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Effective – January 4, 2016

**Check Register** – Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director, informed the Board that the Center’s check register for the month of December, 2015 was included for the Board’s review.

**On a motion made by Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez and a second by Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez the Board of Directors approved consent agenda Items 6-11 as listed below:**

**Minutes of December 15, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting**

Approval of the minutes of the December 15, 2015 Board of Directors meeting as presented.

**Budget Amendments for December, 2015**

Approval of the Budget Amendments for December, 2015 as presented.

**Expenditure Reports as of December 31, 2015**

Approval of the Expenditure Reports as of December 31, 2015 as presented.

**Region One Purchasing Cooperative HVAC Equipment, Supplies, Installation and Repair Proposal 13-11-04, Extension 2 of 2**

Approval of the Region One Purchasing Cooperative HVAC Equipment, Supplies, Installation and Repair Proposal 13-11-04, Extension to the following vendors: *American AC & Heating-Harlingen, TX; Automated Logic-Universal City, TX; Climatec-McAllen, TX; NCH Certified Labs-Irving, TX; NCH Chemsearch-Irving, TX; Pro Tech Mechanical Corpus Christi, TX; Region 1 Repair-Harlingen, TX.*

**Donation from Dell via the Dell Seed Program**

Approval of the Dell product donation via the Dell Seed Program.

**Donation from Google, Inc. via Google for Education**

Approval of the estimated donation of \$4,550.00 from Google, Inc. through the Google for Education Program.

**Announcement of Expiration of Board Member Terms and Calling of Region One Education Service Center Board Elections**

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mr. Ruben Cortez, Jr. seconded the motion to approve the Announcement of Expiration of Board Member Terms for Mrs. Linda LaMantia, Place 3-Webb County; and Dr. Manuel Gomez, Jr., Place 6-Cameron County on May 31, 2016 and Calling of Region One Education Service Center Board Elections. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment to Closed or Executive Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act**

Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Board Chairperson convened the meeting into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act for the following purposes:

- A. Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property
- B. Consultation with legal counsel on pending litigation: Cause No. C-1359-15-E; Region One ESC as Administrative Agent of Texas Energy Center v. Van Brunt & Associates, Inc.

**Reconvene into Open Session for Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

Mr. Raul R. Chapa, Board Chairperson reconvened the meeting into open session at 12:18 p.m. **The following action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session:**

A. Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property

**The Board of Directors directed the Executive Director to submit a bid on the Brownsville property at a price of \$360,000 plus closing costs, subject to release of TCEQ report and other conditions as established by legal counsel.**

B. Pending litigation: Cause No. C-1359-15-E; Region One ESC as Administrative Agent of Texas Energy Center v. Van Brunt & Associates, Inc.

**Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mr. Pete Garcia seconded the motion to approve the Executive Director to move forward on the settlement in the Texas Energy Center v. Van Brunt & Associates, Inc. litigation as negotiated by Dr. Gonzalez, Mr. Jose Guerrero, ESC attorney, and Ms. Winnie Dominguez, attorney. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Suggestions for Future Meetings**

The Board of Directors suggested that the February Board meeting be held at the Region One ESC Brownsville Extension Office and the April Board meeting be held at the Region One ESC Laredo Extension Office.

**Announcements**

The following announcements were shared with the Board:

**A. Upcoming Board Conferences**

- 76<sup>th</sup> Annual NSBA Conference, Boston Convention Center, Boston, MA, April 9-11, 2016

**B. Upcoming Events (Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez)**

**January, 2016**

- South Texas College Board Appreciation Breakfast – Friday, January 22, 2016, 8:00 A.M., South Texas College Pecan Campus, Library Rainbow Room, 3201 W. Pecan Blvd, McAllen

**February, 2016**

- CCRS Meeting – February 8-9, 2016, Austin, Texas
- ESC Inclement Weather Day – Monday, February 15, 2016 – Region One ESC Offices Closed
- MASBA Annual Conference, San Antonio – February 18-21, 2016 - Airport Hilton, San Antonio, TX,
- ESC Board of Directors Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2016, Region One ESC Brownsville Extension Office, Brownsville, Texas

**March, 2016**

- Spring Break – March 14-18, 2016 / March 7-11, 2016 (Laredo Extension Office)
- Easter Holiday – Friday, March 25, 2016 – Region One ESC Offices Closed

**Adjournment**

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved and Mrs. Alicia E. Requenez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.