

**Meeting Minutes  
Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program  
July 10, 2008  
GBRA River Annex  
Seguin, TX**

**Administrative Matters**

A roll call of the Steering Committee was taken and a quorum was present for discussion and voting on all matters.

The Meeting Minutes for the June 12, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously.

**Nominations for the Recharge Facility Subcommittee**

Diane Wassenich made a motion that the Steering Committee appoint as members for the Recharge Facility Subcommittee the seventeen entities set out in Attachment 2 to the Agenda and Tyson Broad as a representative of the Sierra Club. Steve Raabe seconded the motion. Jerry James clarified that Dan Laroe, although correctly shown on Attachment 2 as affiliated with the Preserve Lake Dunlap Association, was nominated as a representative of the Guadalupe Basin Coalition. Twenty-four members of the Steering Committee voted to approve the motion with the clarification. The clarified motion passed.

Bruce Moulton made a motion that TCEQ be added to the Subcommittee as a non-voting member. Kirk Patterson seconded the motion. After some discussion as to whether the USGS, NRCS, and Army Corps of Engineers had been formally approved as non-voting members and whether other state agencies may wish to have that status, it was agreed that the Agenda for the August meeting will include a decision to formally appoint the federal agencies as non-voting members of the Subcommittee as well to add any State agency desiring that status.

**Public Outreach Subcommittee**

Dianne Wassenich has been selected as the chair of the subcommittee and Jim Bower has been selected as the vice-chair.

Kirk Patterson made a motion to adopt the charge for Public Outreach Subcommittee set out in Attachment 3 to the Agenda. Roger Biggers seconded the motion. Twenty four members of the Steering Committee voted to approve the motion. The motion passed.

The Steering Committee asked the Subcommittee to develop formal rules of operation to be approved by the Steering Committee so as not to have conflicts between the Subcommittee's internal rules of operation and the EARIP's Program Operational Rules. Carl Adkins made a motion to give the subcommittee the authority in the interim to hold meetings on short notice as long a good-faith attempt is made to provide at least 72 hours notice. Colette Baron seconded the motion. Twenty-four members of the Steering Committee voted to approve the motion. The motion passed.

Dianne Wassenich gave a report on the work of the Public Outreach Subcommittee.

### **Report of the Finance Workgroup**

Jerry James reported that Robert Potts had talked to Neil Wilkins at Texas A&M University. Dr. Wilkins agreed to limit the overhead that TAMU charges to 5% for program management costs instead of the usual 26% overhead rate. Mr. James stated TAMU will hold the funds for project management expenses for calendar year 2009. TAMU will send out invoices. We need wherever possible to receive payments or firm commitments for payment for 2009 by November 1, 2008. The EARIP will have to seek additional funds for special projects.

At the Senate Oversight Subcommittee hearing on July 17, the Project Manager will make clear that the EARIP needs help to fund future work such as Structured Decision Making and the development of the HCP/draft EIS.

### **Retaining Dr. Thomas Hardy to evaluate flow regimes on the ecological status of the Comal and San Marcos River and Systems**

Steve Raabe reported on the recent meetings of the biological workgroup.

The Project Manager has submitted a grant application to the TWDB to pay for 50 percent of the proposed study by Dr. Hardy. Subject to the approval of their respective boards, it is anticipated that EAA, SARA, SAWS, and GBRA will fund the remainder of the Hardy Study and up to \$50,000 for USGS's participation in that study. Decisions regarding funding by all of these agencies, including TWDB, should be finalized by the end of August.

Buck Benson made a motion to authorize the EARIP to enter, subject to the funding agencies' approval of the availability of funds, into a contract with Dr. Hardy for the proposal he has submitted and that the Project Manager request EAA to act as contracting agent for EARIP with respect to the contract and as grantee for the TWDB contract. Jim Bower seconded the motion. Twenty-five members of the Steering Committee voted to approve the motion. The motion passed.

### **Discussion regarding Structured Decision Making**

Robert Potts stated that a decision regarding SDM was not needed at this time because funding is not available. The Steering Committee asked the Project Manager to look for sources of funding for this work.

### **Report from the Science Subcommittee**

Tom Brandt gave reported on the work of the Science Subcommittee.

### **Date for the October Meeting**

The October meeting has been rescheduled for October 16th. Anna Munoz will work with Roger Biggers to determine whether NBU can host the meeting on that date.

The next meeting of the EARIP will be held at 10 a.m. at the GBRA River Annex.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 12:14