

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2017

Due to Governor Greg Abbott's August 23, 2017 proclamation of a state of disaster affecting various counties in Texas due to the threat of imminent disaster posed by hurricane Harvey, all of the August 29, 2017 meeting of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will be held by telephone conference call as authorized under Texas Government Code section 551.125. No member of the board will be physically present at following location, which will be open to the public during the open portions of the meeting: 1497 Country View Lane, Temple, TX 76504-8806. This location shall provide two-way communication during the entire telephone conference call meeting and the identification of each party to the telephone conference call shall be clearly stated prior to speaking.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board held a telephone conference call on August 29, 2017, at 2:02 p.m. at 1497 Country View Lane, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present via telephone:

José Dodier, Jr., Chairman
Barry Mahler, Vice Chairman
Scott Buckles, Member
Marty H. Graham, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Tina Y. Buford, Member
Carl Ray Polk, Jr., Member

Staff Members present via telephone:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Trey Watson, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist

Staff Members present in office:

Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, Nonpoint Source Programs Coordinator
Mitch Conine, Nonpoint Source Project Management Coordinator
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Molly Dutton, Information Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Steve Bednarz, Statewide Programs Engineer
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Specialist
Karen Preece, Accountant

General Counsel:

Assistant Attorney General Syreeta Alexander, Office of the Attorney General

Others Present:

Entire agenda packet was previously emailed to all Board Members and Executive Director prior to the telephone conference call. All Board Members and Executive Director stated that they had received the packet and had a copy of meeting material in their presence.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Dodier called the telephone conference call to order. Chairman Dodier called roll of the State Board Members who replied present. All Board Members were present.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Consider Approval of Minutes from July 19-20, 2017 State Board Meeting

Ms. Preece previously emailed a copy of the minutes to Board Members for their review. Chairman Dodier asked if the Board Members had a chance to review the Minutes. The Board Members replied that they had.

Chairman Dodier called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19-20, 2017 Board Meetings. Mr. Mahler moved for the approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. Chairman Dodier called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Consider Approval of Soil and Water Conservation District Director Appointments

Ms. Preece stated that no appointments had been received, and there is no information to present at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Consider Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Mahler moved for the approval of the budget as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. Chairman Dodier called roll for individual votes. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Consider Fiscal Year 2018 Allocations for Flood Control Program Funding

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Nichols moved for the approval of the allocations as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. Chairman Dodier called roll for individual votes. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Water Quality Management Plan Program Allocations

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Buckles moved for the approval of the allocations as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. Chairman Dodier called roll for individual votes. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Consider Approval of Requests for Additional Cost-Share Incentive Funding for Water Quality Management Plans in Accordance with 31TAC §523.6(f)(2) Relating to Criteria for Waivers

Mr. Munz stated that there is no information to present at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Consider Water Quality Management Plan Cost-Share Requests from the Allocation for Statewide Use

Mr. Munz stated that there is no information to present at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Consider Approval of 2017 Revision of the Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program

Mr. Conine reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Mahler moved for the approval of the revision as presented. Ms. Buford seconded the motion. Chairman Dodier called roll for individual votes. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Consider Allocation and Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2017 Funds for the Water Supply Enhancement Program

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Graham moved for the approval of the allocations and reallocations as presented. Mr. Polk, Jr. seconded the motion. Chairman Dodier called roll for individual votes. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Set Date for Next State Board Meeting

Mr. Isom stated that the next regularly scheduled Work Session and Board Meeting would be November 15-16, 2017.

Mr. Mahler moved for the approval of the above mentioned dates. Motion seconded by Mr. Buckles. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Dodier called for the adjournment of the meeting.

Mr. Nichols moved to adjourn the conference call meeting. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Mr. Isom thanked everyone for their participation on the telephone conference call.



José Dodier, Jr., Chairman



Karen D. Preece, Secretary

November 16, 2017

Date

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I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board telephone conference call held on August 29, 2017.



Rex Isom, Executive Director

November 16, 2017

Date