

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

September 7, 2010, 2:00 p.m.



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. H. B. RUCKMAN III, AT 2:05 P.M.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED**
- 3. THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY, MR. NÁZIRITE RUBÉN PÉREZ, CALLED THE ROLL AND REPORTED THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- John J. Flieller (absent)**
- Michael W. Lackey, P.E. (2:08 p.m. arrival)**
- Názirite Rubén Pérez**
- H. B. Ruckman III**
- Adair R. Sutherland**
- Thomas G. Weaver**

- 4. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY, MR. PÉREZ**

- 5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Ms. Sanchez announced the visitors who were present in the audience.

- 6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Ms. Sanchez announced that there were no citizens signed up to speak.

- 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2010**

Staff recommended a motion to approve the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on August 9, 2010, as presented.

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Seconded by Názirite Rubén Pérez

Motion passed unanimously

8. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) FOR STREAM MONITORING AND WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010/11

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for presenting to the San Antonio River Authority Board a recommendation to enter into a 2010/11 Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for a total amount of \$703,070, of which \$566,870 will be the River Authority's total cost.

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Seconded by Michael W. Lackey, P.E.

Motion passed unanimously

9. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AND DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE / CENTRO SAN ANTONIO FOR USE OF POWERWASHING EQUIPMENT PURCHASED THROUGH THE RIVER WALK IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

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 negotiate, execute and amend as needed an agreement with the Centro San Antonio Public Improvement District for use of power washing equipment purchased through the River Walk Implementation Project.

Motion made by Názirite Rubén Pérez

Seconded by Michael W. Lackey, P.E.

Motion passed unanimously

To accomodate staff, Mr. Ruckman skipped over Agenda Item 10 and called for Agenda Item 11.

11. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE RIVER SOUTH COORDINATED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Staff recommended a motion of Operations Committee support for the River South governance structure, coordinated management plan, and SARA's expanded role as coordinator/facilitator as discussed, and for presenting the draft River South Coordinated Management Plan to the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors for approval.

Motion made by Thomas G. Weaver

Seconded by Adair R. Sutherland

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Ruckman then returned to the regular order of business and called for Agenda Item 10.

10. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE MARTINEZ II WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PHASE II 1.5 MGD (MILLION GALLONS PER DAY) EXPANSION TO 3.5 MGD

Staff recommended a motion indicating Operations Committee support for the San Antonio River Authority staff to proceed in seeking Board approval for the execution of a construction contract for the Martinez II Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase II 1.5 MGD Expansion to 3.5 MGD.

Motion made by Michael W. Lackey, P.E.

Seconded by Adair R. Sutherland

Motion passed unanimously

Having already presented Agenda Item 11, Mr. Ruckmand called for Agenda Item 12.

12. STATUS REPORT ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

13. 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**

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

14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Mr. Ruckman requested that staff place the following three items on next month's Operations Committee Agenda:

- A status update regarding the Huisache trees along the River Walk;
- A report regarding the community of Kenedy and their concerns on the large size of Willow trees along Escondido Creek; and
- A brief update on the idea of Splash Pads along the river to include the South end of the River Improvements Project.

Ms. Sutherland requested that staff present an item to the Board discussing SARA's involvement in the Tejas Trail.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Operations Committee meeting will be Monday, October 11, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURN

There being nothing further to report, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn, and therefore, Mr. Ruckman called the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL BY THE MANAGER.

SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2010.**

H. B. RUCKMAN III, Committee Chairman

ATTEST:

STEPHEN T. GRAHAM, P.E., CFM, Assistant Secretary