

MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2016 – 9:30 A.M.

Chairman Bech K. Bruun 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, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. In addition to Chairman Bruun, Director Kathleen Jackson and newly appointed Director Peter Lake were also in attendance, and a quorum was present.

Chairman Bruun began by congratulating Director Jackson on her appointment by Governor Abbott. He also welcomed newly appointed Director Peter Lake.

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 AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE CITY OF GRANBURY (HOOD COUNTY) MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION NO. 15-021, AND CONCURRING IN THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING. Chris Caran, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to adopt the proposed Resolution affirming the commitment to provide financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to the City of Granbury made in Board Resolution Number 15-021, and concurring in the Executive Administrator's environmental findings.

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

3. CONSIDER AFFIRMING BY RESOLUTION THE COMMITMENTS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND TO THE CITY OF OLNEY (YOUNG AND ARCHER COUNTIES) MADE IN TWDB RESOLUTION NOS. 14-15 AND 15-002, AND CONCURRING IN THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS. Chris Caran, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to adopt the proposed Resolution affirming the commitments to provide financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to the City of Olney made in Board Resolution Numbers 14-15 and 15-002, and concurring in the Executive Administrator's environmental findings.

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

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR TO AWARD, NEGOTIATE, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 TO STUDY BRACKISH AQUIFERS IN TEXAS. Erika Mancha, Water Science and Conservation, presented this item. Chairman Bruun recognized Jordan Furnans who addressed the Board with comments on Agenda Item #4.

The Chairman recognized “Buffy” Barrett, Clerk, Texas House Natural Resources Committee, who was attending the meeting.

Director Jackson moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to award, negotiate, and execute contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to study brackish aquifers in Texas.

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

5. CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2016 REGIONAL WATER PLAN FOR THE PLATEAU (REGION J) REGIONAL WATER PLANNING AREA. Temple McKinnon, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Lake moved to approve the adopted 2016 Regional Water Plan for the Region J Regional Water Planning Area, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

6. BRIEFING, DISCUSSION, AND CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUDE IN THE DRAFT 2017 STATE WATER PLAN. Matt Nelson, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Jackson moved to approve the following legislative and policy recommendations for inclusion in the Draft 2017 State Water Plan, as recommended by the Executive Administrator:

A. That the Legislature designate the following stream segments of unique ecological value, as recommended by the regional planning groups, for protection under Texas Water Code Section 16.051(f):

- Black Cypress Bayou
- Black Cypress Creek
- Alamito Creek
- Pecan Bayou, and
- Terlingua Creek

B. That the Legislature designate the following 11 reservoir sites as unique having unique value for the construction of reservoirs for protection under Texas Water Code Section 16.051(g):

- Brushy Creek Reservoir
- Cedar Ridge Reservoir
- Coryell County Off-Channel Reservoir

- Lake Ralph Hall
- Lake Fastrill
- Lower Bois d'Arc Reservoir
- Marvin Nichols
- Millers Creek Off-Channel Reservoir
- Parkhouse II (North)
- Tehuacana Reservoir, and
- Turkey Peak Reservoir

Further, that the Legislature formally identify which reservoir sites that are subject to Texas Water Code Section 16.051(g-1) have met the requirement to retain their designation after September 1, 2015; and

- C. That the Legislature require that the next set of desired future conditions be adopted by the applicable water conservation district representatives of each groundwater management area by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and every five years thereafter; and require that the regional water plans under development as of that same date be consistent with those desired future conditions in effect on that date.

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

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

Chairman Bruun adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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 Bech K. Bruun, Chairman

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

ATTEST:

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 Kevin Patteson,  
 Executive Administrator