

RIO GRANDE WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 30, 2022

1804 W Jefferson Avenue, Harlingen, TX.

And via

Microsoft Teams

1:30 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. **Chair, Sonny Hinojosa called the meeting to Order.** Three Committee members were present and three via Teams. TCEQ Officials and Staff were also present and via Teams. There were not eight Committee members present, so we did not have a quorum.
- II. **Self-introduction were made.**
- III. **Minutes of the December 7, 2021, Meeting: Troy Allen**
The minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.
- IV. **TCEQ Workforce Plan: Kim Nygren**
Kim Nygren reported, as an agency, most of the staff work two days from the office and three days from an approved remote location. The Rio Grande Watermaster program is working four days in the field and one day from an approved remote location. The Harlingen office will have someone in the office every day of the week. The Harlingen office has reduced the space occupied by two-thirds, the file space remains the same. They are looking at the possibility of reducing the footprint there in the future. In Laredo they have retained the same office space as before. In Eagle Pass they have retained the same office space as before. They are looking at closing the Eagle Pass office in February of 2024. In the future we should see a savings in the annual utilities cost.
- V. **Watermaster Program Updates and Reports**
 - a) **Quarterly Financial Reports – Jose Davila**
Jose Davila reported the fund balance is \$691,868. The collection rate to date is a 97%, with a revenue of \$840,157. The expenditures to date are \$441,966.
 - b) **Watermaster Reports – Anthony Stambaugh**
Anthony Stambaugh reported as of March 19, 2022, the combined ownership of Amistad and Falcon stood at 36.14%, (1,255,000 acre-feet). This is down from 43.85% last year at this time. The system overall is holding 25.29% (1,497,000 acre-feet).
 - c) **Report on Mexico water deliveries – Jose Davila**
Jose Davila reported this 5 year cycle started October 25, 2020. As of March 19, 2022, Mexico has delivered 64,000 acre-feet of water since the start of this cycle. The first year of this cycle ended on October 24, 2021,

with Mexico delivering 61,160 acre-feet of water. As of March 19, 2022, Mexico has a deficit of 424,391 acre-feet of water.

d) El Morillo Drain – Anthony Stambaugh

Anthony Stambaugh reported this morning at 0600 El Morillo had one pump running with no water spilling over the weir. Salinity at Anzalduas was 840 ppm. Falcon is releasing 40 CMS for the U.S. and Mexico is releasing 2 CMS.

VI. Public Comments and Concerns

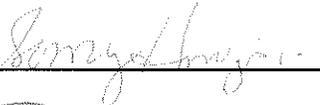
VII. Future Meetings

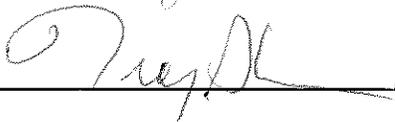
The next meeting is scheduled for sometime in the summer.

VIII. Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at 2:09 P.M.

THESE MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED ON THIS, THE 24 DAY OF JULY, 2020

, CHAIR

, SECRETARY