

NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marvin Fuller called the meeting of the NTMWD Legislative Committee to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018, in the NTMWD Administrative Offices in Wylie, Texas.

Members present included Chairman Marvin Fuller, Directors Terry Sam Anderson, Phil Dyer, Bill Glass, Joe Joplin, Bill Lofland, and John Murphy. A quorum of the Legislative Committee was present. Any reference to unanimous votes refers to a unanimous vote of the Committee members present.

President John Sweeden, Vice President Don Gordon, Secretary Larry Parks and Directors Joe Farmer and Richard Peasley were also present for the meeting.

NTMWD staff present included Tom Kula, Mike Rickman, Brian Brooks, R.J. Muraski, Janet Rummel, and Leann Bumpus.

Rick Ericson with The LeMaster Group attended the meeting. Lauren Kalisek with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, Ron Lewis with Ron Lewis & Associates and Snapper Carr with Focused Advocacy participated via telephone.

II. OPENING REMARKS

- A. Executive Director/Committee Champion Status Report concerning legislation and regulatory matters, budgets, current projects and ongoing programs of the District

Executive Director Tom Kula informed the Committee that Lauren Kalisek, Ron Lewis and Snapper Carr were on the telephone. Mr. Kula indicated a transition of duties would be occurring and that a full-time government relations position had been created reporting to Brian Brooks. He stated this individual will work federal and state issues as well as county and city items.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider Approval of Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2017

Upon a motion by Director Terry Sam Anderson and a second by Director Phil Dyer, the Legislative Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Legislative Committee meeting held on April 25, 2017.

- B. Consider Action on Selection of a Legislative Committee Vice-Chairman

After a brief Committee discussion, Chairman Marvin Fuller nominated Director Terry Sam Anderson for the Vice-Chairman position. Upon a motion by Director Bill Glass and a second by Director John Murphy, the Legislative Committee voted unanimously to appoint Terry Sam Anderson as Vice-Chairman for the 2018-2019 term.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Government Relations Program

Deputy Director Mike Rickman reviewed team members at the state and federal levels. He stated the District is a charter member of Texas Water Supply Partners, formerly H204Texas, and they are only looking at adding two more entities.

Mr. Rickman spoke about the Oklahoma boundary issue and answered questions from Committee members related to the Lacey Act and possibilities of pumping from Lake Texoma with delivery into Lavon Lake.

B. November 6th Elections

Mr. Rickman discussed candidates in the upcoming elections. Ron Lewis provided input and Snapper Carr said the biggest challenge is the change, transition and loss of key legislative members over the last four years. The team further reviewed Texas House of Representative and Texas State Senate candidates as well as the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representative candidates.

C. NTMWD Legislation

a. Federal

- i. HR 4423/S3202
- ii. HR 1807

Mr. Rickman reviewed the bills and stated HR 4423/S3202 limits claims seeking judicial review of the Bois d'Arc Lake Clean Water Act permit. He stated the bill was passed in the Senate yesterday. He reminded the Committee that HR 1807 relates to the Lacey Act exception for water transfers between Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

b. State

i. Potential Amendments to Enabling Legislation

Mr. Rickman advised that if NTMWD was to consider amending its enabling legislation, an amendment to consider would be to mirror state construction contract award limits as they currently do not match state limits.

The government relations team discussed with the Committee the possibility that legislation may be filed during the upcoming session on governance issues. Executive Director Kula reminded the Committee that the NTMWD Board voted by majority not to proceed with a change to governance. The Committee discussed this topic further. Mr. Rickman discussed the possibility of this bill being a local/bracketed bill. Further discussion took place on this topic and the strategy the District wishes to pursue. It was restated the majority

of the Board voted not to move forward with legislation regarding governance.

ii. Red River Boundary Issue

Mr. Rickman said that legislation was previously approved in Texas and is in place through 2020 related to creation of the Boundary Commission, but no legislative action to create the Boundary Commission has taken place in Oklahoma. He indicated the current Oklahoma Governor is not willing to pass legislation for appointments to the Oklahoma Boundary Commission.

D. Path Forward

Mr. Rickman's discussion included the Speaker's race, committee chair assignments and NTMWD champions.

E. Insurance Coverage Related to Pipeline Break

Discussions included the homeowner's insurance coverage position as well as the District's insurance carrier's position.

F. Opportunity for Committee Members to Provide Feedback on Meeting

There were no comments provided by Committee members.

G. Opportunity for Committee Members to Request Potential Future Agenda Items
(No substantive discussion of items will take place at this time)

There were no future potential agenda items requested by Committee members.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:36 p.m. The next Legislative Committee meeting will be called by the Chairman with proper notification to all members.



MARVIN FULLER
Chairman