

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Tuesday, August 25, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:	STAFF:
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Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Anthony Serna, Rick Rodriguez,
Eugene Austin
Telephonic: Valda Lewis, Gilberto Cantu,

Staff Present Telephonic: Dawn Dawkins, Legal Counsel
Staff Present: Ateria Allen, Recording Secretary
Vanessa Hernandez-Orange, Director

CHIEF SERNA: We have a quorum. Ms. Lewis via Zoom call, myself, and Mr. Austin are here in person I'd like to call to order today's Board of Parks and Recreation meeting for Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Rick Rodriguez may be running late, he usually advises if he cannot attend a meeting. And Mr. Cantu was contacted and he said he would be calling in, maybe he's a little bit late.

Here is Rick Rodriguez now. First item on the agenda is Administrative Matters. Approval of the August 11, 2020, meeting minutes. I'll entertain a motion to approve the August 11, 2020, meeting minutes.

MR. AUSTIN: So moved.

CHIEF SERNA: Do I have a second?

MS. LEWIS: Second.

CHIEF SERNA: Any questions on the

1 motion? (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

2 CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

3 MS. ALLEN: Mr. Cantu is on the line with
4 us.

5 CHIEF SERNA: We have a full quorum,
everyone is present.

6 The next item on the agenda is
approval of the payroll dated August 21, 2020. I'll
7 entertain a motion to approve payroll dated August 21,
2020.

8 MS. LEWIS: So move for approval.

9 MR. AUSTIN: Second.

10 CHIEF SERNA: Any questions on the
11 motion? (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

12 CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

13 Next, approval of Warrant Report.
081320 PB, in the amount of \$7.57. Entertain a motion
to approve Warrant Report 081320 PB.

14 MR. AUSTIN: Make a motion.

15 CHIEF SERNA: Is there a second?

16 MS. LEWIS: Second.

17 CHIEF SERNA: Any questions on the
18 motion? (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

19 CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

20 Next we have approval of Warrant
Report 082520 PB, in the amount of \$77,684.09.
Entertain a motion to approve Warrant Report 082520 PB.

21 MS. LEWIS: Move for approval.

22 MR. CANTU: Second.

23 CHIEF SERNA: Any questions on the
24 motion? (None) All in favor signify by saying aye?
(All signify aye.)

25 CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.

We'll move on to Old Business. Any

1 Old Business, Madame Secretary?

2 MS. ALLEN: No.

3 CHIEF SERNA: We'll move on the New
4 Business. Vanessa Hernandez-Orange, Director of Parks
5 and Recreation.

6 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Good evening.
7 Once again I am coming here before you with the ECSIA
8 contract with Balance Holdings Inc., better known as the
9 makers of ECSIA, which is our fish aquaponic system. I
10 am here because of the fact that we have been talking
11 with the company, Balance Holdings and the director, and
12 there has been many miscommunications basically. We
13 have explained to them how we wanted some of the credit
14 for some of the supplies that we had, and -- you know --
15 how can we work together to, I guess, compensate both
16 parties, because it seemed like it was kind of one
17 sided.

18 So, when we talked to them, I
19 actually talked to Glen, who is the maker of the ECSIA.
20 We came to the conclusion that two things are going to
21 happen. One, we are going to have a credit of the two
22 emergency trips. So, in other words, in our contract it
23 states that we are going to have -- if anything happens
24 to the fish or there is a certain issue with the system
25 -- they come out as an emergency trip, and that's up to
\$750, what they are calling a credit. So at the end of
the year, if they don't come out, then what they are
going to do, they are going to use that credit for the
next upcoming year.

He also explained to me in regards
to supplies, like I told him, sometimes there's too much
of supplies left over. His thing is, they give us
supplies on a quarterly basis, so there should not be
any reason why we have a large amount of anything left
over. There should not be something where we are
running out of food or the feed for the fish. So he
explained that the goods, he gives us everything on
contract, no matter what.

