

**Implementing Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan
Minutes of the September 20, 2012 Meeting at the EAA Conference Center in San Antonio, Texas**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 11:38 a.m. Nathan Pence represented the City of New Braunfels and Mike Abbott represented Texas State University. A quorum was present for all purposes. *Attached to these minutes is an attendance list that was created at the meeting.*

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Approval of Minutes from the Implementing Committee meeting of August 16, 2012.

Mike Abbott moved to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting. Chuck Ahrens seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

4. Receive the report on the status of the Regional Water Conservation Program Work Plan

Chris Abernathy discussed the draft scope of work for the Regional Water Conservation Program that was distributed with the Agenda. The scope of work will be included in the Interlocal Agreement that will be entered into with Texas A&M University for the implementation of the Regional Water Conservation Program. The scope of work is based on the proposal presented to the Implementing Committee by Calvin Finch at the August 16, 2012 meeting and the input received from the Regional Water Conservation Advisory Group.

5. Receive report on the status of the HCP funding applications

Robert Gulley reported that representatives from the EAA would be meeting on September 26 with financial personnel from the spring cities and Texas State University to discuss the inter-local agreement that will be used to fund the Applications for projects in 2013.

8. Receive report and consider possible decision action regarding the ecological modeling scope of work and zero year funding

Robert Gulley discussed the meetings held in August with ecological modeling experts and the recommendation of the experts that additional preliminary work was needed before it could be determined whether an ecological model was appropriate and, if so what platform would be most appropriate. Robert Gulley recommended that Thom Hardy and Ed Oborny be retained to work together to develop the additional information by December 15, 2012. Roland Ruiz made a motion to use the remaining \$17,500 in year zero funds for ecological modeling to hire Hardy and Oborny to complete preliminary work in 2012. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

7. Receive report on status of the Applied Research Work Plan

Robert Gulley and Chris Abernathy reported on the initial comments of the engineers from the Albuquerque office of FWS regarding the feasibility of applied research facility described by the Science

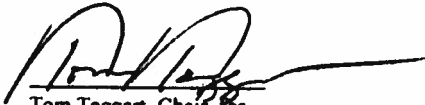
Committee. FWS's preliminary assessment suggests that the components and features of the applied research facility identified by the Science Committee will be feasible within our allotted construction budget. FWS will provide a final report on their conclusions by October 17, 2012. Another meeting of the Science Committee may be necessary to consider adjustments to the facility if the components and features cannot be constructed within the allocated budget.

9. Receive report and consider possible action regarding guidelines on the use of staff of implementing committee members

The Implementing Committee discussed the limitation on the use of use of HCP funds for hiring employees of the Implementing Committee personnel in the Funding and Management Agreement. No action was taken on this issue. It was agreed that no modifications to the Funding and Management Agreement should be considered at this time. The Committee discussed problems that were being caused by this limitation. It was agreed that the Committee would continue to discuss this issue at future meetings.

The next meeting of the Implementing Committee will be held October 18, 2012, at the New Braunfels Civic Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.



Tom Taggart, Chair, for
William Nance, Secretary
to the Implementing Committee

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