

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

January 21, 2009, 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 WAS TAKEN BY HECTOR MORALES IN THE ABSENCE OF 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 (after 2:05pm)

KARNES COUNTY:

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

WILSON COUNTY:

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

4. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM WAS MADE BY CHAIRMAN WEAVER

Staff members present were:

Suzanne B. Scott, General Manager
Steve Graham, Assistant General Manager
Larry Anderson, Director of Support Services
John Chisholm, Director of Operations
Claude Harding, Real Estate Manager
Art Herrera, IT Manager
Jim Boenig, Engineering Manager
Steven Schauer, Manager of External Communications
Mike Gonzalez, Environmental Sciences Manager
Rudy Farias, Water Resources & Community Development Planning Manager
Brian Mast, Intergovernmental Relations Specialist
Gilbert Jimenez, Real Estate Rep II
Gloria Rodriguez, Community Relations Coordinator
Ivalis Gonzalez, Intergovernmental & Community Relations Technician
Christine Green, Community Relations Coordinator
Carol Earman, Education Specialist
Bobby Irwin, Computer Tech II
Rick Acosta, Computer Tech I
Robert Cruz, Operations Facilities Supervisor
Raymond Loera, Line Inspector I
Karen Bishop, Executive Services Supervisor
Lupe Moreno, Executive Assistant

Others present were:

David Ross, Legal Counsel
Kim Abernethy, Executive Director for the San Antonio River Foundation

5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Ms. Moreno announced that the following visitors were present:

Greg Harmon, San Antonio Current
Ted Herrera, Rio Grande Native American Church
H. Harold Bryant, American Indian Alaska Native Employee Association
Rosemary Jimenez, Citizen
Adolfo Ruiz, Citizen
Allen Beinke, Tuggy Rosenthal
Several SARA Staff for employee recognitions

6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

After having been announced by Ms. Moreno, Ted Herrera of the Rio Grande Native American Church addressed the Board with a request to have an item on next month's agenda and would like to provide a formal presentation regarding a desire for a resting place for Native American ancestors. Mr. Herrera went on to say that the Army promised to have a burial ground near the dams at Camp Bullis which SARA may have control over. The General Manager asked Claude Harding to take the lead on Mr. Herrera's request.

7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

AWARDING OF SERVICE PINS

Suzanne B. Scott and Chairman Weaver recognized Gilbert Jimenez for 25 years of service and Robert Cruz and Raymond Loera for 5 years of service as SARA employees.

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2008

Motion made by Jeff Neathery

Seconded by Hector Morales

Motion passed unanimously with consideration to the changes made by Mr. Rodriguez.

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

No reports were due or given.

INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:

10. PRESENTATION ON RECENT SAN ANTONIO RIVER FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

There being no action taken for this item, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 11.

11. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING EVALUATION CRITERIA

Staff recommended a motion adopting the proposed changes to the Tax Increment Financing Evaluation Criteria policy as presented.

Motion made by Jeff Neathery

Seconded by H.B. Ruckman III

Motion carried unanimously

12. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO SARA'S BOARD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

After Board discussion, staff recommended a motion regarding Executive Office administrative procedures and Board governance related to the Open Meetings Act as follows:

- When requested, Board members will reply to RSVPs and staff will post as public meetings those gatherings where SARA business will be discussed and a quorum present;
- Committees shall continue to function according to SARA's Bylaws;
- Legal Counsel shall develop language for all committee agendas indicating a quorum of the Board could be present and a meeting there of convened.

Motion made by A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.

Seconded by Gaylon J. Oehlke

Motion carried unanimously

13. BRIEFING ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT N. SAN JACINTO STREET AND ALAZAN CREEK

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

14. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE 81st SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

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

15. STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

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

16. BRIEFING ON WATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 17.

17. STATUS REPORT ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

18. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

● **UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

Ms. Scott discussed the events listed on the calendar distributed to the Board, including the Annual Banquet for the Goliad Chamber, the Whooping Crane Festival, the SA to DC trip.

● **FUTURE BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Ms. Scott discussed the topics of the upcoming Special Board Meeting to be held on Monday, January 26, 2009.

● **MEETINGS INVOLVING THE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Scott announced the reception for Robert Puente, newly elected CEO for San Antonio Water Systems.

19. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Ms. Scott had no items to report at this time.

20. NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Weaver announced that the Board will meet on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 9 a.m. for the Special Budget Workshop.

21. ADJOURN

There being nothing further to report, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn, and therefore, Mr. Weaver called the meeting adjourned at 4:48 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 FEBRUARY 18, 2009.

THOMAS G. WEAVER, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

SALLY BUCHANAN, Board Secretary