

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

September 16, 2009, 2:00 p.m.



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. THOMAS G. WEAVER, AT 2:03 PM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS CONDUCTED**
- 3. ROLL CALL WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARY, MS. SALLY BUCHANAN**

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

BEXAR COUNTY:

- Sally Buchanan
- Hector R. Morales
- Jeffrey S. 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 J. Flieller
- A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.

- 4. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY, MS. BUCHANAN**

5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Ms. Moreno announced the visitors present.

6. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Julio Gonzalez of San Antonio, Texas, addressed the Board regarding an insurance claim.

7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

AWARDING OF SERVICE PINS

Ms. Scott and Mr. Weaver recognized Ricardo Carrasco, Jr., and Michael Kollodziej for each of their five years of service as employees of the River Authority.

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

- Communications Committee: a short briefing was given by Committee Chairman, Roberto G. Rodriguez, regarding the last meeting held on August 27, 2009.
- Fiscal Committee: a short briefing was given by Committee Chairman, Gaylon J. Oehlke, regarding the last meeting held on August 27, 2009.
- Operations Committee: a briefing was given by Committee Chairman, H. B. Ruckman III, regarding the last meeting held on September 8, 2009.
- Board Handbook Special Purpose Committee: Committee Chairman, Jeffrey S. Neathery, discussed and distributed new inserts for the Board Handbook.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2009

11. AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE MARTINEZ II WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ACCESS ROAD AND WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

12. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) FOR STREAM MONITORING AND WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/10

Mr. Weaver called for a motion to approve consent items 9 - 13. After brief discussion, and at the request of Mr. Rodríguez, Mr. Weaver pulled Agenda Items 10 and 13 for further discussion and modified his call for motion to approve consent items 9, 11 and 12.

Motion made by Sally Buchanan

Seconded by Jeffrey S. Neathery

Motion passed unanimously

INDIVIDUAL AGENDA ITEMS:

10. APPROVAL OF A SECTION 1.26A(c) IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT FOR THE EDWARDS AQUIFER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Staff recommended a motion authorizing the General Manager to execute the Section 1.26A(c) Implementing Agreement for the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program substantially in the form attached to the Board's agenda packet.

Motion made by Roberto G. Rodríguez

Seconded by Sally Buchanan
Motion passed unanimously

13. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 TO EXTEND THE POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB) STUDY OF SELECT BEXAR COUNTY WATERSHEDS AND THE SUTHERLAND SPRINGS STUDY FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR

Staff recommended a motion that Resolution R-1372 be passed and approved.

Motion made by Roberto G. Rodríguez
Seconded by H.B. Ruckman III
Motion passed unanimously

14. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2009 PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE

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

15. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2009 AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Staff recommended a motion that Ordinance No. O-1331 be passed and approved setting a tax rate of \$0.015951 per \$100 valuation as supported by the Fiscal Committee.

Motion made by Roberto G. Rodríguez
Seconded by Gaylon J. Oehlke

Mr. Rodriguez went on record to state that "the citizens of Bexar County and the areas that we represent should be very happy that we're not increasing the taxes at this time. With the economy being the way it is, the citizens right now would be delighted even though it is a small tax. Nevertheless, there is no tax increase for this year. I can't say anything for next year but at least for this year, the citizens would be very happy that the River Authority is not raising the tax level."

Mr. Neathery added that he would like to compliment the staff. "I know that they did a lot of things this past year to help reduce some of our expenditures and things like that that allowed us then to be able to not have a tax increase. So I'd like to thank staff and all the work that they've done to be fiscally responsible."

After Board discussion, Mr. Weaver called on Ms. Buchanan to facilitate the roll call vote and the results are as follows:

BEXAR COUNTY:	GOLIAD COUNTY:	KARNES COUNTY:	WILSON COUNTY:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sally Buchanan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry E. Baiamonte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaylon J. Oehlke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John J. Flieller
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hector R. Morales	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adair R. Sutherland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H. B. Ruckman III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roberto G. Rodríguez			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas G. Weaver			

**Checked boxes indicate a vote in favor of the motion.*

Motion passed unanimously

16. CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR ONE DIRECTOR EACH FROM BEXAR, WILSON, KARNES AND GOLIAD COUNTIES

Staff recommended a motion that Ordinance O-1330 approving the Unopposed Status be passed and approved.

Motion made by Gaylon J. Oehlke

Seconded by Sally Buchanan

Motion passed unanimously

17. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS TO AWARD BIDS FOR VEHICLES FOR THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Staff recommended a motion to accept the diesel bid from Tommie Vaughn for a total amount of \$62,042 for two 3/4 ton extended cab pick-up trucks which should be received within 45 to 60 days for the Utility Department.

Motion made by John J. Flieller

Seconded by Jeffrey S. Neathery

Motion passed unanimously

18. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO SELECT PROGRAMS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Staff recommended a motion of the Board of Directors approving a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$1,210,780.00 and establishing an operating reserve as a component of the general fund ending balance.

Motion made by Gaylon J. Oehlke

Seconded by Adair R. Sutherland

Motion passed unanimously

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. 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. Weaver called for Agenda Item 21.

21. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Mr. Morales requested that a member of staff attend the House Committee meeting to be held on October 1, 2009, at VFW Boulevard to present photos of the Mission Reach.

22. NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Weaver announced that the next Regular Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in Floresville, Wilson County, Texas.

23. ADJOURN

There being nothing further to report, Ms. Sutherland moved to adjourn, and therefore, Mr. Weaver called the meeting adjourned at 3:20 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 OCTOBER 14, 2009.**

THOMAS G. WEAVER, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

SALLY BUCHANAN, Board Secretary