

**Colorado and Lavaca Rivers and Matagorda and Lavaca Bays
Basin and Bay Area Stakeholder Committee (BBASC)**

Wednesday, February 24, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
Aqua Water Supply Corporation
415 Old Austin Highway, Bastrop, Texas

MINUTES

Members Present: Ronald Gertson, Myron Hess, Dan Croft (alternate for Bruce Arendale), Pat Brzozowski, Jim Dailey, Deedy Huffman, Joe King, Frank Lewis, Teresa Lutes, Dick Ottis, Bob Pickens, Caroline Runge, Steve Box (alternate for Andy Sansom), Clarence Schomburg, Bob Shoemate, Haskell Simon, Buddy Treybig, Suzanne Zarling

Call to order

Committee Chair Ronald Gertson called the meeting to order and called roll of the members. Enough members and alternates were present that quorum was met.

Discussion and agreement on agenda

A request to add “new business” topic to the agenda was granted and the agenda was approved to move forward.

Public Comments (limit 3 min.)

There were no public comments at this time

Ratification of alternates

The members discussed their designated alternates and those alternates were ratified unanimously by the committee.

Approval of meeting minutes

The minutes from the January 27, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Finalize Meeting Rules

Committee Vice-Chair Myron Hess gave an overview of the changes that were made based on discussion at the January meeting, as well as some refinement of the language to clarify that vacancies and/or alternates represent the same interest group as the appointed member. With these changes the meeting rules were unanimously adopted.

Report of Subcommittee for BBEST matrix and slate recommendations and Designation of Voting members of BBEST

Member Suzanne Zarling discussed the activities and discussion of the BBEST selection subcommittee, as well as overviews of the subcommittee meeting. She indicated that the subcommittee considered and evaluated the expertise of each nominee, identifying their areas of expertise and populating the BBEST selection matrix developed by the subcommittee. The subcommittee, by consensus, developed a slate of 10 nominees recommended to be appointed to the BBEST. It was noted that the nominees on the recommended slate do have experience in the field, and the group did discuss the value of being able to take practical experience and turn that into results. A proposal to adopt the slate of recommended nominees was made and the group approved the BBEST as presented by the subcommittee unanimously.

The members of the BBEST are:

- David Buzan
- Bryan Cook
- Thom Hardy
- Richard Hoffpauir
- Kirk Kennedy
- Melissa Romigh
- Okla Thornton
- Joe Trungale
- Cathy Wakefield
- Steve Watters

Cory Horan, TCEQ, will contact the members of the BBEST to notify and confirm their appointment. BBASC members who submitted BBEST nominees not chosen are to contact those nominees to let them know they were not selected. It was recommended that those with relevant experience be encouraged to participate in the process, even if not selected to serve on the BBEST.

Consideration of state agency non-voting BBEST designees

The group discussed agency staff to be designated as non voting BBEST members. They are as follows: TWDB – Nolan Raphelt; TPWD – David Bradsby; TCEQ – Kathy Alexander

Discussion of BBASC/BBEST Coordination

The group discussed future coordination between the BBASC and BBEST. It was decided that, if possible, the next meeting will be held as a joint meeting of the two groups. Cory Horan will request that Dave Buzan and Joe Trungale, who served on a previous BBEST, give a presentation discussing the process and experience they went through in developing environmental flow recommendations for that group. In addition, the group would like to hold an informal discussion with the BBEST to establish standards for dialogue between the two groups. The group discussed the need to communicate the idea that the BBASC will need to know how the BBEST develops their environmental flow regime recommendations.

Public Comments (limit 3 min.)

A clarification was made to the alternates list, however no other public comments were received at this time.

Set next meeting date and agenda

The committee agreed to meet quarterly after the March meeting with the BBEST. The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 in Austin. Future meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each quarter and are as follows: May 26, 2010, August 25, 2010, December 1, 2010 (December date moved due to overlap with the Thanksgiving holidays), and February 23, 2011. Future agenda items include:

- Evolution of the mouth of the Colorado River (Haskell Simon)
- SAC representative on SAC/BBEST relationship, guidance, etc
- Coordination between BBASC and BBEST
- Previous BBEST experience/process
- BBEST Progress reports
- Interest group presentations
 - Refining (Deedy Huffman) (May meeting)
 - Groundwater Conservation Districts (Ronald Gertson, Caroline Runge) (May meeting)
 - Regional Water Planning (Haskell Simon) (May meeting)
- State of the Basin/Bay systems (Lavaca/Navidad/Lavaca Bay at May meeting)
- Possible strategies to meet environmental flow standards