



## GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

The San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) GRP Review Committee Meeting was held at 11:30 a.m., February 22, 2021 at the San Jacinto River Authority GRP Division Operations Building located at 11998 Pine Valley Drive, Conroe, Texas 77304 and via telephone conference call/webinar. Notice of said meeting was duly posted per GRP Contract requirements.

### **The following Review Committee Members participated:**

Present:

Jackie Chance  
Duke Coon  
Mike Mooney  
Rick Moffatt  
Joe Sherwin  
Mike Stoecker

GRP Review Committee:

Chair

Representing:

MUDs West of I-45  
City of Conroe  
Woodlands Water  
MUDs East of I-45  
Cities other than City of Conroe  
Investor Owned Utilities

Absent:

All Review Committee members were present.

### **Also present:**

Name:

David Guyer  
Ron Kelling, P.E.  
Norman McGuire  
Chris Meeks  
Jason Miller  
Mitchell Page  
Jennifer Thayer  
Pam Steiger  
Matt Volna

Title:

SJRA Utility Enterprise Maintenance Manager  
SJRA Deputy General Manager  
City of Conroe  
SJRA Utility Enterprise Operations & Maintenance Manager  
City of Conroe  
Schwartz, Page & Harding, L.L.P., SJRA General Counsel  
Education & Conservation Coordinator, LSGCD  
SJRA Controller  
SJRA SCADA Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mike Mooney called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**2. GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE (RC) MEMBERS**

Pursuant to the GRP Contract (Sections 2.07 and 2.08) with Participants, the GRP Administrator will seat any new members. Mr. Mitchell Page introduced the new GRP Review Committee Members, Mr. Stoecker and Mr. Moffatt. Mr. Stoecker has been appointed by Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) to represent Investor Owned Utilities and Mr. Rick Moffatt has been elected to represent MUDS East of I-45, other than the Woodlands MUDs. A formal swearing in is not required. After Mr. Page finished the introduction, Mr. Mike Mooney briefly greeted and welcomed the new members. In response, Mr. Mike Stoecker added a bit of his personal history to Mitch Page’s introduction; he is a local real estate developer. Mr. Moffatt responded to Mr. Mooney’s greeting by apologizing for his absence last month (January) and shared that he is the former General Manager for Southern Montgomery County MUD and prior to that he was an engineering consultant with Cobb Fendley and Associates but he is currently retired.

Item 2.b Consider election of officer(s)

Mr. Mooney stated that he is happy to take nominations for the Chair as he has held that position for a while. Jackie Chance motioned for the Chair to remain as Mike Mooney, Mike Stoecker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Mooney nominated Jackie Chance to hold Vice Chair, seconded by Rick Moffatt, carried 4 – 2.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting January 25, 2021**

Mr. Duke Coon motioned for approval, seconded by Mr. Joe Sherwin. All approved with one abstention by Mr. Moffatt.

**5. RECEIVE AND CONSIDER INFORMATION FROM THE CITY OF CONROE  
REGARDING A PROPOSED NON-MANDATORY SURFACE WATER CONNECTION**

In advance of Mr. Jason Miller addressing the RC, Item 5 was introduced by Mr. Duke Coon. City of Conroe (COC) received a letter from SJRA at Silver Springs Water Plant C15 indicating that they would not receive any additional water until back fines are paid. The SJRA has mandated COC to take 5.3 million gallons a day (MGD). Mr. Duke Coon stated that COC is taking about 3.5 MGD and he declared that additional water is not being requested.

Mr. Jason Miller, Assistant Director of public works for COC, stated in January of 2019 a possible project extending a current surface water line to a COC Water Plant known as Skytop was discussed with GRP staff. The city had a water analysis performed, in which they found that blending the Catahoula groundwater with a 50/50 ratio of surface water reduces the TDSs down below the 500 mg/l mark. Mr. Miller presented a request to allow the city to extend the GRP surface water line from COC water plant 22 to Skytop. The city is not requesting funds for design nor construction. Mr. Miller stated the city will complete the project at their expense and will use in-house engineering. The design will have an inline mixer and possibly an internal pump. Mr. Jackie Chance likes the idea of taking the water from Lake Conroe because he doesn't think there is enough water to support the aquifer.