I have also explained to my staff,
when they are asked, do you need or do you have enough
of this; and we are not going to say, yes, we know we
have everything that we need; so that we can always have
it. But speaking to my staff, like in the month of
January, they are saying, oh, yeah, we are good. We
don't need any feed. But then in February, it's like,
oh, I need more of this. So they let go what they were

1 suppose to give us, they waived it, and now we are
2 struggling to make that quarter at the end. So I have
3 explained to them what we are going to do moving
4 forward.

5 And also what is important is that
6 we talked about the training. So what the training is,
7 we are going to have training and that is included with
8 the amount in the contract. Previously -- it wasn't
9 like that previously, we had to pay extra for training.
10 So we have one sort of training that is going to be done
11 and that's going to be the training for the aquaponic
12 system. Any maintenance training we are going to have
13 to actually pay extra for.

14 For instance, the two trips, we get
15 the extra credit, that would be good for the training
16 for the next year, because technically we are paying for
17 one set of training already.

18 So, those are the three things that
19 we kind of had to change within the contract. Hopefully
20 this is the end of this conversation, hopefully they
21 agree to the differences we talked about, but it wasn't
22 technically in the contract. I worked with Miss Dawkins
23 to make sure they put it in, actually in the contract.

24 Actually one more thing, we changed
25 the date. So the terms of the agreement, previously it
was from January 1st through December 31st. So what my
staff was saying, that we'll receive our last feed or
last quarter would be in January. So they asked if they
could move the contract to February, so they won't hold
it, because apparently that's what was happening. They
were holding the feed and holding the product. So then
in turn, we would be asking them -- we'd be waiting for
them or we'd leave it in their hands basically, because
we would need it. So we have pushed it back to
February, instead of January. Hopefully this works, and
we don't have to come back to the table again with
another revision, and we are done.

26 CHIEF SERNA: Any questions for Vanessa
27 regarding the agreement between the East Chicago Parks
28 and Recreation Department and Balance Holdings? I do
29 have a question, but any questions?

30 MR. AUSTIN: Yes, I have one. I'm new on
31 this, but I would like to know, could it be that we
32 would not put a final vote on this until we see if we
33 have a contract or not?

34 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Miss Dawkins read

1 the contract and she is the one that put the wording in
2 this contract. So we are the ones that gave it to
3 Balance Holdings to begin with. Balance Holdings in
4 turn made their notes of what they would not agree to,
5 and then now -- so this is us giving it back to Balance
6 Holdings, after we have had a discussion of what we
7 agreed to and what we don't agree to

8 Also, this is now I think the third
9 revision of the contract. So our attorney looked at it
10 once we had it kind of completed. So now after you guys
11 approve it, I can then send it to them and hopefully
12 they will sign it. But I cannot send it to them without
13 the approval of my Board.

14 CHIEF SERNA: Is Miss Dawkins on the
15 line?

16 ATTORNEY DAWKINS: Yes, I am on the line.

17 CHIEF SERNA: All right. So, Attorney
18 Dawkins, then you made the changes that are needed and
19 your recommendation is to approve this agreement?

20 ATTORNEY DAWKINS: Yes, it is. I did
21 make a slight change on one of the changes that they
22 made, and so I hope that will not be cause -- I'm trying
23 to pull it up right now -- the contract that I sent
24 over, that it won't be a problem for them not to sign
25 it, but I felt it was necessary to put it in there.

We added the reimbursement credit on
paragraph number 2, the services. We added
reimbursement credit for up to two emergency visits.
And I added in there that it will be used for the next
consecutive contract year. So just in case there was a
lapse in there, we only use one additional emergency
visit instead of two in the following year.

Say, for instance, we had two going
into the next year and we only ended up using one, I put
that sentence in there, that phrase, that it would be
used for the next consecutive contract year; so we won't
lose out in case that happens. I don't know what their
response is going to be to that because that's not
exactly what I was told by Vanessa, as far as, you know,
what she actually said to put in there. I just thought
we needed to cover ourselves and not lose out on
anything, because we were already giving up stuff
anyway.

And I still put in -- they scratched
out excluding travel time, but I still wanted to put

1 that back in there, because they had already said the
2 travel time was so many hours and they deleted all of
3 that. That was in the one that they proposed. So I
4 still put that in there, excluding travel time. So I am
5 trusting that they will go ahead and accept those
6 revisions.

