

# MINUTES

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

9:00 A.M. – WEDNESDAY, September 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, September 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 Burciak, Cameron County  
Mr. Sonny Hinojosa, Irrigation Districts  
Ms. Karran Westerman, Zapata County  
Mr. Jim Riggan, Willacy County  
Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez, Starr County  
Mr. Jim Darling, Hidalgo County  
Mr. Paul Heller, Irrigation Districts  
Mr. Arturo Cabello, Irrigation Districts  
Mr. Troy Allen, Irrigation Districts

### Others

Mr. Mark Vega, McAllen PUB  
Ms. Dulce Martinez, RGVP  
Mr. Anthony Stambaugh, TCEQ  
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 August 2, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved to accept the August 2, 2017 board meeting minutes. Mr. Arturo Cabello 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)

No Action was taken by the board.

### 4. Status Reports

#### A. Report from TCEQ

Mr. Pablo Medrano informed the board that on August 26, 2017, the U.S. combined ownership at Amistad/Falcon stood at 51.20% of normal conservation capacity, impounding 1,736,541 acre-feet, down from 58.10% (1,970,836 AF) of normal conservation a year ago at this time.

#### B. Report from IBWC

No report from IBWC.

### 5. Committee Reports

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

## Finance and Planning

### 1. Financial Report

2. 2018 Budget- Vice President Macmanus moved to approve the proposed 2018 budget. Mr. Troy Allen 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**

There was no new information to report.

## 8. Other Business

Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez moved to approve that the RGRWA submit letters of recommendation for Mr. Yusuf Elias Farran to be appointed as the United States Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission. Mr. Sonny Hinojosa 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, November 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

## 9. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board at 9:25 a.m., Vice-President Macmanus moved to adjourn the RGRWA Board meeting. Mr. Ricardo Gutierrez seconded the motion. President Lambert called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

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Sonia Lambert, President, RGRWA  
ATTEST:

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John Bruciak, Secretary-Treasurer, RGRWA