

MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
BOARD MEETING  
February 18, 2016 – 9:30 A.M.

Chairman Bech K. Bruun called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 9:30 a.m. in Room 170 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. In addition to Chairman Bruun, Directors Kathleen Jackson and Peter Lake were also in attendance, and a quorum was present.

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. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2015. Cindy Demers, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

3. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF ARLINGTON (TARRANT COUNTY) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF \$2,439,700 CONSISTING OF A \$2,080,000 LOAN AND \$359,700 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS. Luis Farias, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item. Brad Franklin, Assistant Director of Water Utilities for the City of Arlington also addressed the Board. Mr. Franklin presented a letter of appreciation to the Board from W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Arlington financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance the construction of wastewater improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

4. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF TIOGA (GRAYSON COUNTY) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF \$1,250,000 CONSISTING OF A \$1,050,000 LOAN AND \$200,000 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER WELL AND TRANSMISSION MAIN. Luis Farias, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to adopt the proposed Resolution, providing the City of Tioga financial

assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance the planning, design, and construction of a new water well and transmission main, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

5. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF HOUSTON (HARRIS COUNTY) FOR A \$65,750,000 LOAN FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CITYWIDE SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION. Nancy Richards, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Houston financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance the construction of city-wide sanitary sewer collection system rehabilitation, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

6. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM THE NORTH FORT BEND REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (FORT BEND COUNTY) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF \$11,052,000 CONSISTING OF A \$9,420,000 LOAN AND \$1,632,000 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GRAND LAKES REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. Nancy Richards, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the North Fort Bend Regional Water Authority financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, to finance the construction of improvements to the Grand Lakes Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

7. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM LEE COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1 (LEE COUNTY) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF \$725,000, CONSISTING OF A \$525,000 LOAN AND \$200,000 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STORAGE TANKS AND PUMP STATION. Caaren Skrobarczyk, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing Lee County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, to finance the construction of new storage tanks and pump station, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

8. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION AN AMENDMENT TO TWDB RESOLUTION NO. 14-27, AS AMENDED BY TWDB RESOLUTION NO. 15-043, AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF BALLINGER (RUNNELS COUNTY) TO AMEND THE PROJECT SCOPE AND COMMITMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MADE BY THE TWDB TO FINANCE CERTAIN WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND; AND CHANGE THE PROPOSED SERIES FROM TAXABLE TO TAX-EXEMPT. Lee Huntoon, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item. Bryan Grimes, City Manager for the City of Ballinger, also addressed the Board.

Director Lake moved to adopt the proposed Resolution amending Board Resolution No. 14-27, as amended by Resolution No. 15-043, to adjust the project scope and commitment of financial assistance made to the City of Ballinger to finance certain water system improvements through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and change the proposed series from taxable to tax-exempt, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

9. CONSIDER AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE CITY OF LAREDO (WEBB COUNTY) MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION NO. 15-026, AND CONCURRING IN THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING. Nicki Hise, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to affirm the commitment to provide financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to the City of Laredo made in Board Resolution No. 15-026, and concurring in the Executive Administrator's environmental finding.

The motion was seconded by Director Lake; 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 \$2,000,000 FROM THE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND NO. 453 FOR GRANTS RELATED TO FLOOD PROTECTION PLANNING AND PROJECTS FOCUSED ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, ENHANCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS AND LOCAL STRATEGIES FOR ALERTING AND RESPONDING TO FLOODS. Mike Segner, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to publish a Request for Applications for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 from the Disaster Contingency Fund No. 453 for grants related to flood protection planning and projects focused on planning, development, enhancement and implementation of early warning systems and local strategies for alerting and responding to floods.

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

11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FROM THE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND NO. 453 TO STUDY REQUIREMENTS TO IMPROVE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL FLOOD FORECASTING IN TEXAS. Mark Wentzel, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to publish a Request for Qualifications for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the Disaster Contingency Fund No. 453 to study requirements to improve hydrometeorological flood forecasting in Texas.

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

12. 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.

13. No public comments were received.

Chairman Bruun recognized Councilmen Manuel Leos and Santos Lucero from the Village of Vinton, and John Kroll, Councilman from Dripping Springs, who were attending the meeting.

14. The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Bech K. Bruun, Chairman

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

ATTEST:

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Kevin Patteson,  
Executive Administrator