

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

August 11, 2010, 2:00 p.m.



GENERAL AND CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. GAYLON J. OEHLKE, AT 2:00 P.M.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED**
3. **THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY, MR. ROBERTO G. RODRÍGUEZ, CALLED THE ROLL AND REPORTED THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Terry E. Baiamonte
- Sally Buchanan
- A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.
- Hector R. Morales
- Roberto G. Rodríguez
- Gaylon J. Oehlke

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

Ms. Sanchez announced the visitor who was 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 FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2010.**

Staff recommended a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 14, 2010, as presented.

Motion made by Sally Buchanan
Seconded by A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.
Motion passed unanimously

8. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY'S DRAFT STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS FOR THE 82nd STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE 112th SESSION OF CONGRESS, 1st SESSION

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Oehlke called for Agenda Item 9.

9. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY'S STRATEGIC VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

There being no action taken on this item, Mr. Oehlke called for Agenda Item 10.

10. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING DRAFT RULES OF ORDER DOCUMENTING THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Staff recommended a motion of Executive Committee support for presenting the draft Rules of Order, as amended by the Committee, to the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors for approval.

Motion made by Sally Buchanan
Seconded by A.D. Kollodziej, Jr.
Motion passed unanimously

Attachment: [Rules of Order](#)

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING *THE ARANSAS PROJECT V. SHAW, ET. AL.*, CASE NO. 10-40633 IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

After appropriate disclosure in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Mr. Oehlke then recessed to meet in Executive Session at 4:08 p.m. for deliberation regarding *The Aransas Project v. Shaw, et. al.*, Case No. 10-40633 in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. The Executive Session having concluded, the Executive Committee Meeting resumed into Open Session at 4:20 p.m.

12. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING *THE ARANSAS PROJECT V. SHAW, ET. AL.*, CASE NO. 10-40633 IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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

13. DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED OUTLINE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE NATURE-BASED PARK PROGRAM IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY'S MISSION

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

14. 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. Oehlke called for Agenda Item 15.

15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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

16. NEXT MEETING DATE

After Committee discussion, it was decided that the next Executive Committee meeting will be September 2, 2010, at 1:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURN

There being nothing further to report, Mr. Oehlke called the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL BY THE MANAGER.

SUZANNE B. SCOTT, General Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2010.

GAYLON J. OEHLKE, Committee Chairman

ATTEST:

ROBERTO G. RODRÍGUEZ, Committee Secretary

RULES OF ORDER

Introduction

Robert's Rules of Order recognizes the need to modify its standard parliamentary procedural rules for small boards. According to *Robert's*, a small board will generally not have more than 12 members. The San Antonio River Authority Board qualifies as a small board under *Robert's Rules of Order*. For a small board, most parliamentary rules apply, but certain modifications permitting greater flexibility and informality are commonly allowed.

The meetings of the River Authority Board and Committees are governed by the River Authority enabling act and by-laws, general law and by these Rules of Order, which do not incorporate parliamentary procedure addressed in the act, by-laws, or general law.

Ceremonial

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited at the beginning of each meeting.

River Authority, Board member, staff, and other acknowledgements are generally made at Board meetings prior to the regular order of business.

Meeting Procedures

Visitors to each meeting are asked to sign in and are recognized during each meeting.

Citizens who wish to address the Board or Committee are asked to sign in. Their comments are limited to three minutes. As required by the Open Meetings Act, the Board or Committee does not discuss the topics raised by the citizen unless that topic is on the agenda for the meeting.

The River Authority staff prepares the meeting agendas and the public notices for the meetings.

The River Authority staff presents each agenda item and recommends action as appropriate for the agenda items.

Officer reports are not a standing agenda item for the Board or Committee meetings.

Committee reports and Director conference attendance reports are a standard component of the Board meetings and are not discussed or deliberated by the Board.

The minutes of the previous meeting are not read. Board meeting minutes are considered under the consent segment of the agenda. Committee minutes are considered as a general course of business.

River Authority staff prepare action minutes that reflect only the Board's action and not staff's presentation or Board members' discussion. Board members who wish for their comments to be represented in the minutes direct staff by stating that their comments are on the record.

The minutes will reflect the attendance and time of arrival of Board or Committee members who arrive after the Roll Call has been taken.

The Chair has discretion to take agenda items out of order and to pull items at the recommendation of staff.

Those persons addressing the Board or Committee will stand at the podium.

Board and Committee agendas include a caption under which items for future consideration may be identified.

The General Manager may place a report item on Board and Committee agendas to inform the Board of its upcoming events calendar, future Board or Committee meetings, and meetings involving the attendance of one or more Board members.

Directors may attend Committee meetings regardless of whether they are a member of the Committee. In the event the attendance of a Director at a Committee meeting will result in a quorum of the Board being present at that Committee meeting, the Directors who are not members of that Committee may not participate in the Committee deliberations unless the Committee meeting is convened as a meeting of the Board.

The Board and Committees generally do not meet in July.

The Board may meet in Wilson, Karnes or Goliad counties during each year. The location will rotate between the three downstream counties.

Rules of debate

The Chair may participate in debate.

The Chair may make a motion or second a motion.

The Chair may vote on any motion.

There is no limit on debate, unless a motion for the previous question is made, seconded and approved by a majority vote of those Directors present at the meeting.

There is no requirement that a Director address comments to the Chair; a Director may address comments to other Directors.

The General Manager may participate in debate.

Staff may respond to questions during the course of debate.

Staff may provide information during the course of debate.

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