

MINUTES

RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (RGRWA) BOARD MEETING

9:00 A.M. – WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2017

Rio Grande Valley Partnership
322 S. Missouri Ave., WESLACO, TX

The Rio Grande Regional Water Authority (RGRWA) Board of Directors held a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Rio Grande Valley Partnership in Weslaco, Texas.

In attendance were:

RGRWA Board Members

Vice- President, Brian Macmanus, Water Supply Corps
Mr. Sonny Hinojosa, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Bobby Sparks, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Roy Rodriguez, Municipalities
Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Starr County
Mr. Jim Darling, Hidalgo County
Ms. Karran Westerman, Zapata County
Mr. Jim Riggan, Willacy County
Mr. D.V. Guerra, Public
Mr. Troy Allen, Irrigation Districts

Others

Ms. Dulce Martinez, RGVP
Ms. Sandra De Los Santos, RGVP
Mr. Francisco Martinez, IBWC
Mr. Marco Vega, MPU
Mr. Pablo Medrano, TCEQ
Mr. Juan Uribe, IBWC
Mr. Jonathan Hall, Carr, Riggs & Ingram
Mr. Quentin Anderson, Carr, Riggs & Ingram

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice-President Macmanus called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Consider Approval of March 8, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved to accept the March 8, 2017 board meeting minutes with the correction of replacing the word U.S. with total to the TCEQ report. Mr. Sonny Hinojosa seconded the motion. Vice-President Macmanus called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration and action, if any on the RGRWA 2016 Audit

Mr. Quentin Anderson with Carr, Riggs & Ingram presented the 2016 RGRWA Audit to the board. Mr. Troy Allen moved to accept the RGRWA 2016 Audit as presented. Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez seconded the motion. Vice-President Macmanus called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration and action, if any on the 2017 Municipal Water Right Current Market Value in Accordance with TWC § 49.509(a)

Mr. Jim Darling informed the board that the Water Right Current Market Value is calculated using the TCEQ reports on past water right. Mr. Darling informed the board that one of the TCEQ contracts is for land and water which alters the current 2017 Municipal Water Right Market Value. Mr. Darling asked the board for permission to write a letter to TCEQ for clarification on how they determined the value on the water right sold. Mr. Jim Riggan moved to write the letter to TCEQ for clarification on how they determined the value on the water right sold. Ms. Karran Westerman seconded the motion. Vice-President Macmanus called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration and action, if any on proposal to host a Water Quality Seminar.

Mr. Jim Darling proposed to the board that the RGRWA host a Water Quality Seminar in September 2017. After board discussion Mr. Roy Rodriguez moved to approve that the RGRWA host a half day water quality and half day water conference seminar. Mr. Troy Allen seconded the motion. Vice-President Macmanus called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Status Reports

A. Report from TCEQ

Mr. Pablo Medrano informed the board that the water levels of the U.S. ownership at Amistad and Falcon is at 61.36% of normal conservation capacity. All Mexican reservoirs are under 100% capacity. Releases from Falcon is at 75cms, Anzalduas is at 89.5cms and Amistad is at 40cms.

B. Report from IBWC

Mr. Francisco Martinez reported to the board that the El Morillo Drain spill into the river is at 3.7CM. The dissolved solids from Anzalduas is 800 ppm. Mr. Martinez informed the board on the deficit for the current 5-year cycle which began in October 2015. Mexico delivered 315,460 acre-feet, they have a deficit of 135,760 acre-feet.

7. Committee Reports

A. Community Outreach

There was no new information to report.

B. Finance and Planning

1. Financial Report

Mr. Roy Rodriguez moved to accept the payment of the bills as presented. Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez seconded the motion. Vice-President Macmanus called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Tex Pool- Mr. Darling asked the board for permission to invest RGRWA funds in Tex Pool. Mr. Troy Allen moved to allow Mr. Darling to invest in Tex Pool. Mr. Roy Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vice-President Macmanus called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Personnel and Professional Services

There was no new information to report.

D. Legislative Committee

Mr. Sonny Hinojosa informed the board that he and President Lambert have submitted a house joint resolution to State Representative Eddie Lucio III, asking that the legislature to support IBWC abiding by the U.S. and Mexico 1944 Water Treaty terms. Mr. Hinojosa informed the board that they have not received a response from the Governor's office.

E. El Morillo Drain

There was no new information to report.

F. Groundwater Management Committee

There was no new information to report.

G. Water Quality Subcommittee

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. Managers' Report

There was no new information to report.

8. Discussion and Possible Action RE: Meeting Schedule

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board at 10:00 a.m., Mr. Bobby Sparks moved to adjourn the RGRWA Board meeting. Mr. Troy Allen seconded the motion. Vice-President Macmanus called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Sonia Lambert, President, RGRWA

ATTEST:

John Bruciak, Secretary-Treasurer, RGRWA