

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY**

March 18, 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 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS CONDUCTED**
3. **ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN 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  
Larry Anderson, Director of Support Services  
John Chisholm, Director of Operations  
Steve Raabe, Technical Services Director  
Sharon L. McCoy-Huber, Financial Services Manager  
Claude Harding, Real Estate Manager  
Art Herrera, IT Manager  
Jim Boenig, Engineering Manager  
Steven Schauer, Manager of External Communications  
Mike Gonzalez, Environmental Sciences Manager  
Dale Bransford, Park Services Manager  
Gilbert Jimenez, Real Estate Representative  
Melissa Bryant, Engineer  
Dawn Cunningham, Human Resources Generalist  
Brian Mast, Intergovernmental Relations Specialist  
Karen Bishop, Executive Services Supervisor  
Lupe Moreno, Executive Assistant

Others present were:

David Ross, Legal Counsel

**5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Ms. Moreno announced the following visitors:

Alisa Gilson, Student at Northwest Vista  
Andrew Brown, Student at Northwest Vista  
Jessica Barker, Student at Northwest Vista  
Sonnye Carrillo, Student at Northwest Vista  
Jeff Trizinski, Student at Northwest Vista  
Deidra B. Hagdorn-Henry, Student at Northwest Vista  
Cameron Lopez, TCEQ

**6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

No citizens were signed up to speak.

**7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS**

**AWARDING OF SERVICE PINS**

The Board Chairman and the General Manager presented awards to Patricia Carbajal and Ronnie Hernandez each for having 10 years of service and Veronica Cantu for having 5 years of service.

**8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW HIRES**

Ms. Scott introduced to the the Board all the new members of the SARA staff who were hired since the last quarterly report.

**9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

Motion made by Sally Buchanan

Seconded by H.B. Ruckman III

Motion was approved unanimously

\*Upon approval of the minutes by the Board, Mr. Weaver informed the Board that unless there were any objections, future approval of the minutes would be placed on the consent agenda. No objections were made.

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

- Operations Committee: A short briefing was given by the Committee Chairman, H.B. Ruckman III, regarding the last meeting held on March 9, 2009.
- Fiscal Committee: A short briefing was given by the Committee Chairman, Gaylon Oehlke, regarding the last meeting held on March 9, 2009.
- Board Member Conference Reports

***The following reports were already discussed at a previous meeting:***

- *Communications Committee: Last meeting was held on January 28, 2009 and a report has already been given by Committee Chairman, Roberto Rodríguez, at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 18, 2009*
- *Executive Committee: Last meeting was held on November 10, 2008, and a report has already been given by Committee Chairman Weaver at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 19, 2008*
- *General Manager Appraisal Special Purpose Committee: Last meeting was held on November 10, 2008, and a report has already been given by Tom Weaver at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 19, 2008.*
- *Board Handbook Special Purpose Committee: Last meeting was held on September 17, 2008, and a report has already been given by Committee Chairman Jeff Neathery at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 8, 2008.*

***CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:***

11. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY SUPPORTING THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR REGIONAL WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLANNING GRANT**
12. **RATIFICATION OF ORDINANCE NUMBER O-1320, APPROVED AS ORDINANCE NUMBER O-1317 ON FEBRUARY 18, 2009, IN CONNECTION WITH PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS WITHIN THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MISSION REACH, PHASE III**

Mr. Weaver made a motion that all the items on consent be approved collectively.

Motion made by H.B. Ruckman III

Seconded by Sally Buchanan

Motion passed unanimously

***INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:***

13. **RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER TO CONVEY TWO TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND ONE PERMANENT EASEMENT TO UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD ACROSS AND ALONG THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IN VICTORIA AND REFUGIO COUNTIES, TEXAS**

Mr. Harding, informed the Board that this item could no longer be an action item due to the railroads negligence in informing SARA about construction to the bridge. There being no action taken, Mr. Weaver called for agenda item 14.

14. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE SUBMITTAL OF JOINT APPLICATIONS WITH THE TEXAS A&M INSTITUTE OF RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR THE CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM AND THE AGRICULTURAL WATER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

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

15. **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LIST OF NOMINEES TO SERVE ON THE GUADALUPE, SAN ANTONIO, MISSION AND ARANSAS RIVERS, AND MISSION, COPANO, ARANSAS AND SAN ANTONIO BAYS STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE**

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

**16. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY IN THE 81ST SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE RELATING TO SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY**

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

**17. BRIEFING ON WATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

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

**18. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF THE GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY AND THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARDS OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Raabe informed the Board that the meeting has been cancelled pending the results of the whooping crane study.

**19. STATUS REPORT ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Weaver called for Agenda Item 20.

**20. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

The Board had no items to mention at this time.

**21. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:**

- PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DUE TO TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION BY APRIL 30
- UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR
- FUTURE BOARD AND/OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Personal Financial Statements and the calendar of events and future Board and Committee meetings were passed out and briefly discussed by Ms. Scott. Upon the request by Ms. Scott, Mr. Chisholm informed the Board of the calendar of events regarding the RFP from CPS Energy.

- MEETINGS INVOLVING THE ATTENDANCE OF ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS.

**22. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular Board of Directors meeting was announced to be Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

**23. ADJOURN**

There being nothing further to report, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn, and therefore, Mr. Weaver called the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD APPROVAL BY THE MANAGER.**

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**SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager**

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 15, 2009.**

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**THOMAS G. WEAVER, Board Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**STEPHEN T. GRAHAM, Assistant Secretary**