

**MINUTES**  
**For the Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee and Stakeholders Regarding**  
**the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program**  
**Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Seguin, Texas**  
**November 12, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

1. Administrative Matters

The Chair, Con Mims, called the meeting to order. Secretary Steve Raabe called roll of the Steering Committee. A quorum was present for all purposes.

Diane Wassenich made a motion to approve the Agenda. Kirk Patterson seconded the motion. There were no changes to the Agenda; thus, the Agenda was approved by consensus.

Weir Labatt made a motion to approve the minutes set out as Attachment 1 to the Agenda. Calvin Finch seconded the motion. There no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Micaela Walker said that the January 25-26 Workshop would be held at Tapatio Springs in Boerne, Texas. She will send out information on the January retreat within a week or two.

2. Discussion and approval of the project management budget for 2010.

Diane Wassenich made a motion to accept the budget as set out in Attachment 4 to the Agenda except that the money allocated for Susan Aragon- Long's work with the Science Subcommittee would be adjusted to allow Ms. Aragon-Long only to work through March 2010 at the \$131.90 rate recently proposed by USGS. Jim Bower seconded the motion. Weir Labatt proposed adding up to \$5000 to the budget to compensate the Program Manager for the cost of his healthcare insurance. Wassenich and Bower accepted the amendment to the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

Robert Gulley said that at the Request of the Finance Work group, he will be preparing a report detailing the process for managing grants and contracts through TAMU and for managing the budget.

3. Discussion and possible decision regarding the recommendations of the Issues Team (Attachment 5).

Jerry James said the Issues Team reached consensus not to recommend funding the Gains and Losses Study because it was likely that the Army Corps of Engineers would fund the study. Dianne Wassenich made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Issues Team with respect to the Gains and Losses Study. Kirk Patterson seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion was approved.

Jerry James reported that the Issues Team reached consensus to recommend approval of the Optimization Study provided that SAWS funded 50 percent of the estimated \$150,000 cost of the study. Jim Bower made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Issues Team. Kirk Patterson seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion passed.

With regard to the Whooping Crane Study, Jerry James reported there was not a consensus among the Issues Team nor was there a recommendation regarding a restated alternative. Robert Gulley said that, under the Program Operational Rules, there were four options for proceeding: (1) trying again to reach consensus among the Steering Committee members; (2) moving directly to a vote of the study; (3) recommitting the issue to the Issue Team; or (4) sending the issue to a new issue team. The selection of an option required a simple majority vote. Calvin Finch made a motion to proceed directly to a vote. Todd Votteler seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion was approved.

After additional discussion, Jerry James made a motion to approve the Whooping Crane Study. Kristin Soto seconded the motion. Cindy Loeffler proposed amending the motion to state that agreement to fund the study is not in any way a decision on geographic scope. Jerry James and Kristin Soto accepted the amendment. After a roll-call vote, consensus was not reached; thus, the motion did not pass.

#### 4. Report from the Science Subcommittee.

Robert Mace, Ed Oborny and Jackie Poole reported the current status of the Science Subcommittee work on the “j” charges.

#### 5. Discussion and possible decision regarding peer review of the recommendations of the Science Subcommittee and Hardy Study.

Diane Wassenich made a motion to send out the draft Request for Proposal for a peer review consultant (attached to the Agenda as Attachment 8) to have the recommendations of the Science Subcommittee and Hardy Study reviewed. Bruce Alexander seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus, the motion was passed.

Roger Biggers made a motion to direct the Program Manager to prepare a request to amend the TWDB grant to fund the peer review study. Bruce Alexander seconded the motion. There were no objections; thus the motion was passed.

There being no further business, Calvin Finch made a motion to adjourn, Weir Labatt seconded the motion, there being no objections, Chair Con Mims, adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.