

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
July 10, 2014

Chairman Carlos Rubinstein called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 8:30 a.m. in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. In addition to Chairman Rubinstein, Directors Kathleen Jackson and Bech Bruun were also in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The General Counsel announced that the Board would take up for consideration the following:

1. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF EL CAMPO (WHARTON COUNTY) FOR A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,000 FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND DESIGN FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING A NEW STORAGE TANK AND REPLACEMENT OF DETERIORATED LINES. Clay Schultz, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of El Campo financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning, acquisition and design for water system improvements, including a new storage tank and replacement of deteriorated lines, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Jackson; it passed unanimously.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF IRAAN (PECOS COUNTY) FOR A \$2,375,000 LOAN FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT FUND TO FINANCE THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS. Luis Farias, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Iraan financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Fund to finance the planning, acquisition, design and construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and water system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Bruun; it passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF O'BRIEN (HASKELL COUNTY) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR CAPACITY BUY-IN AND TO REHABILITATE THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM. Brenner Brown, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of O'Brien financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning, design and construction for capacity buy-in and to rehabilitate the drinking water system, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Jackson; it passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION, THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,700 FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE **CITY OF HONEY GROVE (FANNIN COUNTY)** MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION NOS. 12-95 AND 13-50 FOR THE REHABILITATION AND UPGRADE OF ITS DRINKING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AFTER COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, AND APPROVING RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR DESIGN. Luis Farias, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution affirming the commitment to provide financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to the City of Honey Grove made in TWDB Resolution Nos. 12-95 and 13-50 for the rehabilitation and upgrade of its drinking water distribution system after completion of environmental review, and approving release of funds for design, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Bruun; it passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE GRANT CONTRACT(S) FOR WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000. John Sutton, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute grant contract(s) for water conservation education in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

The motion was seconded by Director Jackson; it passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE GRANT CONTRACTS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND FOR NEAR-TERM ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. Sanjeev Kalaswad, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute grant contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for Near-Term Alternative Water Supply Demonstration Projects.

The motion was seconded by Director Bruun; it passed unanimously.

7. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON HB 4 RULE DEVELOPMENT. Todd Chenoweth, Senior Advisor, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

8. Public comments were received from:

Carole D. Baker, Executive Director, Texas Water Foundation.

Chairman Rubinstein recognized Dan Leyendecker from State Representative Todd Hunter's Office who was attending the meeting today.

9. THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND DISCUSS PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, SETTLEMENT OFFERS, AND/OR THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC BOARD EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL, AS PERMITTED BY SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074, THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. THE BOARD MAY ALSO MEET IN OPEN MEETING TO TAKE ACTION ON LEGAL OR PERSONNEL MATTERS CONSIDERED IN THE CLOSED MEETING AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 551.103 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE.

The Board will meet in closed session in Room 600A immediately following this open session, as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, including Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

The meeting recessed at 8:56 a.m.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 9:39 a.m.

No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 10th day of July, 2014.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson
Executive Administrator