7 CHIEF SERNA: Okay. Thank you. The
8 question I have for Vanessa, one was about the terms.
9 So then the term of this contract is going to be
10 January 1st, 2020, until February 28th -- or
11 February 1st -- of 2021; is that correct?

12 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: No, it goes from
13 February 1st, 2020, that's when we are saying the term
14 started at, and then we were going to January 31, 2021.
15 Previously it would end January 1st.

16 CHIEF SERNA: And it seems a little --
17 quarterly to me means every three months, January
18 February, March; March would be the end of the first
19 quarter. Then, you know, April, May, June. So the
20 third month, the sixth month, the ninth month, and the
21 12th month concludes the quarters of the year. That's
22 just how it sounds to me. So for them to hold on to the
23 fourth quarter installment of fish food or whatever
24 else, saying, we are not going to give you that till
25 January, that's nice if you can get away with it, I
guess. And so I don't see how they are able to get away
with it in the first place, but changing the term
hopefully solves it.

But if they want to play the same
game, all it does is change the date. So instead of the
3, 6, 9, 12th-month; they are going to 2nd, 5th -- I
mean we can play the game, no matter what the start of
the contract is, because if it's going to be
February 1st through January 31st, you know, a quarter
is a quarter. There is 12 months in a year, so whether
you start on the first month or the second month. So
hopefully the message you are trying to give him and the
point they will understand and follow through.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Correct, I do
agree. And I think the only reason they are able to do
that realistically is because there never was a
contract, all there was was an invoice. There was never
a contract between us and Balance Holdings, and that's
what Miss Dawkins and myself went to go look back and
wanted to see, but there is nothing but an invoice. So

1 we couldn't really compare. That's what she said, well
2 maybe we can hold them accountable. Technically we
3 couldn't hold them accountable because there is just an
4 invoice. Now, if we have an actual contract, we can
5 hold them accountable. Hopefully that won't change with
6 the date change, the quarter feed, according to what
7 they have been doing previous years. That's the plan.
8 But again, you are right; we never know if they want to
9 change it.

10 CHIEF SERNA: My second question is on
11 training. So included in the contract is some training?

12 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Correct.

13 CHIEF SERNA: But it's not included --
14 maintenance training -- so then what kind of training
15 are we going to get?

16 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: So any
17 upgrades -- so I know they have bigger fish tanks, or
18 however you want to call them, at different locations.
19 So I know my staff has said, with the feed that goes in,
20 what they used to do, you keep feeding the fish until
21 they don't go up and bite any more. But then like a
22 year later, it was -- no -- just add one cup of feed to
23 get the system going, whatever that is, and new things
24 they came up with that. That's brand new.

25 But maintenance, like the cleaning
portion of it, how you clean, what do you look for in
the troughs. They have to be a certain level or scrape
off something that's not there. That's the difference
between the two. And maintenance, like they said, it's
more the system itself, not what goes into the system,
like the fish; the system itself, the tank, the piping,
the troughs.

CHIEF SERNA: And I understand why they
are doing what they are doing. In the Fire Department
we have maintenance agreements. For example, with the
bottles that we wear, the air bottles, the air tanks.
It's called a cascade system that refills those air
bottles and we have a maintenance contract where they
come out annually and they service. If they were to
show us how to do the service, then we wouldn't need the
contract with them. But, again, they are certified and
they are licensed, bonded, and insured; so that's why
you put a contract -- maintenance contract together. I
totally understand why they would not want to train for

1 an extra fee to show you how to maintain the system.

2 But I can't help but feel in
3 this whole -- how long this situation has taken, that
4 they have -- I don't want to say maybe taken us for
5 granted -- but it seems like they call the shots and
6 they will let us know how we are going to handle their
7 system. So at some point we either have to write down
8 or get them to put on paper the training and
9 maintenance, everything, or we are going to sign an
10 agreement with them to come out and service it, because
11 we shouldn't wait until something breaks. We shouldn't
12 wait until there would be a problem. That's a heck of a
13 system. It's a beautiful system and it's proven to
14 work. Maybe we should look into having -- do they offer
15 -- do you know if they offer a maintenance agreement or
16 maintenance contract, where they come in once or twice a
17 year?

