

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WORK SESSION
February 11, 2014

Chairman Rubinstein called the Work Session of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 10:31 a.m. at the office of the San Jacinto River Authority, 1577 Dam Site Road, Conroe, Texas. In addition to Chairman Rubinstein, Director Bech Bruun was present, and a quorum was met.

The Chairman recognized State Representative Ed Thompson who was in attendance at the meeting today but did not wish to address the Board.

The following individuals were present:

Jason Afinowilo, Freese & Nichols
Sohail Alyasin, Poseidon Water
John Baldwin, Coastal Water Authority
Susan Bandy, City of Houston
Edgar Barlow, City of Pasadena
Larry Bartoon, Fayette WSC
Glenn Beckendorff, Waller County Judge
Ruthanne Beilue, City of Houston
State Representative Cecil Bell
Robin Bobbitt, NHCRWA
Collin Boothe, City of Conroe
Terry Bowie, Lake Conroe Communities
Network
Jim Brown, Sabine River Authority
Lew Brown
Glenda Callaway, Ekistics Corporation
W. Scott Carlson, Metropolitan Water
Company
Michael Coor
Seth Crone, Bank of New York
Bob Dailey, Woodlands Joint Powers
Nathan Delisk, AEI Engineering
David Derrick, G&W WSC
Kirk Devore, City of Lufkin
Wayne Dial, City of Clarksville
Tom Duck, Texas Rural Water Association
Mark Evans, North Harris County RWA
Gene Fisseler, NRG Energy
Mark Froehlich, Brown & Gay Engineers
Kim Galvan, City of Cleburne

Charlie Gasper, Gulf Utility
Weldon Gaston, Crossland Acquisition
James Gilley, Jr., U.S. Capital Advisors
Doug Goodwin, Vepo LLC
Eric Hall, KBR
Scott Hall, Lower Neches Valley Authority
Gwendolyn Hattaway, Wellborn SUD
Lori Hazel, Texas A&M Forest Service
Mike Halde, HR Green
Laura Hancock, State Senator Robert
Nichols' Office
Wendell Hefton
Zach Holland, Bluebonnet GCD
Jace Houston, SJRA
David Huane, R.C. Miller
Chris Hunniford, Alan Plummer Associates
Erick Ingram, City of Shoneacres
Dave Johnston, Brown & Gay Engineers
Scott Jones, Galveston Bay Foundation
Steve Jordan, Schumberg & Polte
Wm. Keith Kiesling, City of Thorndale
Ron Kelling, SJRA
Ken Kramer, Sierra Club
Lenert Kurtz, City of Richmond
Ivan Langford, Gulf Coast Water Authority
Chris Loomis, City of Conroe
Jessica Magee, State Representative Cecil
Bell's Office
Frank Marino, HR Green
Rachelle Moody, City of Houston

Tim Murphy, Crossland Acquisition
Paul Nelson, Lone Star GCD
Jerry Newell, Klotz Associates
Veronica Osegueda
Hecton Ortiz, SJRA
Mitchell Page, San Jacinto River Authority
David Parkhill, SJRA
John Pledger, Jones & Carter
Jonathan Polley, Johnson Radcliffe Petrov & Bobbitt PLLC
Jason Poppen, HR Green
Gary Potter, Gulf Coast Water Authority
Gus Ramirez, City of Teague
James Rebecsek, Fayette Water Supply
Carol Reed, City of Huntsville
Michael Reedy, Freese & Nichols
Gregg Reyes, Reyes Construction
J. Rice, Public Management
Wyatt Ringgold, Brazosport Water Authority
Tom Rolen, AECOM
Abraham Rubinsky, Central Harris County RWA
Don Sarich, SJRA
Tony Sartori, Halff Associates
David Scholler, North Fort Bend Water Authority

Emily Seldomridge, Galveston Bay Foundation
Melinda Silva, West Harris County RWA
Hughes Simpson, Texas A&M Forest Service
Mark Smith, SJRA
Phil Smith, SJRA
Shannon Smith, City of Houston
Michelle Spodnik, Texas Department of Agriculture
Robert Stahl, Brazosport Water Authority
Michael Sullivan, Bleyl & Associates
David Sutton, City of Shoreacres
Bill Tetley, Sierra Club
State Representative Ed Thompson
Matthew Tresargue, *Houston Chronicle*
Mike Tucker, Hanson Pressure Pipe
Michael Turco
Mark Urback
Paul Wallick, Central Harris County RWA
Chuck Walker, City of Lufkin
Nathan White, Texas Operations & Professional Services
Eric Wilson, City of Pearland
Monty Wynn, Texas Municipal League

1. OVERVIEW OF TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAMS. Jeff Walker, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

2. BRIEFING AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON POTENTIAL RULES TO IMPLEMENT HB 4. Todd Chenoweth, Special Advisor, presented this item.

The following persons made comments to the Board:

Wayne Dial, City Manager, Clarksville, Texas
Mark Evans, North Harris County Regional Water Authority
Susan Bandy, Deputy Director, City of Houston Public Works & Engineering (also submitted written comments for the record)
John Baldwin, CFO, Coastal Water Authority
Scott Jones, Director of Advocacy, Galveston Bay Foundation

Tom Duck, Texas Rural Water Association
Ken Kramer, Sierra Club
Glenda Callaway, Ekistics Corporation

Chairman Rubinstein recognized the following state legislature members and staffers in attendance today who did not wish to address the Board:

Representative Ed Thompson
Representative Cecil Bell
Jessica Magee, Representative Bell's Office
Laura Hancock, Senator Robert Nichols' Office

No action was taken on this item.

3. BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FUNDING FOR THE SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY GROUNDWATER REDUCTION PLAN PROJECT. Jeff Walker, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item. Jace Houston, General Manager, San Jacinto River Authority, also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

4. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ON WATER LOSS IN TEXAS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, ANALYSIS AND USE OF DATA, AND CURRENT AGENCY ACTIVITIES. John Sutton, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

5. THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

No other public comments were received.

6. 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 did not recess into Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the _____ day of February, 2014.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson
Executive Administrator