

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WATER ADVOCATES

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ZOOM MEETING

Minutes—January 9, 2019

Present: Bob Wessely, Carolyn Kennedy, Lynn Montgomery, Norm Gaume, Theresa Cardenas, Anissa Duwaik, Ralph Wrons, Oscar Simpson, Mike Marcus and Janet Jarrett.

1. **Call to Order** – Presence of a quorum was noted and the meeting was called to order at approximately 2:10 p.m.
2. **Introductions** – Not necessary.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Marcus seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018, meeting, as amended by Mr. Wrons. Mr. Wrons seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Business Items:**

a. Brief Status Reports –

(1) *HM 1/MCC—Status of Draft Bills:* Mr. Wessely stated that the three bills had now been prefiled, as follows:

HB 174 –Directing the OSE to finish preparation for priority administration and the ISC responsible for water planning.

HB 186 – Reforming the general powers of the ISC to include water planning, enacting the Regional Water Planning Act, and providing criteria and direction for state and regional water planning.

HB 187 – Tasking the Utton Transboundary Resources Center with evaluating and making recommendations to amend New Mexico’s water laws.

All three bills implement Making the Case for Change and include a total appropriation of \$18.5 million. Ms. Jarrett expressed concern with respect to HB 187 in opening up the Water Code. She will review the bill and make recommendations.

b. Report, Discuss, Assign Next Steps – Advocacy for HM1/MCC Bills:

(1) *18th Council Recommendations (Dec. 10, Item 5(b)):* Ms. Hebard provided a summary, which is attached to the minutes of the 12/10/18 board meeting.

(2) *Feb. 13 Legislative Table Committee Report (Dec. 10, Item 5(c)(2)):* Ms. Kennedy secured a table through the Sierra Club for Lands, Water and Wildlife Day at the Legislature on 2/13/19. Mr. Montgomery, Ms. Cardenas and Mr. Simpson were tasked with selecting materials for the table.

(3) *Publicity Committee Report (Dec. 10, Item 5(c)(3)):* Mr. Wrons will work with Ms. Cardenas and Ms. Duwaik on this task.

c. Report, Discuss, Approve/Disapprove – Items from Publicity Committee Work:

(1) *Logo Design:* Ms. Cardenas is working with the consultant, Ms. Poston on the logo design. The Board was shown the designs that Ms. Poston submitted. Ms. Jarrett made a motion to approve the first version, with the waterdrop, Mr. Gaume seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Ms. Jarrett suggested that the logo be rearranged for letterhead, and Mr. Wrons asked whether the water drop could be used as a watermark on stationery.

(2) *Website Design:* Same as above.

(3) *Funding for Communications – Among Advocates and Partners:* Mr. Gaume made a motion for the Board to approve expenditure of up to \$5,000 by the Publicity Committee for advocacy purposes during the 2019 legislative session. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Gaume then restated the motion to include communications concerning getting the bills passed, Mr. Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Simpson will provide the Secretary of State's rules on lobbying to the Board.

(4) *Postings to Facebook, Twitter, WA Website, WA ListServe:* See b(3) above.

(5) *Reimburse Mileage for Santa Fe Advocacy Work:* Deferred.

d. Reminder – Next Board Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

6. *Officers' and Directors' Comments and Announcements* – None.

7. *Public Comments and Announcements* – None.

8. *Adjourn* – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.