

MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
July 24, 2014

Chairman Carlos Rubinstein called the Work Session of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 1:12 p.m. at the Texas A&M University campus, One University Way, San Antonio, Texas. In addition to Chairman Rubinstein, Directors Kathleen Jackson and Bech Bruun were also in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The Chairman recognized the following individuals attending the meeting today, who each addressed the Board:

Dr. Maria Ferrier, President, Texas A&M University-San Antonio  
Senator Carlos Uresti  
Heriberto Guerra, Chairman, San Antonio Water System  
Robert R. Puente, President, CEO, San Antonio Water System

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

1. OVERVIEW OF STATE WATER PLAN INTERACTIVE WEBSITE. Matt Nelson, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE KIOWA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT (COOKE COUNTY) FOR: (A) A \$3,695,000 LOAN FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS RELATING TO THE REPLACEMENT OF ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPES AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED STORAGE TANK TO PROVIDE THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITH NEEDED STORAGE; AND (B) THE GRANTING OF A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE PROJECT BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE WATER PLAN AND WITH AN APPROVED REGIONAL WATER PLAN. Jessica Zuba, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the Greater Texoma Utility Authority on behalf of the Lake Kiowa Special Utility District financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning, design and construction costs relating to the replacement of asbestos cement pipes and construction of an elevated storage tank to provide the distribution system with needed storage; and granting a waiver of the requirement that the project be consistent with the State Water Plan and with an approved regional water plan, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

3. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ALICE (JIM WELLS COUNTY) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$423,000 FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND DESIGN FOR REPAIRS TO THE RAW WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN. Mireya Loewe, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Chairman Rubinstein read a portion of a letter of support for approval of the City's application from State Representative J. M. Lozano who was not able to attend the meeting today.

Barbara S. Reaves, Grant Developer, City of Alice, also addressed the Board.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Alice financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning, acquisition and design for repairs to the raw water transmission main, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

4. CONSIDER APPROVING WATER DEMAND PROJECTIONS FOR WATER USER GROUPS IN REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUPS C, J, AND M. Kevin Kluge, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to approve the water demand projections for water user groups in Regional Water Planning Groups C, J, and M, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 31 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE § 358.6 RELATING TO WATER LOSS AUDITS. John Sutton, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item. Ken Kramer, Sierra Club, also addressed the Board.

Director Jackson moved to approve the publication of proposed amendments to 31 Texas Administrative Code § 358.6 relating to Water Loss Audits, as recommended today by the Executive Administrator.

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

6. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. Mark Wentzel, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

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 hearing on proposed amendments to 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 363 relating to Financial Assistance Programs, 31 Texas Administrative Code Section 353.3 of Subchapter A relating to General Provisions, 31 Texas Administrative Code Section 356.10 of Subchapter A relating to Definitions, and Chapter 31 Texas Administrative Code Section 367.2 relating to Definitions, along with the proposed addition of Subchapter M to 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 363 relating to the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT)

The Chairman invited formal public comment on the proposed rules. He stated that each commenter will provide comments, which will be recorded and responded to in writing as part of the Adoption Preamble.

Comments were received from the following individuals:

Dr. Jerry Morrissey;  
Ken Kramer, Sierra Club;  
Terry Burns;  
Fred Aus, Texas Rural Water Association;  
Ty Edwards, Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District; and  
Ashley Croswell, Environment Texas; Ms. Croswell presented comments which had been collected by Environment Texas.

9. No public comments were received.
10. The Board did not meet in closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Kevin Patteson  
Executive Administrator