

**South Texas Water Master Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**7/20/2021**

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Mr. Jose Davila introduced himself and noted he was replacing Laurie Gharis for the STWAC TCEQ representative.

Chair Escobar called the meeting to order at 10:32. We proceeded with Roll Call, we did not have a quorum, so will need to email other committee members for any votes we need.

Everyone present including STWAC members, TCEQ staff and visitors introduced themselves. In attendance included:

**STWM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Patrick Brzozowski  
Cameron Ocker  
Mario Escobar, Chairperson, STWAC  
Melissa Bryant, Secretary, STWAC  
Michael G. Short  
Charles Hickman

**Visitors**

Pablo Martinez – new replacement for Adam Conner  
Doris Cooksey, CPS  
Adrien Hilmy

**TCEQ STAFF**

Alisha Multer  
Daniel Schroeder  
Iliana Spaeth  
Kim Nygren  
Jose Davila

**Absent**

**STWM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ann Kercheville  
Adam Conner  
Richard “Rick” Coleman  
Kirk Schoppe, Vice Chairperson, STWAC  
Frank Granieri

Melissa read the minutes, but a quorum was not present, so could not be approved. Mr. Short made a Motion to approve 2020 minutes contingent upon email votes, Charlie seconded, and approval of minutes was unanimous for committee members present and pending email votes.

Mr. Davila proceeded with the budget 2021 updates. As of June 30, the TCEQ are on track on all expenditures including Salaries, Longevity, and salary enhancements. The FY21 assessed vehicle purchase is in progress; the budget is on track for temporary services on the water accounting system developer; Based on savings TCEQ were able to use leftover dollars for

additional expenditures; postage was more than budgeted, but TCEQ was able to use savings from other areas; TCEQ is in process of adding iPhones for deputies and field staff based on savings from last year in order to improve functionality with office and field staff; TCEQ anticipates having \$2000 left over in last year's budget. Overall TCEQ will be less than 1% within the 2021 budget cycle.

Mr. Davila proceeded to 2022 budget being presented; Mr. Davila listed out the normal expenditures associated with salaries, longevity, salary enhancements, fringe, and additional insurance and retirement. Additional vehicle purchases were secured by capital authority and will be processed in 2021. Kim Nygren mentioned spending is limited by legislation authority, so any funding left over from this year can be used for purchase of vehicle. TCEQ does prefer to keep 6 months of expenditures in fund balance, currently they have a year's worth of expenses, so have some funding available for vehicle purchases. We will not see any vehicle assessments for next two years.

Chair Escobar did note the fuel/lubricants were the same for both years and asked if it needed to be increased with increasing fuel costs. Mr. Davila noted they did not anticipate an increase. Overall, the FY2022 budget needs will be \$715,120.71 a savings of \$10,155.84 from 2021. The municipal rate is anticipated to be 0.2022/acre-feet. TCEQ did have a 100% collection rate this past year.

Mr. Escobar asked if we could approve the 2022 Budget. Melissa Bryant made the motion to approve the 2022 Budget. Pat Brzozowski seconded, all in favor, approval was unanimously. Staff will get an email approval for those absent.

There were updates on the WAC membership. Adam Conner is no longer with SAWS - Pablo Martinez has submitted a resume to TCEQ as the replacement for SAWS. We will need to address two vacancies - Mark Van Vleck is no longer with the city of Corpus Christi. Steve Ramos attends as a proxy, and Donald Reese is no longer with the city of Victoria. No nominations were made to fill the vacancies.

Old business

There was not any new business to discuss.

Future meetings

The next regular meeting of the committee will be in July 2022.

Melissa Bryant made motion to adjourn; Pat Brzozowski seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

  
Chair

7/12/2023

  
Secretary