RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS

AGENDA

Board of Directors
SPECIAL CALLED CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
Thursday, October 24, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
Red River Authority of Texas Administrative Offices
3000 Hammon Road
Wichita Falls, Texas

General public wishing to address the Board must sign in prior to the Call to Order. General public wishing to speak on a particular agenda item must list the specific item on the signup sheet. General public wishing to address the Board about items not on the agenda will be allowed a three-minute time frame. The Board cannot comment on items not on the agenda or take action other than to place a topic on a future agenda.

If necessary, the Board of Directors may convene into Executive Session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code regarding any item on this agenda. The Board may take final action on any of the executive session matters upon reconvening in open session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Item One: Call the Meeting to Order

Item Two: Public Comments to the Board of Directors

Comments from the general public to members of the board concerning items that are not on the board agenda. As comments from the general public are not posted agenda items, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits RRA Board Members and Staff from discussing or responding to these comments during board meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda will be considered and acted on in one motion.

Item Three: None

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Item Four: Consider Appointment of General Counsel. The Board May Take Any Other Action Deemed Necessary.

Item Five: Comments from the Directors and/or Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Item Six: Adjourn Meeting

Any item on this agenda may be discussed in executive session if authorized by Texas law regardless of whether any item is listed under "Executive Sessions" of this agenda, regardless of any past or current practice of the Board. Executive sessions described generally hereunder may include consideration of any item otherwise listed on the agenda plus any subject specified in the executive session notice. Executive Session Board Meetings are closed meetings, may include consideration of any item otherwise listed on the agenda plus any subject specified in the executive session notice, and may include items under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.084, and/or 551.087.

Special Accommodations: This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for special accommodations or interpretive services must be made forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Please contact Ms. Danna P. Bales at 940-723-2236 or danna.bales@rra.texas.gov for assistance.

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Special Called
Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
October 24, 2019

The Red River Authority of Texas Board of Directors held a special called meeting via conference call meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The conference call meeting originated at the Authority's Administrative Offices located at 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas and was open to the public. The following directors and staff were present on site for the meeting:

Directors: Mr. Jerry Bob Daniel, President, Truscott
Mr. George Wilson Scaling, II, Henrietta

Staff: Mr. Randall W. Whiteman, General Manager
Mr. Fabian A. Heaney, Assistant General Manager
Ms. Danna P. Bales, Executive Assistant
Ms. Lana R. Hefton, Controller

The following directors joined the meeting via phone:

Directors: Mr. Todd Boykin, Vice President, Amarillo
Mr. Michael R. Sandefur, Secretary-Treasurer, Texarkana
Mr. Stephen A. Thornhill, Assistant Secretary, Denison
Mr. Joe L. Ward, Telephone

Guests: No guests were in attendance.

Item One: **Call the Meeting to Order**

Mr. Daniel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called roll to ensure a quorum was present. Absent from the meeting were directors Mr. Zack Smith and Ms. Penny Carpenter.

Item Two: **Public Comments to the Board of Directors**

There were no public comments to the Board of Directors.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item Three: **None**

REGULAR AGENDA

Item Four: **Consider Appointment of General Counsel. The Board May Take Any Other Action Deemed Necessary.**

Mr. Boykin stated that he reached out to all of the lawyers that responded to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and to quite a few lawyers that knew each of them, and did not receive any negative feedback on Ms. Sara Thornton or on the Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle and Townsend, P.C. (LGRT) firm. Mr. Whiteman added that he met Ms. Thornton at the Texas Water Conservation Meeting in San Antonio last week, and she will be in Wichita Falls within the next couple of weeks and will be available to meet during that time. He added that if the Board felt that the level of commitment was not being received, LGRT could be kept as Special Counsel, and a different General Counsel could be selected.

Mr. Daniel thanked Mr. Boykin and Mr. Thornhill for their time in the selection of a General Counsel. He then asked if there were any other Board Members that would like to comment on any of the firms that responded to the RFQ. Mr. Ward, Mr. Sandefur, and Mr. Scaling stated that they had no other comments.

With no additional discussion, Mr. Boykin made a motion to appoint Ms. Sara Thornton with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle and Townsend, P.C. as General Counsel. His motion was seconded by Mr. Thornhill, and the motion passed by a vote of **6 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Five: **Comments from the Directors and/or Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Whiteman stated that another conference call meeting may have to be set, depending on the status of the proposed contract with the North Central Texas Council of Government regarding HB 4166 – Red River Navigation Study.

Discussion was then held regarding the draft Strategic Plan and the possibility of having another Strategic Planning Session in conjunction with the January 2020 Executive Committee Meeting.

Item Six: **Adjourn Meeting**

With no more discussion, Mr. Sandefur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m. His motion was seconded by Mr. Ward, and the motion passed by a vote of **6 For** and **0 Against**.

Todd W. Boykin, President

Michael R. Sandefur, Secretary-Treasurer