

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

August 10, 2009, 2:00 p.m.



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. H. B. RUCKMAN III, AT 2:00 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS CONDUCTED**
3. **ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY, MS. ADAIR R. SUTHERLAND**

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

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

4. **CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY, MS. SUTHERLAND**
5. **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Ms. Moreno announced the visitors present.

6. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Ms. Moreno announced that no citizens were signed up to speak.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2009

Staff recommended a motion that the minutes for the Operations Committee meeting held on May 11, 2009, be passed and approved, as presented to the Committee.

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Second by Hector R. Morales

Motion passed unanimously

INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:

8. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST BY SARA DIRECTOR, NÁZIRITE RUBÉN PÉREZ, PROPOSING A STUDY BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BUILD A SAN ANTONIO BARGE CANAL BETWEEN THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, AT SAN ANTONIO BAY ON THE TEXAS COAST, ALONG THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER, AND CONNECTING THE BRAUNIG LAKE, IN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

SARA Board Member Pérez sought a motion of Operations Committee support for recommending to the SARA Board of Directors approval to pursue a study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for building a San Antonio Barge Canal between the Intercoastal Waterway, at San Antonio Bay on the Texas Coast, along the San Antonio River, and connecting to Braunig Lake, in Bexar County, Texas.

Motion made by Názirite Rubén Pérez

Lacking a second, this motion was not passed or approved.

9. BRIEFING ON THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CRISIS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN DEVELOPED BY UTSA AS THE BASIS FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR SECURITY THREAT REDUCTION AT THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Ruckman called for Agenda Item 13 to accommodate guest speakers.

13. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE SOUTHERN EDWARDS PLATEAU

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for presenting to the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors a recommendation for a resolution in support of and participation in the development of a Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan.

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Second by John J. Flieller

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Ruckman called on Agenda Item 15 to accommodate guests.

15. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE MARTINEZ IV SEWER PLANT, LTD., SEWER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Ruckman returned to the regularly posted schedule and called for Agenda Item 10.

10. 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 UNDER AND ACROSS THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER LOCATED PARALLEL TO THE BRIDGE AT VFW BOULEVARD, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (SARIP) MISSION REACH PROJECT

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for staff to present to the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors a request to authorize the General Manager to execute a permanent easement between the San Antonio River Authority and the San Antonio Water System for the construction, operation and maintenance of a sanitary sewer line under and across the San Antonio River located parallel to the VFW Boulevard Bridge, Bexar County, Texas.

Motion made by Hector R. Morales

Second by John J. Flieller

Motion passed unanimously

11. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS FROM BENEATH THE BED AND BANKS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for presenting to the SARA Board of Directors a recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Exploration and Production of Oil and Gas from Beneath the Bed and Banks of the San Antonio River

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Second by John J. Flieller

Motion passed unanimously

12. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE STATE FUNDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AND THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ADMINISTER AND CONDUCT WATER QUALITY MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CLEAN RIVERS PROGRAM (SB 818)

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 the Clean Rivers Program grant agreement between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the San Antonio River Authority.

Motion made by John J. Flieller

Second by Hector R. Morales

Motion passed unanimously

14. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AND THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROVIDE WATER QUALITY MODELING SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS INSTREAM FLOWS PROGRAM AND THE LOWER SAN ANTONIO RIVER INSTREAM FLOW STUDY

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for presenting to the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors a recommendation authorizing the General Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Reimbursement Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide water quality modeling services for the term of September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010.

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Second by Hector R. Morales

Motion passed unanimously

16. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE SARA WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS

Staff recommended a motion of the Operations Committee supporting presentation to the Board of Directors for approval that the General Manager award a contract and acquire all necessary permits, approvals, and easements required for emergency replacement of Water Well No. 1 at the Creekwood Estates Public Water System.

Motion made by John J. Flieller

Second by Adair R. Sutherland

Motion passed unanimously

17. BRIEFING ON THE STATUS OF THE RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE (RAFB) PAYMENT

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

18. UPDATE ON ILLEGAL DUMPSITE ON MEDINA RIVER AND SARA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OUTREACH EFFORT

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

19. STATUS REPORT ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Scott distributed and discussed the minutes from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/San Antonio River Authority Strategic Planning Meeting held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009. The Museum Reach, Phase 2A, and the urban segment were also discussed.

20. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER 2009 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Staff recommended a motion scheduling the September 2009 Operations Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Second by Hector R. Morales

Motion passed unanimously

21. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

No items for future consideration were reported or discussed.

22. 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 and discussed the calendar of events, conferences, and future Board and Committee meetings.

23. ADJOURN

There being nothing further to report, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn, and therefore, Mr. Ruckman called the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD APPROVAL BY THE MANAGER.

SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AT

THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2009.

H.B. RUCKMAN III, Committee Chairman

ATTEST:

ADAIR SUTHERLAND, Committee Secretary