

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WORK SESSION
October 21, 2014

Chairman Carlos Rubinstein called the Work Session of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Moody Center, Room 108, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, 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. DISCUSSION REGARDING OUTREACH EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES BY THE BOARD.

No action was taken on this item.

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

No action was taken on this item.

3. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF WICHITA FALLS (WICHITA AND ARCHER COUNTIES) FOR A \$33,545,000 LOAN AND \$252,597 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIRECT, POTABLE REUSE SYSTEM. Brenner Brown, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Wichita Falls financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning, design and construction costs related to the development of an indirect, potable reuse system, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

4. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF LAREDO (WEBB COUNTY) FOR A \$5,500,000 LOAN FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEVATED STORAGE TANK IN THE SAN ISIDRO SUBDIVISION. Mireya Loewe, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Laredo financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance construction of a new elevated storage tank in the San Isidro subdivision, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

5. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE AGUA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT (HIDALGO COUNTY) TO AMEND TWDB RESOLUTION NO. 13-118 TO EXTEND THE LOAN COMMITMENT PERIOD FOR THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND AND THE ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS PROGRAM LOANS TO FINANCE CERTAIN WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS. Mireya Loewe, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item. State Representative Eddie Lucio III and David Mendez, Aqua Special Utility District, also addressed the Board.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution amending TWDB Resolution No. 13-118 to extend the loan commitment period to Agua Special Utility District for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Economically Distressed Areas Program loans to finance certain wastewater system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

The General Counsel recommended that the Board take up and consider Affirmation Items 6-9 together.

6. CONSIDER AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION, THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE (MEDINA COUNTY) MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION 12-115, AND CONCURRING WITH THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING.
7. CONSIDER AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION, THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE **CITY OF WIMBERLEY (HAYS COUNTY)** MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION 13-46, AND CONCURRING WITH THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING.
8. CONSIDER AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION, THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE **GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY—LAKE KIOWA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT (COOKE COUNTY)** MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION 14-58, AND CONCURRING WITH THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING.
9. CONSIDER AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION, THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE **CITY OF REKLAW (CHEROKEE AND RUSK COUNTIES)** MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION NO. 13-12, AND CONCURRING WITH THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the Resolutions affirming commitments to provide financial assistance and concurring with the Executive Administrator's environmental findings, as set forth in Items 6-9.

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

10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS IN THE *TEXAS REGISTER* FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000 FROM THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING FUND FOR FLOOD PROTECTION PLANNING GRANTS. Mike Segner, Operations and Administration, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to publish a Request for Applications in the *Texas Register* for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000 from the Research and Planning Fund for Flood Protection Planning Grants.

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

11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS IN THE *TEXAS REGISTER* FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 FROM THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING FUND FOR REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY PLANNING GRANTS. Jeff Walker, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to publish a Request for Applications in the *Texas Register* for a total amount not to exceed \$400,000 from the Research and Planning Fund for Regional Water and Wastewater Facility Planning Grants.

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

12. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LETTER AGREEMENTS WITH REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP CHAIRS AND THEIR DESIGNEES TO THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE ESTABLISHING UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR PRIORITIZING REGIONAL WATER PLAN PROJECTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSEMENT OF RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000. Matt Nelson, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute letter agreements with regional water planning group chairs and their designees to the Stakeholder Committee establishing uniform standards for prioritizing regional water plan projects, for the purpose of reimbursement of related travel expenses in an amount not to exceed \$31,000.

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

13. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO: (A) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE RESEARCH CONTRACTS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$551,140 ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2015, FROM THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING FUND FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OF TEXAS STREAMS, RIVERS, BAYS, AND ESTUARIES; AND (B) TRANSFER \$471,140 FROM THE WATER ASSISTANCE FUND TO THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING FUND. Ruben Solis, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute research

contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$551,140 on or before August 31, 2015, from the Research and Planning Fund for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 for environmental studies of Texas streams, rivers, bays, and estuaries; and transfer \$471,140 from the Water Assistance Fund to the Research and Planning Fund.

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

14. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS.
Mark Wentzel presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

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

No action was taken on this item.

16. Public comments were received from:

Frank Colby, CEO, C&C Energy

17. The Board did not meet in closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 21st day of October, 2014.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson
Executive Administrator