

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
May 1, 2014

Chairman Carlos Rubinstein called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 9:33 a.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 General Counsel announced the first item for consideration:

1. CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2013 TEXAS RAIN CATCHER AWARDS. Sanjeev Kalaswad, Water Science and Conservation, announced the following recommendations for the 2013 Texas Rain Catcher Awards:

Educational – Bandera High School; represented by:

Brad Flink, Teacher
Rachel Barker, Student
Wyatt Clemenson, Student
Thomas Garcia, Student
Matt King, Student
Jamison Landolt, Student
Greg Macias, Student
Jonathon Skipper, Student

Governmental – City of Pflugerville; represented by:

Patricia Rinehart, Conservation Education Specialist
Darrell Winslett, Water Conservation Manager
Tom Word, Assistant City Manager

Residential – San Saba Senior Center; represented by:

Karen Rankin, LCRA Community Grant Program
Tony Guidroz, Director, San Saba Chamber of Commerce Economic Development
& Tourism
Debbie Shahan, Keep San Saba Beautiful
Sharon Conyers, San Saba Senior Center

And

Nonprofit/Research – Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center; represented by:

Clint Wolfe, Program Manager – Urban Water, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Dotty Woodson, Program Specialist – Water Resources, Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service

Director Bruun moved to approve Bandera High School, City of Pflugerville, San Saba Senior Center, and Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, recipients of the 2013 Texas Rain Catcher Awards, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

Brad Flink, Teacher, Bandera High School;
Tom Word, Assistant City Manager, City of Pflugerville;
Tony Guidroz, Director, San Saba Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development & Tourism; and
Dotty Woodson, Program Specialist, Water Resources, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service,
addressed the Board.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM UNION WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (STARR COUNTY) FOR A PARTIAL RELEASE OF LIEN. Annette Mass, Assistant General Counsel, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to approve the proposed Resolution granting the request from Union Water Supply Corporation for a partial release of lien, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

3. OVERVIEW OF THE RURAL WATER ASSISTANCE FUND (RWAFF) PROGRAM. Jeff Walker, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item. Fred Aus, Executive Director, Texas Rural Water Association and Tom Duck, Texas Rural Water Association also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

4. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON TEXAS WEATHER AND ITS INFLUENCE ON DROUGHT. Robert Mace, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

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

No action was taken on this item.

6. THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Jo Karr Tedder, President, Central Texas Water Coalition, addressed the Board.

7. 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 meet in closed session.

Chairman Rubinstein adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 1st day of May, 2014.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson
Executive Administrator