

MINUTES

RIO GRANDE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (RGRWA) BOARD MEETING

9:00 A.M. – WEDNESDAY, August 2, 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, August 2, 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 Burciak, Cameron County
Mr. Sonny Hinojosa, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Bobby Sparks, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Roy Rodriguez, Municipalities
Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Starr County
Mr. Jim Darling, Hidalgo County
Mr. Paul Heller, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Joe Pennington, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Arturo Cabello, Irrigation Districts
Mr. Troy Allen, Irrigation Districts

Others

Ms. Sandra De Los Santos, RGVP
Mr. J.J. Rodriguez, McAllen PUB
Mr. Pablo Medrano, TCEQ

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Consider Approval of May 3, 2017 Minutes

Vice-President Macmanus moved to accept the May 3, 2017 board meeting minutes. Mr. Bobby Sparks seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

3. 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 rights. Mr. Darling informed the board that one of the TCEQ contract's is for land and water which alters the current 2017 Municipal Water Right Market Value. "Mr. Darling stated that he had informed TCEQ that the last water contract had included land sales with water rights without a breakdown in cost attributable to each and therefore should not be used to calculate the market value. Mr. Darling stated that he had not had a response from TCEQ." After board discussion Vice-President moved to rescind the action that was taken on March 8, 2017 approving the value of Municipal Water Rights at \$3,000, and using the \$2,604 amount until we receive a response on the water sale in question. Treasurer/Secretary John Bruciak seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration and action, if any on receiving RGRWA board nominations from the Irrigation Caucus.

President Lambert informed the board that the Irrigation Districts held a caucus and submitted a list of nominees to be appointed by the Governor's office to fill the positions on the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority Board.

Sonia Lambert, Cameron County Irrigation District #2
Sonny Hinojosa, Hidalgo County Irrigation District #2
Arturo Cabello, Brownsville Irrigation District
Joe Pennington, Pennington Farms, Inc.
Troy Allen, Delta Lake Irrigation District
Rusty McDaniel, Hidalgo County Irrigation District #1
Joe Hinojosa, Santa Cruz Irrigation District #15
Alvaro Martinez, Cameron County Irrigation District #3

Treasurer/Secretary John Bruciak moved to accept the Irrigation District's nominees to present to the Governor's office. Mr. Jim Darling seconded the motion. President Lambert 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 53.06%, 1799,776-acre ft. Releases from Falcon is at 50cms, Anzalduas is at 45.6cms.

B. Report from IBWC

No report from IBWC.

President Lambert informed the board that there are 8 gaps in the levee, and some Irrigation Districts met with IBWC and they are proposing to close the levee. She continued to say that in closing the levee several irrigation districts will be left behind the levee.

7. Committee Reports

A. Community Outreach

Jim Darling informed the board that we are waiting for A&M Agriculture's schedule to facilitate the FDA Regulation Summit.

B. Finance and Planning

1. Financial Report

Mr. Troy Allen moved to accept the payment of the bills as presented. Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

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. 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

Mr. Jim Darling will send Border Patrol a letter in regards to the removal of the Arundo donax.

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, September 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board at 9:35 a.m., Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved to adjourn the RGRWA Board meeting. Vice-President Macmanus seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Sonia Lambert, President, RGRWA

ATTEST:

John Bruciak, Secretary-Treasurer, RGRWA