

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2015

Chairman Carlos Rubinstein called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1-111 of the William B. Travis 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. DISCUSSION REGARDING OUTREACH EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES BY THE BOARD.

No action was taken on this item.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2014 TEXAS RAIN CATCHER AWARDS. Mindy Conyers, Water Supply and Infrastructure, announced the following recommendations for the 2014 Texas Rain Catcher Awards:

Community: City of Austin's Twin Oaks Library; represented by:

Marty Christman

Beth Gross

Brandon Klenzendorf

Heidi Tse

Lee Sherman

Commercial: Oohla Bean; represented by:

Chris Maxwell-Gaines

James Grizzard

Jamie Crawley

Nonprofit: Leadership Montgomery County Class of 2014; represented by:

Marlisa Briggs

Sarah Rhea

Monica Bomkamp Enia

Educational: RainDrop Harvesting Solutions; represented by:

Kathryn Hitt

Henry Luna

AND

Government: Texas Department of Transportation; represented by:

Andy Keith

Director Bruun moved to approve the awarding of the 2014 Texas Rain Catcher Awards to the following: City of Austin's Twin Oaks Library, Oohla Bean, Leadership Montgomery County Class of 2014, Raindrop Harvesting Solutions, and the Texas Department of Transportation.

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

3. **CONSIDER APPROVING THE REVISED TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ETHICS POLICY.** Jessica Kohlenken, Assistant General Counsel, presented this item.

Director Bruun moved to adopt the revised Texas Water Development Board Ethics Policy, with the following changes:

In Paragraph 1.1, insert the following after the conclusion of the second sentence: "The term 'employees' includes Board Members.";

In Paragraph 1.2, insert the following after the conclusion of the existing sentence: "The Executive Administrator shall require all employees to undergo agency ethics training no less than once per year.";

In Paragraph 3.2, add the following after the conclusion of the existing draft paragraph: "For purposes of TWDB travel reimbursement funding, 'Reasonably necessary means and methods' for accomplishing the purpose for travel should include obtaining the lowest overall cost for travel services whenever practicable." ; and

Insert new Paragraph 4.2 to read as follows:

"4.2 Outside Employment and Volunteer Positions. Board Members are prohibited from being employed by or participating in the management of a business entity or other organization receiving funds from the board unless otherwise directed by statute. For purposes of this policy, this prohibition includes serving on the board of an entity in an ex-officio capacity."

Lastly, directing the Office of General Counsel to develop language that speaks to requiring that before any TWDB employee receive or be allowed reimbursement that's being offered for travel by any third party, that an ethics review take place by the Office of General Counsel prior to the reimbursement being allowed.

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

4. **CONSIDER APPROVING THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATIONS BY CATEGORY, THE FINANCING STRUCTURE AND TERMS OF SUBSIDY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED WITH INVITATION OF APPLICANTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION FUND FOR TEXAS (SWIFT).** Jeff Walker, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item.

Chairman Rubinstein moved to approve the funds available for applications by category, the financing structure and terms of subsidy, and authorize the Executive Administrator to proceed with

invitation of applicants for financial assistance from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas as recommended by the Executive Administrator in the memorandum to the board dated April 22, 2015.

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

5. CONSIDER APPROVING BY RESOLUTION A REQUEST FROM THE D BAR B WATER WASTEWATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (DALLAS COUNTY) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 IN LOAN FORGIVENESS FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR A NEW WATER SOURCE. Luis Farias, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed resolution providing the D Bar B Water and Wastewater Supply Corporation financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to finance planning and design for a new water source, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

6. No public comments were received.
7. The Board did not meet in closed session.

Chairman Rubinstein adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 6th day of May, 2015.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carlos Rubinstein, Chairman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson,
Executive Administrator