

MINUTES

RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (RGRWA) BOARD MEETING

9:00 A.M. – WEDNESDAY, July 11, 2018

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, July 11, 2018 at the Rio Grande Valley Partnership in Weslaco, Texas.

In attendance were:

RGRWA Board Members

President, Sonia Lambert
Treasurer/Sec., John Bruciak, Cameron County
Mr. Sonny Hinojosa, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Troy Allen, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Jim Riggan, Willacy County
Mr. Bobby Sparks, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Jim Darling, Hidalgo County
Mr. Paul Heller, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Joe Pennington, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Roy Rodriguez, Municipalities (Proxy- Mr. Mark Vega)

Others

Mr. Jose A. Davila, TCEQ
Mr. Pablo Medrano, TCEQ
Mr. J.J Rodriguez, MPU
Ms. Dulce Martinez, RGVP
Ms. Sandra De Los Santos, RGVP
Mr. Mark Vega, MPU
Mr. Ray Longoria, Freese & Nichols
Mr. Francisco Martinez, IBWC
Mr. Juan Uribe Jr., IBWC

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Lambert called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Consider Approval of May 2, 2018 Minutes

Mr. Troy Allen moved to accept the May 2, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented. Treasurer John Bruciak seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider Approval of FY Audit for 2017.

Mr. Jim Darling presented the 2017 audited financial report performed by Suzanne Munoz, PLLC to the RGRWA Board since Suzanne Munoz was unable to attend due to an emergency. Mr. Darling's overview of the 2017 audit included the financial highlights, summary of net position and changes of net position. He informed the board that it is recommended that the invoices of the 3 Counties regarding the El Morillo maintenance fees be changed from cash basis to accrual. He also mentioned that the RGRWA was recommended to update its by-laws by adopting a travel expense policy and conflict of interest policy. Mr. Bobby Sparks moved to approve the 2017 audit as presented. Mr. Jim Riggan seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Status Reports

A. Report from TCEQ

Pablo Medrano with TCEQ reported a combined ownership of Amistad and Falcon at 50.58%

and the release at Falcon is at 30cms and Anzalduas at 31.6cms.

B. Report from IBWC

Francisco Martinez reported that the salinity at Anzalduas is at 1135. He mentioned that the salinity is high and has been up to 1500. Mr. Martinez informed the board that El Morillo has 1 pump running 24 hours and another pump running 12 hours on and 12 hours off. He also informed the board that there are projects that have been approved by headquarters to clear the brush on the banks of El Morillo and clean the syphons from the City of Reynosa to increase capacity and to ensure better conveyance of the diversion waters to the El Morillo canal. President Lambert presented Mr. Martinez with a series of concerns about the water quality. President Lambert asked Mr. Martinez to provide an IBWC maintenance report during the next meeting along with a SCADA system update. Mr. Troy Allen moved to authorize Jim Darling to send letters to our 3 Congressman, Municipalities and copy IBWC regarding the maintenance and water quality of El Morillo. Mr. Jim Riggan seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

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

Finance and Planning

1. Financial Report

A. Mr. Joe Pennington moved to accept the payment of the bills as presented. Mr. Bobby Sparks seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Ms. Dulce Martinez informed the board that the prior year adjustments for El Morillo 2015-2016 request was removed from the P&L. The El Morillo 2015-2016 request will be shown on our balance sheet under accounts payable. Ms. Martinez informed the board that RGRWA has received an estimate for 2017 El Morillo Drain Maintenance fees but have not received the official invoice. Ms. Martinez mentioned that the estimate is reflected on the balance sheet under accounts payable.

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

Mr. Jim Darling informed the board that the Border Patrol has not begun to eradicate the Carrizo cane, but will continue with their plan of cutting the cane 3 feet above ground

instead of removing it.

I. Managers' Report

There was no new information to report.

9. Other Business

Mr. Jim Darling informed the board that the FRGRWAEDC needs two volunteers to serve on the board. Mr. Jim Riggian moved to authorize the RGRWA to send out the checks to IBWC for El Morillo Drain as soon as the RGRWA receive the payment from the pending Counties. Mr. Bobby Sparks seconded, and the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Possible Action RE: Meeting Schedule

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Lambert adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Sonia Lambert, President, RGRWA

ATTEST:

John Bruciak, Secretary-Treasurer, RGRWA