

# MINUTES

## RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (RGRWA) BOARD MEETING

9:00 A.M. – WEDNESDAY, December 6, 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, December 6, 2017 at the Rio Grande Valley Partnership in Weslaco, Texas. In attendance were:

### RGRWA Board Members

President, Sonia Lambert  
Vice- President, Brian Macmanus, Water Supply Corps  
Treasurer/Sec., John Bruciak, Cameron County  
Mr. Sonny Hinojosa, Irrigation Districts  
Ms. Karran Westerman, Zapata County  
Mr. Jim Riggan, Willacy County  
Mr. Bobby Sparks, Irrigation Districts  
Mr. Jim Darling, Hidalgo County  
Mr. Paul Heller, Irrigation Districts  
Mr. Arturo Cabello, Irrigation Districts  
Mr. Troy Allen, Irrigation Districts  
Mr. D.V. Guerra, Public  
Mr. Joe Pennington, Irrigation Districts

### Others

Mr. Ray Longoria, Freese and Nichols  
Ms. Dulce Martinez, RGVP  
Ms. Sandra De Los Santos, RGVP  
Mr. Pablo Medrano, TCEQ

### **1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

President Lambert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

### **2. Public Comment**

Raymond Longoria, Jr., Principal Account Director for Freese and Nichols gave an update on the NAWSC/USBR project.

### **3. Consider Approval of September 6, 2017 Minutes**

Ms. Karran Westerman moved to accept the September 6, 2017 board meeting minutes. Mr. Paul Heller seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Consideration and action, if any on El Morillo Drain operation and maintenance cost for October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation**

Bobby Sparks moved to approve the RGRWA invoice, Willacy County, Hidalgo County and Cameron County regarding payment for El Morillo Drain operation and maintenance cost for October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Mr. D.V. Guerra seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Status Reports**

#### **A. Report from TCEQ**

Mr. Pablo Medrano informed the board that the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon

stood at 64.55% of normal conservation capacity. The total allocation for the month of October is at 188,321.52 acre-ft.

**B. Report from IBWC**

Francisco Martinez sent in the following information: As of November 25, 2017, Mexico has delivered 828,735 AF during the current 5-Year Cycle that began on October 25, 2015. At present, Mexico is compliant in their deliveries and has delivered 97,678 AF over the expected minimum delivery through this point in the cycle. This is also approximately 113% of the expected minimum based upon the usual pattern of historical runoff.

**5. Committee Reports**

**A. Community Outreach-** There was no new information to report.

**Finance and Planning**

**1. Financial Report**

Vice-President Macmanus moved to accept the payment of the bills as presented. Mr. Arturo Cabello seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Personnel and Professional Services**

There was no new information to report.

**C. Legislative Committee**

There was no new information to report.

**D. El Morillo Drain**

There was no new information to report.

**E. Groundwater Management Committee**

There was no new information to report.

**F. Water Quality Subcommittee**

There was no new information to report.

**G. Drainage Committee**

There was no new information to report.

**H. Aquatic Weed Ad Hoc Committee**

There was no new information to report.

**I. Managers' Report**

Mr. Jim Darling proposed that his contract be amended by reducing his pay from \$3,000.00 a month to \$500.00 a month starting January 1, 2018. Mr. D.V. Guerra moved to approve Mr. Darling's proposal to amend his contract and reduce his pay starting January 1, 2018.

Sec/Treasurer Bruciak seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Other Business**

Vice-President Macmanus informed the board that Mexico and the Western States will be meeting at the Western Water Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada in December to discuss the water treaty. Vice-President Macmanus proposed that Mr. Jim Darling attend to represent the RGRWA at the Western Water Conference. Mr. Bobby Sparks moved to approve Vice-President Macmanus's

proposal in having Mr. Jim Darling attend the Western Water Conference. Sec/Treasurer Bruciak seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Discussion and Possible Action RE: Meeting Schedule**

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. President Lambert has requested for the board to discuss the RGRWA meeting schedule for 2018 during the January meeting.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board at 9:21 a.m., President Lambert adjourned the meeting.

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Sonia Lambert, President, RGRWA

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John Bruciak, Secretary-Treasurer, RGRWA