LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Laredo, Texas

The special meeting of the Laredo Community College Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, beginning at 6:03 p.m. in the Samuel A. Meyer Board Room Laird Hall 124 of the Fort McIntosh Campus.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Pete Saenz, Jr., President  
Carlos Carranco, Jr.  
Hilario Cavazos, III  
Leonides G. Cigarroa, Jr.  
Rene De La Víña  
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.  
Edward C. Sherwood  
Alfonso Martinez, Ex-officio

OTHERS
Juan L. Maldonado
Eleazar Gonzalez
John Kazen,  
College Attorney
Austin Skero,  
Assistant Chief, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Jay Johnson-Castro,  
Director RGISC

MEMBERS ABSENT
Cynthia Mares, Vice President  
Belinda Guerra, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Saenz called the meeting to order. Dr. Cigarroa called the roll. A quorum of the members was present.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY
Mr. Victor Oliveros a retired city, county, and state employee addressed the Board on the environment, health, and pollution issues. He asked for help to protect and preserve the Rio Grande Vega area.

Mr. Jay Johnson-Castro, RGISC Director, thanked Dr. Maldonado and the Board considering this issue and appreciate the opportunity to have been part of the discussion. He reported they have met twice with Assistant Chief Skero & his team and have come to a resolution.

Mr. Sherwood announced the one hour service to raise funds for Haiti sponsored by the City of Laredo and others on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

RENEWAL OF GRANT OF TEMPORARY WORK AREA EASEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS ASSIGNS FOR THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION RIVER BEND PROJECT, LAREDO TEXAS. POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.072 FOR THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

Dr. Juan L. Maldonado, LCC President, summarized the activities that have occurred since the January 28, 2010 Board meeting, indicated they have come up with a solution amenable to both entities and noted the College’s role was to try to accommodate the needs of both entities. He mentioned certain areas of the river road project, where special precautions will be taken to minimize the impact on the environment and on the vegetation, will be identified. This arrangement has to be based on trust with guarantees that the U. S. Customs/Border Protection will restore and correct any damage that occurs in those identified sensitive areas. Discussion followed; Board member’s expressed their opinions on the issue. Mr. Austin Skero, Assistant Chief with the U.S. Border Patrol Laredo Sector, reported transparency had been adhered to, discussions have been enlightening, summarized the process they will follow during the project, and indicated the communication issues had been resolved. Mr. Johnson-Castro concurred with the Assistant Chief. Mr. Skero reported on their horse
patrol, the number of arrests, the need for vehicle emergency service, the speed limit will be 15 mph, and concluded by stating the Border Patrol is a good neighbor. Mr. Johnson-Castro and Assistant Chief Skero shook hands to seal the agreement. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Martinez made a motion to approve the renewal of the Grant of Temporary Work Area Easement to the United States of America and its Assigns for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection River Bend Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. De La Viña. Dr. Maldonado asked that the temporary easement be granted for one year with a possible one year extension at the discretion of the College President. Mr. Martinez amended to his motion as recommended by the College President and was seconded by Mr. De La Viña. Mr. Saenz took a vote on the amendment; motion carried. A vote for the motion was taken; motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

Dr. Maldonado reported the Special Board of Trustees Meeting will be on February 11, 2010, to consider Bond Counsel and appoint a committee to rate companies for the CMAR. The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting will be on February 25, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:45 p.m. Mr. Sherwood moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Carranco; motion carried.