

**RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (RGRWA)
BOARD MEETING
9:00 A.M. – WEDNESDAY, March 9, 2016
Rio Grande Valley Partnership
322 S. Missouri Ave., WESLACO, TX
PRESIDING: JIM DARLING, PRESIDENT**

In attendance were:

RGRWA Board Members

President, Jim Darling, Hidalgo County
Vice-President, Sonia Lambert, Irrigation Districts
Sec/Treas. Brian Macmanus, Water Supply Corps
Mr. Troy Allen, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Sonny Hinojosa, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Arturo Cabello, Jr., Irrigation Districts
Mr. Roy Rodriguez, Municipalities
Mr. Joe A. Pennington, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Bobby Sparks, Irrigation Districts

Others

Mr. Phil Cook, Black & Veatch
Mr. Rob Jenkins, Black & Veatch
Ms. Anabel Cardona, RGV Partnership
Ms. Dulce Martinez, RGV Partnership
Ms. Sandra De Los Santos, RGV Partnership
Mr. Tito Nieto, CCID#6
Mr. Mark Vega, McAllen PU
Mr. Jose Luna, TCEQ
Ms. Amy Settemeyer, TCEQ
Mr. Eddie De Leon, City of Pharr

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Jim Darling announced that there was no quorum but asked Phil Cook with Black and Veatch to present the Regional Facility plan to those in attendance.

2. Consider Approval of January 6, 2016 Minutes

Due to not having a quorum, no action was taken.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Presentation on Regional Water Facility Plan

Mr. Phil Cook gave an overview on the Regional Water Facility Plan. He informed the board that they have completed all the draft documents except for the executive summary. Mr. Cook explained that the Regional Water Facility Plan will help meet the need for drinking water in our region for the next 50 years. Mr. Phil Cook informed the board that he will give the RGRWA a final copy once they were done. He said he would visit with Brian Macmanus on what the RGRWA wanted to do moving forward. Mr. Cook announced that there would be several articles about the plan in Texas Water and in American Water Works Association (AWWA) Magazine in September 2016. President, Jim Darling asked Mr. Phil Cook if he had spoken with Sec/Treasurer, Brian Macmanus on reducing the scope of work due to a shortfall in the collection of monies. Mr. Phil Cook informed President, Jim Darling and the RGRWA board that he had spoken to Sec/Treasurer, Brian Macmanus on reducing the scope of work.

5. Calculate Municipal Water Right Current Market Value in Accordance with TWC§ 49.509(a)

President, Jim Darling asked what the cost of water is this year. Sec/Treasurer, Brian Macmanus informed the board that the cost of water rights for 2106 would be the same as for 2015, since there were no sales that qualified within the criteria necessary to calculate a new water right price. Due to not having a quorum, no action was taken.

6. RGRWA Website and Support

Sec/ Treasurer, Brian Macmanus informed the board, that the that the RGV Partnership contracted Create the Bridge to update and support the website, but they have not been able to get the website updated and fully functional. He also informed the board that before Mr. Julian Alvarez left the RGRWA, he informed Mr. Macmanus on the difficulties he had with the Authority's prior website provider. Mr. Alvarez then spoke with Mr. Tecló Garcia on getting the RGRWA website updated and functional, which, would cost the RGRWA \$1,500 for February and \$600 in March. Sec/Treasurer, Brian Macmanus informed the board that Mr. Tecló Garcia has moved the website over and has started working and updating the website, but Mr. Macmanus has not seen any improvement on the site and is still not functional. President, Jim Darling asked for the work on the website to be completed before payment was made to Mr. Tecló Garcia. Ms. Anabel Cardona suggested that the website be worked on by an agency rather than a third party. Sec/Treasurer, Brian Macmanus informed the board that we need to stay within the \$2,000.00 budget for an agency. Ms. Anabel Cardona informed the board that she along with the RGVP staff will help get the website up and running.

7. Status Reports

A. Report from TCEQ Watermaster

Mr. Jose Luna shared with the RGRWA board the storage reports as of February 27, 2016. Mr. Luna said that the U.S. has 65.66% of water in both reservoirs, which is 2.2-million-acre ft. He informed the board that the 2.2-million-acre ft. is an increase from last year of 533,000-acre ft. Vice President, Sonia Lambert informed the board that Mexico and IBWC charged the diverters for no charge water and allowed Mexico credit. President, Jim Darling asked for a letter to be sent to IBWC and TCEQ regarding the no charge water that was charged to the diverters.

8. Committee Reports

A. Community Outreach

There was no new information to report.

B. Finance and Planning

1. Financial Report

Due to not having a quorum, no action was taken.

2. Status of Assessments

There was no new information to report.

C. Personnel and Professional Services

There was no new information to report.

D. Legislative Committee

There was no new information to report.

E. El Morillo Drain

There was no new information to report.

F. Groundwater Management Committee

There was no new information to report.

G. Scholarship Committee

There was no new information to report.

H. Drainage Committee

There was no new information to report.

I. Aquatic Weed Ad Hoc Committee

There was no new information to report.

J. Surge Valve Committee

There was no new information to report.

K. Commodities Committee

There was no new information to report.

L. Nueces Rio Grande Coastal Basin Water Permit Committee

There was no new information to report.

M. Managers' Report

7. Other Business

A. Julian Alvarez's resignation from the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority.

8. Discussion and Possible Action RE: Meeting Schedule

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn

There was no adjournment, since there was no meeting held.

Jim Darling, President, RGRWA

ATTEST:

Brian Macmanus, Secretary-Treasurer, RGRWA