

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

December 17, 2008, 2:00 p.m.



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. THOMAS G. WEAVER AT 2:00 P.M.**
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 WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY, MS. BUCHANAN.

Staff members present were:

Suzanne B. Scott, General Manager
Steve Graham, Assistant General Manager
Steve Raabe, Director of Technical Services
Larry Anderson, Director of Support Services
Steven Schauer, Manager of External Communications
John Chisholm, Director of Operations
Jim Boenig, Engineering Manager
Dale Bransford, Park Services Manager
Claude Harding, Real Estate Manager
Art Herrera, IT Manager
Tom Pardue, Engineer
Jim Doersam, Engineer
Dawn Cunningham, Human Resources Generalist
Phil Weynand, Internal Resources Administrator
Marilyn Black, Administrative Assistant III
Karen Bishop, Executive Services Supervisor
Lupe Moreno, Executive Assistant

Others present were:

David Ross, Legal Counsel
Lori Houston, City of San Antonio (COSA)

5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Ms. Moreno reported that none were present at this time.

6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Ms. Moreno reported that no citizens were signed up to speak at this time.

7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Awarding of Service Pins

Chairman Weaver and Suzanne B. Scott presented service awards to Marilyn Black for 30 years of service and to Jim Molina for 5 years of service.

8. PRESENTATION OF TEXAS WATER CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (TWCA) BEST SAFETY RECORD AWARD

Susan Eason accepted this award on behalf of SARA.

9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2008

After a motion was made by Ms. Sutherland and a second duly made, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- A briefing on the Operations Committee meeting held on December 8, 2008 was given by Committee Chairman H.B. Ruckman III
- A briefing on the Board Handbook Special Purpose Committee meeting held on September 17, 2008 was given by Committee Chairman, Jeff Neathery
- A briefing on the General Manager Appraisal Special Purpose Committee meeting held on November 17, 2008 was given by Mr. Weaver
- With regards to Board Member Conference Reports, a briefing on the NAFSMA meeting was given by Sally Buchanan

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

11. AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SALATRILLO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Weaver called for approval of the agenda item on consent.

Motion made by H.B. Ruckman III
Seconded by Sally Buchanan
Motion carried unanimously

INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:

12. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MUSEUM REACH URBAN SEGMENT, EAGLELAND AND MISSION REACH

Staff recommended a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the San Antonio River Authority and the City of San Antonio for the Operation and Maintenance of the Museum Reach Urban Segment, Eagleland and Mission Reach Phases 1-4.

Motion made by Jeff Neathery
Seconded by H.B. Ruckman III

Motion carried unanimously

13. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A REVISED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY AND THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

This agenda item was tabled for discussion at the Regular Board of Directors meeting to be held on January 21, 2009.

14. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE BRAUNIG LAKE FISHING PIER PROJECT AND THE STATUS OF THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE ENERGY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR OPERATION OF THE BRAUNIG AND CALAVERAS LAKE PARKS

Staff recommended a motion authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with Llexell, Inc. in the amount of \$258,792 and contingency of \$25,800 for the Braunig Lake Fishing Pier Project, and authorizing the General Manager or her designee to amend the contract if field changes are required.

Motion made by Sally Buchanan

Seconded by H.B. Ruckman III

Motion carried unanimously

15. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING PARTICIPATION BY THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INITIATED TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 31 TO BE KNOWN AS MIDTOWN

Staff recommended a motion directing the General Manager to perform an analysis of participation by SARA in the City of San Antonio Initiated Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 31, Midtown, applying the guidelines and evaluation criteria in Policy FN 0006, Tax Increment Financing Evaluation Criteria, and present the analysis to the SARA Operations Committee for recommendation to the SARA Board of Directors.

Motion made by Roberto G. Rodriguez

Seconded by Sally Buchanan

Motion carried unanimously

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

There being no action taken for Agenda Item 16, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 17.

17. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSTING AND NOTICE TO BOARD MEMBERS OF BOARD AGENDA PACKETS ON THE INTERNET

There being no action taken for Agenda Item 17, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 18.

18. BRIEFING ON WATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

There being no action taken for Agenda Item 18, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 19.

19. STATUS REPORT ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

20. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Mr. Rodríguez stated that he had recently been informed that a bridge on the corner of W. Martin and N. San Jacinto had been removed, and he expressed his concern as to why staff had not provided the Board notification regarding this action. He explained that sometime in 2005 or 2006, Mr. Rothe presented an item regarding the Culebra Bridge that was to be built over Alazan Creek and at that presentation stated that it was SARA protocol to notify the Board on those types of activities. Although Mr. Rodríguez did not know if staff was aware, he pointed out that notification protocol had been followed in the past, and he was concerned to find out that in this particular incident, protocol had not been followed. He instructed staff to have this issue addressed as an individual item on the agenda for the upcoming Board meeting.

Both Ms. Scott and Mr. Graham reported that SARA staff had not been informed and assured Mr. Rodríguez that staff would research the issue and provide a full report to the Board in January.

21. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

- UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR;
- FUTURE BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS; AND
- MEETINGS INVOLVING THE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS.

Ms. Scott distributed a calendar and addressed, in detail, upcoming conferences, meetings and events.

22. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 2 pm.

23. ADJOURN

There being nothing further to report, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Weaver adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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 JANUARY 21, 2009.

THOMAS G. WEAVER, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

STEPHEN T. GRAHAM, Assistant Secretary