

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

November 10, 2008, 2:00 p.m.



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE AT 2:03 PM BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. H.B. RUCKMAN III**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY, MS. ADAIR SUTHERLAND**
Board members present for this meeting are indicated with a checked box:

- John Flieller**
- Hector Morales**
- Názirite Rubén Pérez**
- H.B. Ruckman III**
- Adair Sutherland**
- Thomas G. Weaver**

4. **CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM WAS MADE BY MS. SUTHERLAND**

Staff members present were:

Suzanne B. Scott, General Manager
Steve Graham, Assistant General Manager
John Chisholm, Director of Operations
Larry Anderson, Director of Support Services
Steve Raabe, Technical Services Director
Rudy Farias, Water Resources & Community Development Manager
Susan Eason, Internal Resources Division Director
Claude Harding, Real Estate Manager
James Blair, Watershed Operations Manager

Jim Boenig, Engineering Manager
Dale Bransford, Park Services Manager
Jim Doersam, Engineer III
Hector Villanueva, Real Estate Rep III
Lupe Sanchez-Moreno, Executive Assistant

Other individuals present were:

David Ross, Legal Counsel

5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Ms. Moreno announced that Board member Roberto Rodríguez was present.

6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Ms. Moreno reported that there were none.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Seconded by Hector Morales

Motion carried unanimously

INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:

8. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A 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 MITCHELL STREET, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for presenting to the San Antonio River Authority Board a recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute a Permanent Sewer Easement between the San Antonio River Authority and 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.

Motion made by Adair R. Sutherland

Seconded by John Flieller

Motion carried unanimously

9. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF 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, IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for presenting to the San Antonio River Authority Board a recommendation to authorize 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.

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Seconded by Hector Morales

Motion carried unanimously

10. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING 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 indicating Operations Committee support for presenting to the River Authority Board of Directors a recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute 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.

Motion made by John Flieller

Seconded by Adair R. Sutherland

Motion carried unanimously

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

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 11, Mr. Ruckman called for Agenda Item 12.

12. 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. Ruckman then recessed to meet in Executive Session at 2:30 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 Operations Committee resumed into Open Session at 2:52 pm.

13. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION 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

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for presentation to the San Antonio River Authority Board a recommendation to acquire 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 21.6 +/- acres owned by Francisco C. Castillo, located at 15662 FM 775 in Wilson County, Texas and a recommendation to approve the proposed budget amendment.

Motion made by John Flieller

Seconded by Thomas G. Weaver

Motion carried unanimously

14. BRIEFING ON LAND RIGHTS ACQUISITION STATUS

There being no action taken on Agenda Item 14, Mr. Ruckman called for Agenda Item 15.

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

I. SELECTION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM TO PROVIDE INDEFINITE DELIVERY INDEFINITE QUANTITY (IDIQ) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OF MISCELLANEOUS SANITARY SEWER, POTABLE WATER AND PARK SERVICES PROJECTS

II. SELECTION OF CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE INDEFINITE DELIVERY INDEFINITE QUANTITY LAND SURVEYING

III. SELECTION OF CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE INFLOW AND INFILTRATION STUDY FOR THE SALATRILLO AND MARTINEZ SERVICE AREAS

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

16. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY STREAM RESTORATION PROGRAM

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

17. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE STATUS OF THE GRAYTOWN ROAD WASTEWATER SYSTEM PROJECT

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

18. BRIEFING ON WATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

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

19. STATUS REPORT ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

20. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Ms. Scott announced that there were none to report at this time.

21. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

● UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Ms. Scott announced that SARA's offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

● FUTURE BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Should circumstances so require, staff will work with the Board Chair to schedule a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors to address the BexarMet issues.

● MEETINGS INVOLVING THE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS

None

22. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Operations Committee Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on December 8, 2008.

23. ADJOURN

There being nothing further to report, the Operations Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:18 pm.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL MANAGER.

SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2008.

H.B. "TRIP" RUCKMAN III, Chairman

ATTEST:

STEPHEN T. GRAHAM, Assistant Secretary