

South Texas Water Master Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
7/09/19

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Mario Escobar, Chair, South Texas Watermaster Advisory Committee (STWAC). A quorum of the STWAC was present. Everyone present including STWAC members, TCEQ staff and visitors introduced themselves.

Steven Raabe moved and Stuart Barron seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting where a quorum was present and to accept the meeting notes from the July 19, 2016, July 14, 2017, July 17, 2018 and the October 16, 2018 meetings where there was no quorum present. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2020 Budget

Laurie Gharis, Manager, Watermaster Section presented the proposed FY2020 budget. The FY2020 Operating Budget needs totaled \$743,422.00. The assessment necessary based on 97.5% collection rate is \$762,484.10. Ms. Gharis noted that the increase in the budget is primarily due to addition of the South Texas Watermaster Program's pro-rata share of the central purchasing position and the need to purchase one replacement vehicle. The fringe rate in the budget is now the current TCEQ standard rate.

She also reported that the municipal, industrial and combined rates are proposed to be \$0.2388/acre-feet. A copy of the water use types and their respective rate factors were provided to the STWAC.

TCEQ staff responded to questions from the committee members present. There were no concerns expressed regarding the proposed budget. Donald Reese moved to recommend approval of the proposed budget to the TCEQ Executive Director. Patrick Brzozowski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Watermaster Advisory Committee Membership.

Ms. Gharis introduced the new members and recognized the existing members who were reappointed.

Revision of Bylaws

The proposed bylaw changes were circulated to the Advisory Committee members at least ten days prior to this meeting. The proposed revisions would allow a member of the STWAC to designate an alternate to attend the meeting in their place in the event the STWAC member could not attend and to give such designated alternates full voting privileges. Patrick Brzozowski moved to approve the bylaws as revised during the discussion. Stuart Barron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the committee will be in July 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.