

Summary of Minutes

Water Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Monday September 28, 2009
Time: 10:02 am – 2:15 pm
Location: Conference Room - Bldg 6
Austin Field Office - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
1340 Airport Commerce Drive - Austin, TX

Meeting called by: C.E. Williams, Presiding Officer
Meeting Facilitators: TWDB support staff

Council Members in attendance are listed below:

Bill Hoffman	Robert Mace	Scott Swanson	Ken Kramer	Janet Adams
C. E. Williams	Kelly Hall	Steve Bednarz	Luana Buckner	
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Carole Baker	Montgomery	Richard Egg	Cindy Loeffler	
Donna Howe	Wilson Scaling	Wayne Halbert	Karen Guz	

Alternates in place of Council Members:

Linda Christie for Jim Oliver
Denise Hickey for Jim Parks
Rick Kellison for Vivien Allen

At 10:02 am the council meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer C.E. Williams. The first item on the agenda was the approval of the previous council meeting minutes. The previous minutes were approved. The floor was opened for public comment for which there was none.

An update was given on the recent appointment and reappointment of council members. Those members included:

- Cindy Loffler – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- CE Williams – Regional Water Planning Groups
- Jim Parks – River Authorities
- Ken Kramer – Environmental Groups
- Vivien Allen – Higher Education
- Gary Spicer – Electric Generation
- Janet Adams – Rural Water Users
- Robert Mace – Texas Water Development Board

A motion was made and approved by council members to reappoint the presiding chair and vice chair.

Wayne Halbert presented on Agricultural Water Conservation Demonstration Initiatives in the Rio Grande Valley. This presentation can be viewed at the council's website along with these minutes. www.savetexaswater.org

The presiding officer called on the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) staff for briefings on a few items. The following items were discussed:

- ❖ TWDB's staff support for council activities.
- ❖ TWDB's plan for future coordination on Metrics & Measurement activities. Staff gave some updates on current activities such as Water Use Survey modifications, the new Residential GPCD metric, potential research projects to identify service area boundaries, and TWDB studies on power generation and mining. The link to the Residential GPCD metric for cities can be found at:
{ <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/wrpi/wus/2007est/2007City.xls> }
- ❖ Use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds for water conservation projects (Green Projects Reserve) in TWDB funding programs. The presentation that was given can be viewed at the council's website along with these minutes. www.savetexaswater.org
- ❖ TWDB's role in processes and procedures pertaining to the ongoing development and updating of the Best Management Practices Guide. It was reported that TWDB staff will be having an internal meeting with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to determine what the process might look like for revising and adding new BMPs. It was suggested that the TWDB consider the council's proposed process which can be found in their first legislative report. It was also suggested that the council proceed to see what it can do now to review or search for new BMPs.

The council then discussed the proposed draft work plan. There was some discussion about including some of the tasks that the workgroup identified, and modifying some of the wording. A motion was proposed by Ken Kramer to adopt the document as a draft work plan on a provisional basis subject to changes. The motion was approved by council members. The latest work plan draft will be available by the next council meeting.

There was discussion about the council submitting some suggested research topics to the TWDB in response to the agency's notice for topics. It was suggested that each workgroup finalize 1 or 2 ideas and bring them to the next council meeting.

The next council meeting date was not set but will be announced when a date and location have been determined.

The council meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.