

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

November 19, 2008, 2:00 p.m.



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR. THOMAS G. WEAVER AT 2:03 PM.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL BY THE SECRETARY, MS. SALLY BUCHANAN**

**Board members present for this meeting are indicated with a checked box:*

BEXAR COUNTY:

- Sally Buchanan
- Hector Morales
- Jeff Neathery
- Názirite Rubén Pérez
- Roberto G. Rodríguez
- Thomas G. Weaver

GOLIAD COUNTY:

- Terry E. Baiamonte
- Adair R. Sutherland

KARNES COUNTY:

- Gaylon J. Oehlke
- H.B. Ruckman III

WILSON COUNTY:

- John Flieller
- A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.

4. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM BY THE SECRETARY, MS. BUCHANAN

Staff members present were:

Suzanne Scott, General Manager
Steve Graham, Assistant General Manager
Steve Raabe, Director of Technical Services
Susan Eason, Director of Internal Resources
John Chisholm, Director of Operations
Larry Anderson, Director of Finance
Sharon McCoy-Huber, Finance Manager
Steven Schauer, External Communications Manager
Dale Bransford, Park Services Manager
Claude Harding, Real Estate Manager
Rudy Farias, Water Resources & Community Development Manager
Jim Boenig, Engineering Manager
Jim Blair, Watershed Operations Manager
Mike Gonzales, Environmental Sciences Manager
Melissa Bryant, Engineer III
Dawn Cunningham, Human Resources Generalist
Linda Munoz, Human Resources Supervisor
Laura Govea, Administrative Assistant I
Russell Persyn, Engineer III
Karen Bishop, Executive Services Supervisor
Lupe Sanchez-Moreno, Executive Assistant

Other individuals present were:

David Ross, Legal Counsel

5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Ms. Moreno announced that the following visitors were present:

Peggy Weyel - Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPWD), Hunter Education Department
Ross Walker - TPWD, Hunter Education Department
John & Margaret Rodriguez - TPWD
Brock Minton - TPWD, Corpus
Meredyth Fowler - Tuggey, Rosenthal, Pauerstein, Sandoloski, Agather, L.L.P.
(TRPSA)
Allen Beinke - TRPSA
David Beyer - Land Design Partners

6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Ms. Moreno announced that there were none.

7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

AWARDING OF SERVICE PINS

Ms. Scott presented Service Pins to Ted Orta, Jose Zapata, Jim Molina.

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW HIRES

Ms. Scott introduced all 27 of SARA's newly employed staff hired since July 1, 2008.

9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2008

Motion made by Gaylon J. Oehlke

Seconded by Sally Buchanan

Motion carried unanimously

10. SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE, COMMUNICATIONS, FISCAL, AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE; SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE; AND BOARD MEMBER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORTS

- November 10, 2008, Executive Committee briefing was given by Committee Chairman Weaver.
- November 10, 2008, Operations Committee briefing was given by Committee Chairman H.B. Ruckman III.
- November 10, 2008, General Manager Appraisal Special Purpose Committee briefing was given by Tom Weaver

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

11. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AND THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A SANITARY SEWER LINE LOCATED AT 310 W. MITCHELL STREET, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Staff recommended a motion that Resolution Number R-1355 be passed and approved.

12. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE BETWEEN THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AND RIO PERLA PROPERTIES, L.P. FOR TENANCY OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 NEWELL AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

Staff recommended a motion that Resolution Number R-1356 be passed and approved.

13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - TEXAS AGRILIFE RESEARCH REGARDING RESEARCH SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2011 REGION L WATER PLAN

Staff recommended a motion that Resolution No. R-1357 be passed and approved.

Consent Agenda Items 11, 12 and 13 were recommended for approval:

Motion made by H.B. Ruckman III

Seconded by Sally Buchanan

Motion carried unanimously

INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:

14. RECOGNITION OF SARA SUPPORT FOR THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 14, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 16.

15. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER NATURE PARK IN WILSON COUNTY, TEXAS

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 15, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 16.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 FOR DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED IN WILSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AS PART OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER NATURE PARK

After appropriate disclosure in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.072, Mr. Weaver then recessed to meet in Executive Session at 2:40 pm for deliberation concerning the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property to be acquired in Wilson County, Texas as part of the San Antonio River Nature Park. The Executive Session having concluded, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors resumed into Open Session at 2:56 pm.

17. A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE TWO PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 76.4 ACRES OWNED BY J. WILLIAM HELTON AND RUTH J. WILLIAMS, TRUSTEES OF THE HELTON-WILLIAMS FAMILY TRUST, LOCATED AT 2785 COUNTY ROAD 128 IN WILSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND APPROXIMATELY 21.6 ACRES OWNED BY FRANCISCO CASTILLO, LOCATED AT 15662 FM 775 IN WILSON COUNTY, TEXAS AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion made by Adair R. Sutherland

Seconded by Hector Morales

Motion carried unanimously

18. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BYLAWS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO RESCIND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE POLICIES, AND TO APPROVE AS STAFF POLICIES THE COMMUNICATIONS; ETHICS; FUNDS MANAGEMENT; INVESTMENTS POLICY AND STRATEGIES; REAL ESTATE; SELECTION, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL

SERVICES/CONSULTANTS; AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING POLICIES

Staff recommended a resolution to approve the San Antonio River Authority Bylaws as presented, including language under Article XXIV that Bylaws be amended or revised by resolution; to rescind permanently Executive Office Policies EO 0004, EO 0005, EO 0006, EO 0007, and EO 0013; to rescind as Executive Office Policies EO 0001, EO 0003, EO 0008, EO 0009, EO 0010, EO 0011, and EO 0012 and to adopt in their stead, as presented, the following policies, respectively: HR 0041, FN 0001, FN 0002, FN 0003, FN 0006, RE 0001, and EO 0001.

Motion made by Gaylon J. Oehlke

Seconded by Sally Buchanan

Motion carried unanimously

19. DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 19, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 20.

20. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONSULTANT SELECTION ACTIVITIES AND/OR CONSULTANT CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION, RENEWALS, AMENDMENTS OR EXTENSIONS:

I. EAGLELAND VISITOR TAX PLANNING AND DESIGN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 20, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 21.

21. BRIEFING REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 21, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 22.

22. BRIEFING ON WATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 22, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 23.

23. STATUS REPORT ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 23, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 24.

24. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

San Antonio River Improvements Project (SARIP) O&M Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and Amendment to the SARIP ILA with the City and the County will be going before the Board at the next Regular Board meeting in December.

25. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

● SARA PERFORMANCE, 1st QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2008/09

A copy of the 1st Quarterly Report was distributed to the Board.

● UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

A calendar of events was distributed with special attention to the Holiday

schedule.

There being nothing to report under Future Board and/or Committee Meetings and Meetings Involving the Attendance of One or More Board Members, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 26.

26. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

27. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 pm.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD APPROVAL BY THE MANAGER.

SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2008.

THOMAS G. WEAVER, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

SALLY BUCHANAN, Secretary