

**GRP Review Committee  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
September 22, 2014**

The San Jacinto River Authority GRP Review Committee meeting was held at 11:30 a.m., September 22, 2014, at the San Jacinto River Authority G & A Building located at 1577 Dam Site Road, Conroe, Texas 77304. Committee Chairman Troy Morris and committee members Jackie W. Chance, Sr., Jason Miller, and Mike Mooney were present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:52 a.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)

There were no public comments.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Morris then indicated that the minutes of the GRP Review Committee meeting on August 25, 2014, were before the Committee for consideration. Motion was made by Mr. Chance, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes for the GRP Review Committee meeting on August 25, 2014 as presented.

**4. GRP ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SJRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2014:**

GRP Division Manager Mark Smith presented information regarding the following items:

- a. Consider authorizing General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 12 for Revised Scope of Services for GRP Program.

Mr. Smith discussed Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 12 with HDR Engineering, Inc. He stated that certain work was no longer needed for implementation, but that there were items added to address start-up activities, including a Surface Water Receiving Facility Operational Plan. Mr. Smith communicated that there was zero dollar cost for these changes. Motion was made by Mr. Mooney to approve Amendment No. 1 to Work Order No. 12 with HDR Engineering, Inc. Mr. Chance seconded the motion and passed with all present voting aye.

- b. Discuss new Participant(s) in the GRP Program and, in connection therewith, authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute letter(s) of assurance to Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, as requested, and approve the GRP Contract(s) as presented and authorize the execution of same by the General Manager.

There were no new Participant(s) for consideration this month. Mr. Smith stated that there are a couple of items pending related to participants and/or potential participants that will be presented at the October meeting. Mr. Chance inquired and discussion followed regarding the criteria and process utilized to approve/deny potential participants, while ensuring an adequate water supply.

## **5. UPDATE REGARDING GRP DIVISION**

Phil Smith, Construction Manager presented an update on construction through August 31, 2014. He stated that the GRP Operations Building is near completion. He stated that as many of the projects near completion, fewer photos will be provided for reporting purposes, but that there would be a shift toward providing short videos of the start-up and testing activities that are taking place. Mr. Smith updated the Committee on construction activities at the various GRP facilities. He stated that the Electric Building should have power later this week.

Doug Haude, Project Manager then presented the update for the Surface Water Transmission System through August 31, 2014. Mr. Haude presented financial data and the project status for each of the transmission lines, including the "T" Routes, "W" Routes, and "C" Routes. He stated that traffic was restored in certain areas of construction along these routes on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Saturday prior to school starting. Mr. Haude presented updates on the various Surface Water Receiving Facilities and fiber optic communication and construction. He stated that the Standpipe, adjacent to the City of Conroe's Water Plant No. 21, is at its final elevation in construction. Mr. Mooney and Mr. Chance inquired as to the outcome of testing activities. Brief discussion followed. In conclusion, Mr. Haude stated that leaks identified through testing have been addressed by the contractors.

Mark Smith continued with an update on partnering meetings between SJRA staff members and consultants to discuss the project status, including current and/or potential issues, the start-up plan, and training related to the start-up of the plant. Mr. Smith discussed the City of Willis and the blending of Jasper Aquifer water with the Catahoula Aquifer water at a 50/50 ratio. He discussed the transition period allowed under the contract and the current activities related to same. Mr. Smith informed the Committee that the City of Willis is requesting additional time to secure funds to address odor/smell concerns that are occurring when the blend is at a 60/40 ratio. Pat Riley, Director of Public Works for the City of Willis discussed the issue and stated that the odor has been traced back to the Catahoula well. Discussion among various Committee members ensued. Ron Kelling, Deputy General Manager for the Authority discussed the contract between the Authority and the City of Willis and the need to revise the blending rates and dollar amounts related to same. Mr. Smith stated that no action was needed at this time.

The GRP Monthly Compliance Report was presented by Mr. Smith. Mr. Chance inquired as to the submittal of Drought Contingency Plans and Water Conservation Plans, and Mr. Smith addressed his questions related to same.

## **6. DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Smith stated that future items to look for include a Supplemental Agreement with Southern Montgomery County Municipal Utility District to address alkalinity issues. He discussed a geological monitoring system and survey of the transmission line fault protection system and the analysis of the monitoring data. He discussed the upcoming item related to the Final Transient Analysis and Transmission System Start-Up and Commissioning Plan. He stated that the City of Conroe would be submitting costs related to system improvements for consideration. Mr. Kelling stated that there could potentially be a bond issue in the future related to the access road. He covered the timeline from pre-demonstration and system testing to optimization of the plant in

June, 2015. Mr. Smith concluded by introducing two new GRP staff members, Mark Love and Miguel Sanchez.

**7. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

October 27, 2014

November – No Meeting

December 8, 2014

January 20, 2014 – Tuesday

**8. ADJOURN**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly Wright  
Division Administrative Manager



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Smith  
GRP Administrator