



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Discussion / Action to Approve Resolution Regarding Webb County School Lands

Hunting / Grazing Leases

SUBMITTED BY: Juan Cruz **OF:** Attorney

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: March 25, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the UISD Board of Trustees to discuss and take possible to approve Resolution Regarding Webb County School Lands Hunting / Grazing Leases

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

**JOINT RESOLUTION BY UNITED AND LAREDO INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICTS SUPPORTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF
THE WEBB COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS**

WHEREAS, Webb County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, owns and maintains the Webb County School Lands pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution, and holds the proceeds of said lands alone as a trust for the benefit of the public schools of Webb County, including United Independent School District and Laredo Independent School (collectively, “Districts”); and

WHEREAS, in order to fully benefit the Districts’ students, the Districts desire to increase revenue from the Webb County School Lands;

WHEREAS, in order to maximize revenue from the Webb County School Lands, the Districts believe that renewable energy projects, such as wind and solar farms, should be solicited by Webb County;

WHEREAS, Webb County has entered into a hunting/grazing lease for approximately 2,292 acres located on the Cuchillas and Lomas II Pastures of the Webb County School Lands, which is set to expire on or about October 12, 2021 if Webb County terminates the hunting/grazing lease in accordance with Section III of the hunting/grazing lease;

WHEREAS, Webb County has entered into a hunting/grazing lease for approximately 8,829.57 acres located on the Penjamo and Llano Pastures of the Webb County School Lands, which is set to expire on or about June 23, 2024;

WHEREAS, the likelihood of renewable energy projects developing on the Webb County School Lands is minimal with the existence of the hunting/grazing leases on the Cuchillas and Lomas II Pastures and Penjamo and Llano Pastures;

WHEREAS, the hunting/grazing leases on the Webb County School Lands are encumbering the economic development of the Webb County School Lands;

WHEREAS, in order to maximize revenues for the Districts and their students, the hunting/grazing leases should be terminated as soon as possible so that Webb County can begin soliciting renewable energy projects in order to maximize revenues from the Webb County School Lands that will ultimately benefit students from the Districts and constituents of Webb County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The findings and recitals in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct.
2. The Districts' Board of Trustees and administration fully support Webb County providing notice to the lessees that the hunting/grazing leases shall be terminated as soon as allowed by the hunting/grazing leases so that the Webb County School Lands can be economically developed.
3. The Districts' Board of Trustees and administration fully support Webb County terminating the hunting/grazing lease for the Cuchillas and Lomas II Pastures in accordance with Section III of the hunting/grazing lease, which will end the hunting/grazing lease on October 12, 2021.
4. The Districts' Board of Trustees and administration fully support Webb County terminating the hunting/grazing lease for the Penjamo and Llano Pastures at the end of the lease term, which will end the hunting/grazing lease on June 23, 2024.
5. The Districts' Board of Trustees and administration fully support Webb County soliciting renewable energy project for the economic development of the Webb County School Lands.

Motion was made by _____, seconded by _____, that the resolution above and foregoing be adopted.

For _____ Against _____

The above resolution was voted on at a regular meeting of the United Independent School District Board of Trustees held on the ___th day of March 2021.

BY: _____
Ramiro Veliz, III, President
United Independent School District

ATTEST:

Ricardo "Rick" Rodriguez, Secretary
United Independent School District

Motion was made by _____, seconded by _____, that the resolution above and foregoing be adopted.

For _____ Against _____

The above resolution was voted on at a regular meeting of the Laredo Independent School District Board of Trustees held on the ___th day of March 2021.

BY: _____
Hector J. Garcia, President
Laredo Independent School District

ATTEST:

Monica Garcia, Secretary
Laredo Independent School District