



Gulf Coast Water Authority  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
January 15, 2015

COUNTY OF GALVESTON §  
STATE OF TEXAS §

The Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority of Galveston County, Texas, met on **Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Gulf Coast Water Authority's Administrative Office located at 3630 FM 1765, Texas City, Texas, with the duly constituted Board said to wit:

<i>James McWhorter</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Russell Jones</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Sue Edrozo</i>	<i>Secretary / Treasurer</i>
<i>Gary Potter</i>	<i>Assistant Secretary / Treasurer</i>
<i>James Cesarini</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Ray Holbrook</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Shane Hamilton</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>Cliff Mock</i>	<i>Director</i>
<i>David Van Riper</i>	<i>Director</i>

*All Board Members were in attendance with the exception of Gary Potter. A quorum was present*

*Also attending: Bobby Gervais, Ivan Langford, David Sauer, Bob Webb, Nancy Matthews, John Martinez, James Vanderwater, Renee Dondonay, Randy Jones, Philip Topek, Brenda Smith, Valeria Rodriguez, Kevin Ebrom, Seth Tomlinson, David Davalos, Rod Clifton, Rick Gerlach*

1. Convene Meeting

*James McWhorter called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.*

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

*No Conflict of Interest Declarations*

3. Requests to Address the Board

*Rod Clifton requested to address the Board regarding Desalination Projects and Seth Tomlinson requested to address the Board regarding Rice Water for 2015.*

#### 4. Managers' Report

#### 5. Board Committees

- Engineering Committee

*The Engineering Committee met on January 8, 2015. James McWhorter, Sue Edrozo, James Cesarini and David Van Riper discussed the Power Activated Carbon System and the Variable Frequency Drive Replacement, two items which are on the agenda for approval. They also reviewed the ARKK Engineering North and Bayshore Lines Modeling Report, suggested Freese and Nichols review a proposed water route from the Sabine across the Bay and continued discussions on the Reuse Water from the City of Houston.*

- Safety Committee

*The Safety Committee met on January 8, 2015. Gary Potter, James Cesarini and Shane Hamilton discussed the use of buoys or vests for employees working over water, GCWA's OSHA Training and the decision not to adopt all OSHA practices, the Board of Directors attendance at Employee Safety Meetings, and the upcoming Safety Audit for 2015.*

- Organization and Planning Committee

*The Organization and Planning Committee did not meet in January 2015.*

#### 6. Advisory Committees

- Industrial Advisory Committee

*The Industrial Advisory Committee met on January 7, 2015. The committee reviewed the monthly reports on the Brazos River. With Darrell Richardson's retirement, David Davalos with DOW is now Chair for the committee and Bennie Jones with INEOS is Co-Chair.*

- Mainland Division Operating Advisory Committee

*The Mainland Division Operating Advisory Committee met on January 6, 2015. The committee reviewed the monthly reports on the Brazos River.*

#### 7. Consent Agenda

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the Minutes from the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting held December 18, 2014.
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the reimbursement of eligible travel expenses to Board Member Russell Jones' for his attendance at the *Changing Face of Water Rights Course* co-sponsored by Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section and the Real Estate Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, February 26-27, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas.
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve abandonment of 60 foot of abandoned lateral located in lot 44 of H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract 548, Section 22 of Brazoria County and approving conveyance by Quitclaim Deed to Juanita Cavazos and authorization for the General Manager to sign the pertinent documents.

*Sue Edrozo seconded James Cesarini's motion to approve Items A, B and C of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Russell Jones who abstained from voting due to the possible perceived Conflict of Interest on Item C.*

#### 8. Old Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of irrigation meters and related items from Mace Meters LLC and authorization for the General Manager to sign the pertinent documents.

*David Van Riper seconded Cliff Mock's motion to approve the purchase of 70 irrigation meters and related items from Mace Meters in the amount of \$329,706.97 and authorize the General Manager to sign the pertinent documents. The motion passed unanimously.*

9. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase the Briscoe P2 Pump Impeller from Standard Alloys, Inc and authorization for the General Manager to sign the pertinent documents.

*Sue Edrozo seconded James Cesarini's motion to approve the quote from Standard Alloys, Inc in the amount of \$129,196.00 for the replacement of two impellers and authorize the General Manager to sign the pertinent documents. The motion passed unanimously.*

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve a purchase order for Dry Powder Activated Carbon (PAC) Storage and Feed System for the Thomas S Mackey Water Treatment Plant and authorization for the General Manager to sign the pertinent documents.

*Russell Jones seconded Sue Edrozo's motion to approve the purchase of Dry Powder Activated Carbon (PAC) Storage and Feed System to Cabot Corporation for \$400,000.00. The motion passed unanimously*

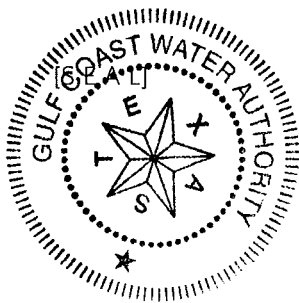
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a sole source purchase of components and service for variable frequency drives at the Thomas S. Mackey Water Treatment Plant from Siemens Industry Inc. and authorization for the General Manager to sign the pertinent documents.

*Cliff Mock seconded David Van Riper's motion to approve the sole source purchase of components and service for variable frequency drives at the Thomas S Mackey Water Treatment Plant from Siemens Industry Inc in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 and authorize the General Manager to sign the pertinent documents. The motion passed unanimously.*

10. Adjourn Meeting

*James McWhorter adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.*

Passed and approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.



Sue Edrozo, Secretary / Treasurer  
Gulf Coast Water Authority Board of Directors