

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WORK SESSION
May 29, 2014

Chairman Rubinstein called the Work Session of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Tech2O Center, 10751 Montana Avenue, Rio Grande Auditorium, in El Paso, Texas. In addition to Chairman Rubinstein, Directors Kathleen Jackson and Bech Bruun were present, and a quorum was met.

Chairman Rubinstein introduced Senator Jose Rodriguez and Representative Marisa Marquez who each addressed the Board.

The General Counsel announced the first item for consideration:

1. OVERVIEW OF THE ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS PROGRAM AND LOCAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS. Stacy Barna, Program Development, presented this item. John Balliew, President, El Paso Water Utilities, also addressed the Board.

No action was taken on this item.

2. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON DESALINATION ACTIVITIES IN FAR WEST TEXAS. Sanjeev Kalaswad, Program Specialist, introduced the first presenter:

John Balliew, President, El Paso Water Utilities, made a presentation on the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant;

Ed Archuleta, UT at El Paso and Consortium for Hi-Technology Investigations in Water and Wastewater (CHIWAWA), made a presentation on the activities of CHIWAWA;

Malynda Cappelle, Center for Inland Desalination Systems, UT-El Paso, made a presentation on high recovery desalination; and

Craig Pedersen, Senior Vice-President, Enviro Water Minerals (EWM), Hubble Hausman, Chief Executive Officer, EWM, and Paul Wallace, Chief Technology Officer, EWM, made presentations on extracting minerals from waste water.

No action was taken on this item.

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE GRANT CONTRACTS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2014, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,097,313.27 FROM THE AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 FOR AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS. Cameron Turner, Program Specialist, presented this item.

Jesus Reyes, General Manager, El Paso County Water Improvement District #1, Lois Balin, Urban Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Daniel Krienke, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, also addressed the Board.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute grant contracts on or before August 31, 2014, in a total amount not to exceed \$597,313.27 from the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund for fiscal year 2014 for agricultural water conservation projects; but direct the Executive Administrator to refrain from negotiating and executing contracts pertaining to Category 1 applications and to bring consideration of Category 1 funding to a future Board meeting to ensure consistency with SB1, Rider 25, and further direct the Office of General Counsel to make corresponding changes to the Resolution consistent with this Motion.

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

4. PRESENTATION ON THE TEXAS V. NEW MEXICO, ET. AL. LITIGATION. Chairman Carlos Rubinstein 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 RECEIVED NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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 recess into Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 29^h day of May, 2014.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson
Executive Administrator