropriate action on the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2008.** C. Conner presented the financial statements for period ending July 31, 2008. She reviewed the balance sheet, described the assets, liabilities, and fund equity; the statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund deficit, explained the monies allocated for each column, and the statement of cash flow.

R. Thompson made the motion to accept the financial statements as presented. M. C. Rodriguez seconded. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

6. **Citizens to be heard.**

Citizen, Mel Borell, San Antonio resident, went over his reasons why the Alamo RMA should stop their process on the 281 North Toll project. He also stated that he wanted the original overpass design.

Citizen, Nikki Khuns, San Antonio resident, expressed to the Board her opinion about the loans that the Alamo RMA received from the City of San Antonio and Bexar County early in its inception.

Citizen, Jack Finger, San Antonio resident, expressed his views regarding the toll roads.

7. **Presentation/briefing - Executive Director Report.**

8. **Executive Session.** Chairman Thornton adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m. for an Executive Session. Chairman Thornton stated that Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Subsection 551.071(1) and Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the Board would be meeting in Executive Session to Consult with Attorney concerning pending/contemplated litigation on the 281 North Toll project.

Chairman Thornton reconvened the meeting at 1:31 p.m. Chairman Thornton stated that no action was taken by the Board.

There being no further business to come before the board, Chairman Thornton adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

DR. WILLIAM E. THORNTON, CHAIRMAN

DATE ADOPTED: 10/1/2008

I hereby certify that the above foregoing pages constitute the full, true, and correct minutes of all the proceedings and official records of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority at its meeting on August 13, 2008.

ATTEST: _____
REYNALDO L. DIAZ, JR
SECRETARY/TREASURER