18 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: No. And I will
19 give you an example. Whenever we have something we
20 think that breaks down or there is something that
21 happens that's new, they will call us and they will ask
22 us what the situation looks like. Have you checked
23 this? So whatever problem we are having at that time --
24 or like when I first got there, and we had 450 fish that
25 died. They asked the questions. Do we have -- is there
anything around the inside of the tank? Does the trough
have this? This is how you are suppose to clean it.
Make sure you get this to fix it. So they will walk you
through on certain maintenance repairs or updates.

From my understanding the owner of
the company would come -- he used to come annually just
because, because I guess we were one of the first
systems that he started off. But now that it's a bigger
company and basically they have -- in Indiana -- they
are the ones who are -- I don't know the word -- they
have the rights to anything aquaponic system, in
Indiana.

So, it's kind of got bigger than
what it was. Now they have a board. Now you have to
listen to other people. So it's changed the
relationship of the mom and pop type situation. So
that's unfortunate, but at the same time again, I think
there is a misunderstanding where we are not, in a
sense, trying to grow as big as they would like us to.
They want to get in the pharmaceutical scripts. I
forgot what they call them. Pharmaceutical scripts for
the food. So, basically they come to us with a script
and we have to give them so many bags of our lettuce for

1 that year or week or whatever. That's not something we
2 want to do. We want to give healthy food to our
3 community. So in saying that, I guess they aren't
4 paying attention to us as much. But they are just not
5 making -- I don't know -- an effort. I don't know.

6 I'm trying my hardest to make sure I
7 have a conversation with this gentleman, because like I
8 explained to him, I think there is plenty of opportunity
9 to keep this as a main hub, in a sense of a community.
10 I don't know where he wants to go. If it's solely
11 pharmaceutical, we are still a community governed in a
12 sense and we want to keep that. That's how I try to
13 tell him we need to promote this.

14 He's suppose to come some time in
15 September and I get to meet him, and we have a
16 conversation.

17 CHIEF SERNA: That would be my
18 suggestion, to either get a maintenance agreement in
19 place with them, as maybe an addendum to the contract or
20 something, so that way -- because it sounds like when
21 something breaks, it sounds like, push this lever, pull
22 this pin, and we should already know that. We should
23 already know, and if not, then if you have two emergency
24 calls to come out, that's fine. I just think that we
25 try to get ahead of it by having either a maintenance
26 agreement -- or can they print something out and tell
27 us, this is your troubleshooting guide. When you run
28 into trouble, look for this, this, that -- you know --
29 just something. So they can help us out.

30 Unfortunately if this is a sole
31 proprietorship, the only vendor that does something like
32 this, unfortunately we are tied into them for certain
33 amount of time. It's something to think about, a
34 maintenance contract.

35 Mr. Austin, do you have a question?

36 MR. AUSTIN: Is this the same outfit --
37 you know -- when we lost all the fish before? It seems
38 like they are coming back now -- just my idea -- that
39 they are looking for a pilot, and I don't want to be a
40 pilot. If you are going to have merchandise to give us,
41 don't talk at me, make me your partner. In doing that
42 it seems like you just want to sponsor it until you get
43 where you want to go, and then I am still paying for
44 everything. I mean that's what I get out of what I am
45 hearing. It seems that way. Because I would like to
46 have the guy come here and sit and talk to us.

1 CHIEF SERNA: Well, he did come here that
2 first time that we lost a lot of fish. Do you remember
3 that Board members, a representative did come here.

4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: The owner himself came.

5 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Again, I think me
6 having a conversation -- I have spoke to him over the
7 phone maybe 2, 3 times, and he said he's suppose to come
8 up here and a check out our system and see what needs to
9 be updated and what not, and we'll have a conversation
10 with that. I know that this heat is a big issue right
11 now. The greenhouse is trying to promote bubblers that
12 change the temperature of the heat. So, again, there
13 are things that we need to discuss and hopefully when he
14 comes we'll have those conversation, sit down and see
15 where we go.