Mr. Chris Meeks confirmed that SJRA staff is currently reviewing the plans sent by Mr. Miller, Mr. Coon questioned of the time line, and Mr. Meeks responded that he will liaise SCADA with Mr. Miller to expedite the timeline.

Mr. Duke Coon motioned for approval, seconded by Mr. Mike Stoecker. No further discussion. Authorizing the city to blend Catahoula water with surface water, motion carried.

## **6. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE GRP DIVISION'S FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

Mr. Chris Meeks encouraged the Review Committee Members to review the HARC report that was provided to them and revert with any questions.

He proceeded to give an update regarding the Winter Storm. He discussed how well the GRP surface water plant performed and gave much of the credit to staff, which was working 24 hour shifts. There were minor smaller diameter line breaks, but the plant never lost production. Before the storm the plant was running at 9 million gallons and at the peak of the storm it was running at 17 million gallons. There were entities, such as COC that requested for more water in their allocation. Simultaneously, two GRP transmission line breaks occurred. One of the line breaks was in Oak Ridge; 20" PVC line inside of a casing, the pipe could not be located locally but it is on the way from Wisconsin for repair. The second line break was 3083 and Longmire; also a break inside of casing, it has been repaired and should be in service in 3 days. Mr. Duke Coon thanked GRP for sending the extra water over while they were experiencing historic pumping rates. Mr. Meeks emphasized that GRP was one of the few municipalities that was not under a boil notice and had a convoy of trucks picking up water.

Mr. Meeks shared two slides that were presented at the January 2021 meeting by Matt Corley that helped to explain the process of developing the FY 22 Budget and the proposed demands. GRP's recommendation is to use the Fiscal Year 3-Year Average Scenario of 52.66 MGD and rounding up to 52.7 MGD. Mr. Meeks expressed that he is looking for two recommendations from the GRP Review Committee. Firstly, a

projected demand to be used in preparing the GRP Division’s FY 22 Operating Budget and secondly, confirmation of base annual average surface water production for FY 22.

Mr. Joe Sherwin motioned for approval of GRP recommendations as presented. Seconded by Jackie Chance. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. UPDATE ON LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT’S RECENTLY ADOPTED DISTRICT RULES**

Invited Guest Speaker – Samantha Reiter, General Manager, LSGCD

Samantha was not present on the phone, Jennifer Thayer with LSGCD joined via phone in her absence. She announced that she is ready to review questions and communicate them to Samantha. There were no questions. However, Mr. Mooney asked that discussion of the updated rules be put on the Agenda for next month.

**8. GRP ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SJRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

No items for consideration.

**9. RELOCATION OF FUTURE GRP REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE SJRA G&A BOARD ROOM**

Mr. Kelling shared that this request is motivated by the quality of sound and the cameras in the G&A Board Room compared to the current location of the GRP Review Committee Meetings at GRP. It was recommended to start meeting there next month. There were no objections.

**10. ATTORNEY’S UPDATE**

Mr. Mitchel Page, SJRA General Counsel, began by informing Mr. Stocker and Mr. Moffatt that from time to time he will provide a general status on legal matters at SJRA, but he will not put anyone in a position to argue or defend their points. Mr. Page continued by providing an update on GRP related legal matters.

**11. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE & AGENDA ITEMS**

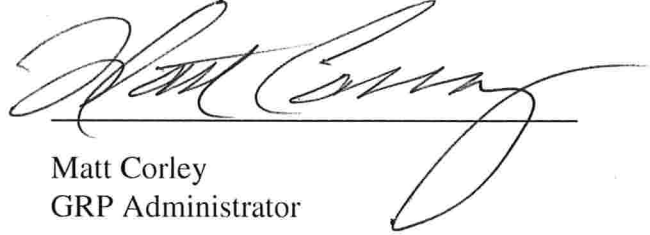
- a. April 12, 2021 – Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Workshop
- b. April 19, 2021
- c. May 24, 2021
- d. June 21, 2021

**12. ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.



Chris Meeks  
Utility Enterprise O&M Manager



Matt Corley  
GRP Administrator