

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
April 29, 2015 – 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Carlos Rubinstein called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 1:30 p.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 Chairman announced that two TWDB employees, David Meesey and David Yager, were retiring after years of state service. Mr. Meesey was not in attendance at the meeting today. The Chairman recognized Mr. Yager's wife Aileen who was present. Jeff Walker, Director, Water Science and Conservation presented Mr. Yager with a plaque and a letter of appreciation from Governor Abbott.

The General Counsel announced the first item for consideration:

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING OUTREACH EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES BY THE BOARD.

No action was taken on this item.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM CORIX UTILITIES (TEXAS), INC. (BURNET AND LLANO COUNTIES) FOR \$153,000 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING METERS IN THE PARADISE POINT, QUAIL CREEK, SANDY HARBOR, AND SMITHWICK MILLS WATER SYSTEMS. Clay Schultz, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item. Darrin Barker, General Manager, Corix Utilities (Texas) Inc., also addressed the Board.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing Corix Utilities (Texas), Inc. financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance the replacement of existing meters in the Paradise Point, Quail Creek, Sandy Harbor, and Smithwick Mills Water Systems, 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 HAZY HILLS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (TRAVIS COUNTY) FOR \$94,000 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE PLANNING AND DESIGN COSTS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WELL TO ADDRESS WATER SUPPLY ISSUES. Clay Schultz, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing Hazy Hills Water Supply Corporation financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning and design costs related to construction of a new well to address a water supply emergency, as

recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

4. CONSIDER AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE CITY OF HUBBARD (HILL COUNTY) MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION NO. 11-101, AND CONCURRING IN THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING. Kathy Calnan, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution affirming the commitment to provide financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to the City of Hubbard made in TWDB Resolution No. 11-101, and concurring in the Executive Administrator's environmental finding.

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

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2015, FOR RESEARCH IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY MODELING PROGRAM AND TO TRANSFER UP TO \$1,440,000 FROM THE WATER ASSISTANCE FUND TO THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING FUND. Cindy Ridgeway, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts no later than August 31, 2015, for research in support of the Groundwater Availability Modeling Program; and to transfer up to \$1,440,000 from the Water Assistance Fund to the Research and Planning Fund.

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

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE GRANT CONTRACTS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2015, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,160,400 FROM THE AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2015 AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS. Cameron Turner, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts on or before August 31, 2015, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,160,400 from the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund for the recommended Fiscal Year 2015 agricultural water conservation projects.

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

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS IN THE TEXAS REGISTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION GRANTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$379,600 FROM

THE AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION FUND. Cameron Turner, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to publish a request for applications in the Texas Register for Fiscal Year 2015 Agricultural Water Conservation Grants in an amount not to exceed \$379,600 from the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund.

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

8. CONSIDER AMENDING THE 2012 STATE WATER PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE REVISED 2011 REGION C AND REGION D REGIONAL WATER PLANS RELATING TO RESOLUTION OF AN INTERREGIONAL CONFLICT AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2011 REGION H REGIONAL WATER PLAN RELATING TO THE ADDITION OF A RECOMMENDED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR TREATED EFFLUENT AND A REVISED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR A RESERVOIR EXPANSION. Jeff Walker, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to amend the 2012 State Water Plan to incorporate the revised 2011 Region C and Region D Regional Water Plans relating to the resolution of an interregional conflict; and to incorporate the amendments to the 2011 Region H Regional Water Plan relating to the addition of a recommended water management strategy for treated effluent and a revised water management strategy for a reservoir expansion, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

9. 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.

10. No public comments were received.

11. The Board did not meet in closed session.

Chairman Rubinstein adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 29th day of April, 2015.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson,
Executive Administrator