16 CHIEF SERNA: I think this, the whole
17 endeavor of growing fruits and vegetables in the
18 greenhouse, is a great one. We want to make sure we are
19 crossing our T's and dotting all the I's. And the
20 negotiations -- you know -- having contract negotiations
21 are what they are. I would just hope in the future that
22 we don't have sustained losses of fish and we have had
23 things that have been out of our control, like the
24 Nipsco power outage. So I am in favor of not only this
25 agreement, but just the whole endeavor of growing fruits
and vegetables in the greenhouse. We have got to do our
best due diligence as we can in covering our own --
collectively speaking -- behinds and holding them
accountable for what we can hold them accountable for.

Any further questions Board members?
(None) All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve
the agreement between Balance Holdings Inc. and East
Chicago Parks and Recreation Department.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to approve.

MS. LEWIS: Second.

CHIEF SERNA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries.
Anything else, Vanessa?

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: I don't have any
more new business. I would just give you guys an

1 update. We had a COVID-19 meeting amongst some of the
2 department heads, and just kind of given the information
3 of what we have going on. And I know the Board members,
4 we passed a resolution in regards to wearing masks in
5 the park; but there are now actual posters that are up
6 in the parks. And all department heads in East Chicago
7 know this is what is suppose to be happening. So,
8 including the police -- it literally states on there
9 that the police are going to heavily enforce this.

10 So, with that being said, we did
11 make updates to our website, just because people are
12 going there and -- I guess -- kind of looks a little bit
13 different. And the main thing that we did was, our
14 rental for our shelters, in regards to the max people.
15 So what my staff -- what I have told my staff was, if we
16 have more than 50 people underneath the shelter, then
17 they must get an event form. And the reason being,
18 because the fact of the large gathering. I will be
19 working with Miss Burns from the Health Department, when
20 she has time she is going to actually let me know how
21 many people should really be under the shelter or the
22 gazebo or the pavilion. We are trying to coordinate
23 schedules. Just so they could make sure we are socially
24 distanced. But for right now we have decided to just
25 make it max 50 people.

Again, those event permits go
straight to her anyway. So I figure if they sign off on
them, I guess it's okay for them to have the event.

16 CHIEF SERNA: Mr. Austin, you have a
17 question?

18 MR. AUSTIN: My birthday is on the 11th,
19 I'll be 75 years old.

20 CHIEF SERNA: Congratulations.

21 MR. AUSTIN: I want to have a dinner out
22 to the park -- you know -- like a Happy Birthday dinner
23 for me at Washington Park. And then I wanted to come
24 and see, could I do that. So it was -- because I didn't
25 know how it would work, so that's what I wanted to know.
And then I was wondering, how I could get -- because I
know it's first come first serve. So that's what I
wanted to know, whether it would be okay with me having
that, because it was my 75th birthday. I would estimate
it will be around -- I would make sure to take
temperatures, all of that, because I'm putting it out
there. Just like I did at Riley Park, I kept things

1 a certain way. Never had no problem.

2 CHIEF SERNA: So, any of us are just like
3 anybody else. We are treated just like the general
4 public. Any of us that need to rent the shelter or even
5 go for the pavilion in Washington Park, you just have to
6 talk with Vanessa or her staff over there and fill out
7 the permit. But it sounds like if it's more than 50
8 people, you are going to have to get that event permit.
9 And I would just recommend you have under 50 people,
10 that way you don't have to have an event permit.

11 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Let me -- two
12 things -- let me back up. Yes, we did have a
13 conversation. And so one of the things that he said,
14 that he wasn't sure -- do you remember -- or there was a
15 conversation previously about the rental of the shelter
16 on holiday weekends. So we do not rent out shelters on
17 holiday weekends. So that's Labor Day.

18 CHIEF SERNA: It's first come first serve
19 basis.

20 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: On the holiday
21 weekend. So if someone does go on first come first
22 serve basis to get that pavilion, like I explained to
23 him, he can get the pavilion, but it's on him. If I
24 have a party and I wanted to get the pavilion, I'd be
25 there at 5:30 or 6 to make sure.

