

SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Michael Russell, President
Borden Bell, Jr., Vice President
Kirby Hollingsworth
Patricia Wommack
Wally Kraft

STAFF:

Nancy Rose, Secretary/Treasurer
John Jarvis, Consultant
Kirk Patton, Attorney

ABSENT:

Brad Drake
David Neeley

VISTORS: See Attachment

ITEM# 1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Michael Russell, President.
He Welcomed and Thanked everyone in attendance for their interests in

ITEM# 2: INVOCATION.

The Invocation was given by Borden Bell, Jr., Vice President.

ITEM# 3: DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19th, 2016.

Michael Russell, President stated that everyone had received a copy of the Minutes for February 19th, 2016. He asked if anyone had any amendments to the Minutes.

A motion was made by Wally Kraft and seconded by Kirby Hollingsworth to approve the Minutes for February 19th, 2016 as presented.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

ITEM# 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Russell, President stated that (2) people signed up for the Public
(1). John Whitson, City Manager for Texarkana, Texas

(2). Jeff Lewis, City Attorney for Texarkana, Texas

Michael Russell, President stated that each of the two had asked to wait and speak during the Agenda Item# 9.

ITEM# 5: DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE REPORTS OF THE CASH POSITION AND EXPENDITURES.

Michael Russell, President stated that we have \$781,495.07 in the Checking Account as of March 10th, 2016.

He asked if anyone had any comments or questions on the Reports.

A motion was made by Kirby Hollingsworth and seconded by Wally Kraft to approve the Reports of the Cash Position and Expenditures as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

ITEM# 6: UPDATES ON THE CLEAN RIVERS PROGRAM:

Nancy Rose stated that she had sent in the Progress Report as of March 10, 2015. She stated that TCEQ will be giving more money on the Contract to help with the water monitoring and other extra items as needed.

Mike Buttram stated that all the lakes and streams are full. He stated that we are behind on the monitoring because of all the water.

He stated that the Texarkana College ACS Grant is allowing an adventure at the Texas High School in Texarkana, Texas on March 31, 2016.

It is to allow the student to participate and learn in water monitoring and other projects. The equipment will be supplied by the Texarkana College.

Mike Buttram also, stated that the Boy Scouts Aroma will be held on April 2, 2016 at the Springs Lake Park in Texarkana, Texas. He stated that the Texas Parks & Wildlife will be helping with the Events.

He invited everyone in attendance to attend.

ITEM# 7: DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE OPTION 1 OF THE "PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK" PREPARED BY SULPHUR BASIN GROUP, PLLC:

John Jarvis stated that this Option One is not ready to be delivered, so the Board of Directors should Defer to a later date. He stated that the Corps of Engineers is not ready for this Item. He stated that SRBA should not obligate money on this Item at this time. If they cannot deliver, then it could go to someone else.

Kirk Patton, Attorney stated that the Board of Directors should make a motion and second to TABLE this Item until a later date.

A motion was made by Borden Bell, Jr., Vice President and seconded by Wally Kraft to TABLE "Agenda Item# 7" for a later date.

The motion carried with all members present voting AYE!

Pat Wommack stated that she does not understand the difference in Task 1 and Task 4.

ITEM# 8: DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION IF NECESSARY ON NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS).

Wally Kraft stated that he had met and discussed this Item with Delta County and Lamar County. He stated that he was not sure what their Protocol was going to He stated that there needs to be trees planted for natural resources of the rivers and streams to help with the Sedimentation of rivers/lakes.

He stated that it is all mostly farm land next to the rivers/streams. He stated that Landowners should be ready to protect.

There was much discussion back and forward with Board of Directors on this Item. It was discussed that SRBA can help others pursue this matter and get something going, but SRBA does not have the Funds to pursue. Wally stated that he will try to set up meeting for Delta and Lamar Counties to get something going.

It was stated that "The Texas Soil & Water" has a Web Site on the Internet.

There was no motion needed just discussion.

ITEM# 9: UPDATES FROM JOHN JARVIS OF COMMENTS FROM CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS.

John Whitson, City Manager of Texarkana, Texas stated that he and his Council were still waiting for an Open Meeting between SRBA and City of Texarkana, Texas. He stated that he had requested that the SRBA Board of Directors vote to hold a joint meeting between the SRBA Board and the City Council of Texarkana, Texas. He stated that the City Council earnestly desires to talk in an Open Meeting concerning SRBA studies and plans related to Lake Wright Patman.

A motion was made by Borden Bell, Jr., Vice President and seconded by Pat Wommack to have an Open Meeting with City of Texarkana, Texas. Borden Bell stated that Kirk Patton, SRBA Attorney and Jeff Lewis, City of Texarkana Attorney needs to plan and set up the meeting and agenda.

Kirk Patton, SRBA Attorney stated that we need a list of Agenda Items from the City of Texarkana, Texas. Borden Bell, Jr., Vice President stated that we should have this meeting by the end of April 29, 2016.

This Meeting will be posted and handled as all other SRBA Board Meetings are. The motion was carried with all members present voting AYE.

Jeff Lewis, Attorney of City of Texarkana, Texas stated that this meeting is important and that the SRBA Board of Directors listen to and fully respond to those who are impacted by SRBA plans and decisions. He thanked the SRBA Board of Directors for working on setting a meeting.

Kirby Hollingsworth stated that he hoped all could get along because he hated to see things not going peacefully. He stated that we need better working relationships.

ITEM# 10: UPDATES ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY:

John Jarvis stated that each one has a copy of the SBG Progress Report. He stated that he had been talking and working with Tony Smith of RPS, Inc. on their Progress Report.

He stated that he is working to coordinate a meeting between SBG, Inc. and He stated that the delay of the Corps of Engineers has slowed things down.

ITEM# 11: UPDATES ON REGION D:

Pat Wommack stated that Region D is holding a Public Hearing on March 16, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. After the close of the Public Hearing, the regular Region D meeting will be conducted.

She asked Nancy Rose to attend the Region D meeting on March 16, 2016 in her place to represent SRBA.

ITEM# 12: ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND/OR STAFF:

Nancy Rose stated that the next regular monthly meeting is set for Tuesday, April Kirby Hollingsworth welcomed Representative VanDeaver for attending the

ITEM# 13: ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Wally Kraft and seconded by Kirby Hollingsworth to The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.
