

**Brazos Watermaster Advisory Committee (WAC) Meeting
May 20, 2020**

Attendees

Scott Blasor - Palo Pinto Municipal Water District #1
Brad Brunett - Brazos River Authority
Carl Burch - NRG Power
Jonathan Dulus - City of Waco
Tim Finley - The Dow Chemical Company
Alan Gardenhire - Alcoa Inc.
Robert W. George - Property Manager for Dickson Ranch
Kenton Moffett - City of Temple
David Sauer - Gulf Coast Water Authority
Gary Spicer - Luminant Power
Kevin D. Taylor - Somervell County Water District
Laurie Gharis - Watermaster Section Manager
Molly Mohler - Brazos Watermaster
Nancy Ragland - Assistant Brazos Watermaster

Absent WAC Members

Brent Wheeler - Irrigator
Rodney Stephens - Irrigator

Meeting called to order at 10:05.

- David Sauer discussed background on the meeting.
- Nicole is no longer with the WAC; Tim Finley volunteered to take notes until the position was filled.

David Sauer led roll call and members introduced themselves.

Watermaster Update by Laurie Gharis

- Deputies are working in the field but are practicing social distancing.
- TCEQ is tele-working through at least the month of May. Hoping to be back in the office in June but this still needs to be determined.

Two members absent: Rodney Stephens and Brent Wheeler

David introduced the By-Laws updates and discussed in specific detail the officer election. A By-Laws subcommittee was established and met to discuss and make recommendations for editing the Bylaws. The committee included:

- Scott Blasor
- Brad Brunett
- David Sauer
- Jonathan Dulus

David shared two versions of By-Laws. The active version and the proposed version. Proposed changes included:

- Moved from 1-year term with limit of two consecutive terms to a 2-year term. Maintained constraint on a 2-year limit.

- Removed the Nominating Committee language and recommended nomination from the BWAC.
- Will continue to propose the election of officers that are representative of the interest of the entire committee.

By-Laws sub-team shared background on rationale for recommended changes to officer term and the elimination of the nominating committee. Recommended changes included:

- Added text to Article 3 E to acknowledge that the Watermaster and Watermaster Staff play a role in communicating agenda prior to meetings.
- Added text to Article 3 I 1 to acknowledge that the Watermaster and Watermaster Staff play a role in communicating meeting minutes prior to meetings.
- Modified language in 3 J 2 to make it possible for those who will be absent to communicate to either the Chair or the Watermaster.
- Modified Article 5 which pertained to the nominating committee from the November 2015 Approved Bylaws.
- Some language was moved to article 2 B.
- Articles 6 and below were renumbered to reflect the elimination of Article 5.

David opened the floor to discussion on the By-laws changes. Kevin offered a comment of support that the proposed changes were long overdue.

Group had a short discussion regarding accepting the edits to the By-Laws. These included: 1) Waiting until July meeting, 2) Approving by e-mail vote after 10 days, 3) Meeting again by Zoom to approve.

Tim Finley moved to put the updated bylaws to vote after they were distributed electronically with an email documented vote.

Johnathan Dulus seconded.

Motion passed with strong verbal “Yes” vote. There were no “No” votes or “Abstain” votes.

David discussed the upcoming July meeting and the impending officer elections. A request was made to make sure that if individuals are being nominated that they are in fact open and interested in serving. David requested that nominations be sent to the Watermaster and him ahead of time if possible.

July meeting will focus on the 2021 budget. The next year’s budget is shaping up to look very similar to the prior year’s budget.

Molly and Laurie brought up the subject of the Admin position vacancy and the possibility of replacing this position with someone that would have a stronger technical skill set with some administrative responsibility. This person may serve as a substitute deputy or even provide more technical interface with Austin for more complex issues. Currently, this potential option is only being offered for discussion.

Next meeting is planned for July 22, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 11:16 am

*Adopted and Approved in Session of the Brazos Watermaster Advisory
Committee on the 22nd day of July, 2020.*

David Sauer, BWAC Chair

Scott Blasor, BWAC Vice-Chair

VACANT, BWAC Secretary