

MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
August 13, 2014

Chairman Carlos Rubinstein called the Work Session of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 10:16 a.m. at the McNease Convention Center, South Meeting Room, City Council Chambers, 500 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo, Texas. In addition to Chairman Rubinstein, Directors Kathleen Jackson and Bech Bruun were also in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The Chairman recognized Rep. Drew Darby, who addressed the Board.

The General Counsel announced that the Board would take up for consideration the following:

1. OVERVIEW OF STATE WATER PLAN INTERACTIVE WEBSITE. Amanda Lavin, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING, BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE BRAZOSPORT WATER AUTHORITY (BRAZORIA COUNTY) FOR A \$15,500,000 LOAN FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TO ADDRESS EFFICIENCY AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. Amanda Lavin, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item. Ronnie Woodruff, General Manager, Brazosport Water Authority also addressed the Board.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the Brazosport Water Authority financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance design and construction of water system improvements to address efficiency at the water treatment plant, 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 LAKE PALO PINTO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (PALO PINTO COUNTY) FOR A \$1,480,000 LOAN FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION TO EXPAND THE EXISTING WATER TREATMENT PLANT. Amanda Lavin, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the Lake Palo Pinto Water Supply Corporation financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance construction to expand the existing water treatment plant, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

4. CONSIDER APPROVING, BY RESOLUTION, A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF LAREDO (WEBB COUNTY) FOR A \$10,000,000 LOAN FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TO SERVE THE SOMBRERETILLO CREEK AND MINES ROAD AREAS. Amanda Lavin, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the proposed Resolution providing the City of Laredo financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance construction of a new wastewater treatment plant to serve the Sombrettillo Creek and Mines Road areas, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

5. 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.

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

No action was taken on this item.

7. Public hearing on proposed amendments to 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 363 relating to Financial Assistance Programs, 31 Texas Administrative Code Section 353.3 of Subchapter A relating to General Provisions, 31 Texas Administrative Code Section 356.10 of Subchapter A relating to Definitions, and Chapter 31 Texas Administrative Code Section 367.2 relating to Definitions, along with the proposed addition of Subchapter M to 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 363 relating to the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT).

The Chairman invited formal public comment on the proposed rules. He stated that each commenter will provide comments, which will be recorded and responded to in writing as part of the Adoption Preamble.

Comments were received from the following individuals:

Jay LaFrance, EcoFriendly Water Company  
Ken Kramer, Sierra Club

8. Public comments were received from:

Fred Aus, Texas Rural Water Association

9. The Board did not meet in closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

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

ATTEST:

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Kevin Patteson  
Executive Administrator