

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WORK SESSION
February 24, 2014

Chairman Rubinstein called the Work Session of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 10:31 a.m. at the Texas Tech University School of Law, Board of Barristers, 1802 Hartford Avenue, Lubbock, Texas. In addition to Chairman Rubinstein, Director Bech Bruun was present, and a quorum was met.

The Chairman recognized State Senator Craig Estes, State Senator Robert Duncan, and State Representative John Frullo, who were in attendance at the meeting today. He also recognized Curtis Campbell, Region B, John Grant, Region F, and Aubrey Spear, Region O.

The following other individuals were present:

Lillian Atkinson, City of Dickens
Kelly Baker, City of Lubbock
Cody Berge, City of Fritch
Belinda Blassingame, City of Colorado City
H. P. Brown, Jr., Region P Planning Group
Philip Brown, Texas Tech Plant & Soil Science
Curtis Campbell, Red River Authority of Texas
Amy Crowell, Mesquite GCD
Robert Cullick, Cullick Communications
Chelsea Dains, Channel 11 News Lubbock
Kelly Davila, South Plains Association of Governments
Andrew Donnelly, Region O Planning Group
Zane Edwards, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.
Adeline Fox, High Plains UWCD
Bryan Grimes
Christine Guelker, City of Colorado City
Carolyn Harmon, City of Amhurst
Floyd Hartman, City of Amarillo
Jon Hays, KLBK/KAML
Ronnie Hopper, HPWD
Doug Hutcheson, City of Wolfforth
Grey Jerman
Tarryn Johnson
Joshua Jones, City of Hale Center

Martha Jones, Aspermart Economic Development Corp.
Kathy Keane, Texas Midwest Community Network
Heather Keister, Freese & Nichols
Jeremy Kitchen, State Representative John Frullo's Office
Malcolm Lang, TCEQ
Russel Lenz, Associated General Contractors of Texas
Erick Macha, First Southwest Company
Heather Mahurin, Texas Municipal League
Ron McQueen
Jennifer Mitchell, Tarrant Regional Water District
Josie Musiro, Lubbock-Avalanche Journal
Leonard Nail, Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc.
Tilghman Naylor, Jefferies
Sandra Newby, Tarrant Regional Water District
Darrell Newson, City of Wolfforth
Macarena Ortiz
Jeff Pate, Texas A&M AgriLife
Courtney Paz, SPAG
Debra Perkey, City of Wolfforth
Dana Porter, Texas A&M AgriLife
James Powell, HPWD
Marianne Randals, Scurry County
Erik Rejino, City of Levelland

Pat Riley, City of Levelland
Dylan Rotter, Fox 34
Katharine Rubio, Colorado River MWD
Annie Sellers, City of Ralls
Steve Shumate, Panhandle GCD
Bryce Simpson, SPAG

Gil Van Deventer
Tammie Virden, City of Ballinger
Tim Walls, White River MWD
Kori Welch, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.
Deanya Williams, Mesa UWCD

The Chairman requested that the Board take up Item Number 3 first.

3. Briefing and discussion on the purpose, history, uses, and projected balance of the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund. Cameron Turner, Program Specialist, presented this item. Rick Kellison, Project Director, College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Texas Tech University, and Glenn Schur, Chairman, Texas Alliance for Water Conservation, also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

The Board then took up Item Number 1.

1. Overview of TWDB Programs. Jeff Walker, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

2. Briefing on the Status of Texas Water Development Board Funding for the Lake Alan Henry Project. Jeff Walker, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

4. Consider approving by resolution, a request from the City of Olney (Young County) for financial assistance in the amount of \$403,425.00, consisting of a loan in the amount of \$285,000.00 and \$118,425.00 in loan forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning and design costs relating to a reuse project to address the on-going drought. Jeff Walker, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Olney financial assistance in the amount of \$403,425 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning and design costs relating to a reuse project to address the ongoing drought, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Rubinstein; it passed unanimously.

5. Consider approving by resolution, a request from the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Donley, Armstrong, Potter, Hutchinson, and Roberts Counties) for financial assistance in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Agriculture Water

Conservation Loan Program to provide financing for an agriculture conservation program. Jeff Walker, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District financial assistance in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Agriculture Water Conservation Loan Program to provide financing for an agriculture conservation program, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Rubinstein; it passed unanimously.

6. Consider approving, by resolution, a request from the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District (Yoakum County) for a loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Agriculture Water Conservation Loan Program to provide financing for an agriculture water conservation program. Jeff Walker, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District financial assistance in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Agriculture Water Conservation Loan Program to provide financing for an agriculture conservation program, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Rubinstein; it passed unanimously.

7. Consider affirming, by resolution, the commitment to the White River Municipal Water District (Crosby, Dickens and Garza Counties) made in Resolutions No. 13-32 and 13-80 for select project elements after environmental review, and approving release of design and construction funds from the \$2,110,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for water system improvements. Jeff Walker, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution affirming the commitment to the White River Municipal Water District made in Resolutions No. 13-32 and 13-80 for select project elements after environmental review, and approving release of design and construction funds from the \$2,110,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for water system improvements, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Rubinstein; it passed unanimously.

8. BRIEFING AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON POTENTIAL RULES TO IMPLEMENT HB 4. Kathleen Ligon, Government Relations, presented this item.

The following persons made comments to the Board:

Jason Kelliher, P.E.

John Grant, Region F Planning Group

Fred Aus, Executive Director, Texas Rural Water Association

John Eisler, Texas Tech Law student

Aubrey Spear, Region O Planning Group

No action was taken on this item.

9. THE BOARD WILL RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

No other public comments were received.

10. 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 recess into Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the _____ day of March, 2014.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson
Executive Administrator