MR. AUSTIN: It's just family.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Again, you cannot
kick me out. I cannot kick you out regardless, when
it's first come first serve. No one gets kicked out of
the park that day. If it's more than 50, we have the
right to shut that down, regardless if you have a permit
or not.

MR. AUSTIN: You know, like I'm saying,
if I have to, I'll stop by because it's my birthday.
And plus, they told me it's \$200 -- boom -- I put it out
there. She told me, no, no. It's whoever come first.

CHIEF SERNA: Right, because it's holiday
a weekend.

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: He wanted it on
the 5th, I think. So we explained to him the \$200 would

1 be for if he wanted it on a different weekend. If it
2 was on Labor Day weekend, we couldn't do that.

3 CHIEF SERNA: Right. Labor Day, they
4 don't rent on holidays. It's first come first serve.
5 And plus, if you have over 50 people, because when the
6 police go by --

7 MR. AUSTIN: I would have the police
8 chief there.

9 CHIEF SERNA: I would suggest to keep it
10 under 50 people and get there at four in the morning --

11 MR. AUSTIN: I might be there at two.

12 CHIEF SERNA: -- to reserve the spot. I
13 would even suggest to do it on a weekend where you can
14 pay for the rental, that way you don't need to be there
15 early, but if that's doesn't work for your schedule.

16 MR. AUSTIN: You're talking to a business
17 guy. You know me, we don't never know when we might
18 need to get up and go.

19 CHIEF SERNA: Now you know the rules and
20 you have talked with Vanessa, so you know what you have
21 got to do.

22 MR. AUSTIN: Me and her are all right.

23 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: You're okay.

24 MR. AUSTIN: We're okay. That's the only
25 thing, you know what I'm saying. I'll have police
there. I know I'm going to have six police there,
that's family. You know what I'm saying? And you got
nothing to worry about, nothing like that, because the
simple reason, since I have been here, I don't think
nobody ever had anything wrong with Gene. Have you
heard of anything?

CHIEF SERNA: Well, you know, all I know
is this, with the COVID going on right now --

MR. AUSTIN: I'm not talking COVID.

CHIEF SERNA: All I'm saying, with COVID,
if you have over 50 people there, don't be surprised.

1 Especially at Washington Park, the neighbors that live
2 across the street there will be calling. And the six
3 police officers you've got there, hopefully they will be
4 able to tell whoever drives up and says, hey, it's under
5 50. I am just saying, in the neighborhood where you are
6 at, I know those people across the street call all the
7 time when they see something. So be prepared for that.

8 MR. AUSTIN: Okay. Like I said, I
9 understand it. I live around the corner, you know. So
10 I'm part of that uprising out there. I'm part of it
11 living in that area. You know what I'm saying? So
12 everybody knows and like I said, because I am not no
13 wrongdoing type of guy. And if you say 50 people, there
14 will be 50 people. Like I said, back in the day --
15 everything has changed because of what is going on now.
16 Everybody is nervous and stuff like that.

17 CHIEF SERNA: With COVID.

18 MR. AUSTIN: With COVID, everybody is
19 worried about even talking, you know.

20 CHIEF SERNA: It's changed a lot.

21 Vanessa, do you have anything else,
22 any other information?

23 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: That's it.

24 CHIEF SERNA: That's all. Board members,
25 do you have any questions for our Director? (None) All
right, no questions.

Next item on the agenda is public
comments. Do we have any public comment? (None)

Our next meeting date is
September 8, 2020, right here at City Hall Council
Chambers, at 5:00 p.m.

I would entertain a motion to
adjourn.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion to adjourn
meeting.

MR. AUSTIN: Second.

CHIEF SERNA: All in favor signify by
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)


CHIEF SERNA: Motion carries. Meeting

adjourned.

***** Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.*****

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday
August 25, 2020

Approved and signed September 8, 2020



Anthony Serna, President

Rick Rodriguez, Vice-President

Valda Lewis, Secretary

Gilberto Cantu, Member



Eugene Austin, Member



Ateria Allen, Recording Secretary

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 27th day of August, 2020.

Peggy S. LaLonde



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