

# OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

June 21, 2022

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Muller at 9:30 a.m. on June 21, 2022 in the second-floor Board Room of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board located at 3800 N. Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118. The meeting was conducted pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Law with due and proper notice provided pursuant to Sections 303 and 311 thereof. The agenda was posted on June 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's office at 3800 N. Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and provided on the agency's website.

- A. Roll Call. Chairman Matt Muller welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for the roll call of members.

#### **Board Members Present**

Matt Muller, Chairman  
Charles Darby, Vice Chairman  
Jennifer Castillo, Secretary  
Darren Cook  
Thomas A. Gorman  
Robert L. Stallings, Jr.

#### **Board Members Absent**

Suzanne Landess  
Ron Justice  
Bob Latham

#### **Staff Members Present**

Julie Cunningham, Executive Director  
Sara Gibson, General Counsel  
Joe Freeman, Chief, Financial Assistance Division  
Bill Cauthron, Chief, Water Quality Programs Division  
Chris Neel, Chief, Water Rights Administration Division  
Cleve Pierce, Chief, Administrative Services Division  
Yohanes Sugeng, Chief, Engineering and Planning Division

#### **Others Attending**

Cody Smith, LegisOK

Jevin Presley, OMMA  
Mike Ray, SW Ledger  
Tim McIntosh, Comanche County, RWD#2  
Jeff Everett, OG&E  
George Russell, DEQ  
Eric Swanson, SW Ledger  
Jimmy Seago, ORWA  
Rusty Whisenhunt, City of Lawton  
Justin Hodge, DEQ  
Charlie Swinton, BancFirst  
Chris Gander, BOKFS

- B. Discussion, Amendments and Vote to Approve Official Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting. Chairman Muller stated members were provided the draft minutes of the May 17, 2022 regular meeting and asked the Board's pleasure regarding the minutes. There were no comments or amendments.

Mr. Stallings moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022, Regular Meeting and Vice Chairman Darby seconded. Chairman Muller called for the vote.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: Castillo  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

- C. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Julie Cunningham, Executive Director, greets the Chairman and members of the Board. Ms. Cunningham begins with the drought report stating that there was wide-spread rainfall in June. She reports that the drought map is looking better but the panhandle still in the red. Ms. Cunningham states that we are watching the current drought situation and it is our job to bring resiliency to the state for all of our water users. Ms. Cunningham then introduces Yohanes Sugeng to give an update on the New Beggs Dam that overtopped in May.

Mr. Yohanes Sugeng, Chief of Engineering and Planning Division, greets the Chairman and members of the Board. Mr. Sugeng states that New Beggs Dam received heavy rain around early May and the dam was overtopped at several different places. He states that OWRB staff went to do inspections of the dam and the engineers came up with a plan to fix it. This fix is a temporary one and Mr. Sugeng recommends that they make modifications to the dam in the future. He states that OWRB received a High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) grant from FEMA.

Ms. Cunningham elaborates on the HHPD grant funding and states that along with receiving these grants, the rules include that the owner has to have a hazard mitigation plan in place.

Mr. Stallings asks what the level of the New Beggs Dam was.

Mr. Sugeng answers that New Beggs Dam is now considered a high hazard potential dam due to a state highway being downstream and noting that there are no homes or structures at risk.

Ms. Cunningham continues her Executive Director's report with some calendar updates. She attended the Western Prosperity Roundtable Forum hosted by the Western Governors Association. Ms. Cunningham was able to speak with regional planners and experts to discuss wildfire concerns, regionalization, opportunities under federal funding, potential broadband, job creation and many other topics. Ms. Cunningham expands on job creation and emphasizes the changing workforce, stating that there is a need for operators, system operators and well drillers. The National Groundwater Association is working with OWRB to provide courses for the development of well drillers through their online academy with OSU. She states that the Rural Water Association also has an initiative for job training and addressing the water operator needs.

Ms. Cunningham states that she attended the PEW Institute State Resiliency Planning Workgroup in Washington, DC. The PEW Institute already has a multi-state planning group for flood plans. So there were many agencies that Ms. Cunningham was able to connect with for the development of our statewide comprehensive flood plan.

Ms. Cunningham states that the legislative session ended on May 27<sup>th</sup>, but they are now in special session to discuss ARPA funding. Ms. Cunningham then recaps a few bills starting with the general revenue allocation that remained the same from last year plus an additional \$240,000 for the OWRB's water rights administration. Agency rules on fees and the intent-to-drill system in Chapter 50 is awaiting the Governor's decision since there was no joint resolution on all the proposed rules. The deadline is now June 24<sup>th</sup> because there is a publication requirement. HB 3819 passed which appropriated 5 million dollars to a Rural Hazard Mitigation Grant Fund which provides matching dollars to communities seeking federal flood funds. Ms. Cunningham states that Representative Sims championed the effort and was able to get the funds for the Department of Commerce. SB 4 is the most recent addition and makes an appropriation of federal funds to establish a grant program to match tribal investments like regional water and sewer within the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Cherokee Nation.

Ms. Cunningham has met with Guidehouse and the Governor's office to discuss the \$95 million dollars in ARPA funding. Ms. Cunningham was told that they are currently in a 90 hold after the legislation has been signed. OWRB is required to propagate rules to set up the framework and decision making process. Those rules are being currently being developed and are not required to go through the Legislature and Governor's office because it is an emergency rule making process.

Mr. Stallings states that he has been asked about how the ARPA funds are being distributed. He asks Ms. Cunningham to clarify that it is not additional money for loans but grants.

Ms. Cunningham states that yes and on a few programs there is a matching requirement. Ms. Cunningham states that after OWRB develops the rules there will be a better understanding of the framework and timeline. Ms. Cunningham encourages everyone to join the OWRB digital mailing list for the more up to date news and announcements, which is available to sign up for at the OWRB website ([owrb.ok.gov](http://owrb.ok.gov)).

Mr. Joe Freeman, Chief, Financial Assistance Division, is called to speak on a question about the emergency grant program list and ARPA funds. Mr. Freeman clarifies that the funds listed on the emergency grant program list and the ARPA are separate.

Ms. Cunningham mentions HB 2959 which OWRB received an appropriation of \$3

million dollars in addition to the general revenue for a drought emergency fund. She explains that these funds would be allocated by the Emergency Drought Commission which is chaired by the Secretary of Agriculture, Conservation Commission and Water Board Director. Once the Governor's drought declaration is issued, then the funds can be released for projects.

Ms. Cunningham speaks on the Master Irrigator's Program where moisture probes were funded through gross production tax as an incitement for irrigators to go through the program. There are workgroups being assembled to address similar ideas and topics for the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan which is led by Owen Mills.

Chairman Muller states that Owen is passionate about speaking with the irrigation community. Mr. Muller goes on to explain that 70-80% of all freshwater is consumed by irrigation to grow crops and food. So this focus on irrigators and practices is integral in sustaining the water resources we have. Chairman Muller then asks if anyone has any questions for Ms. Cunningham. There were no questions.

#### D. Financial Update

1. Budget Report. Mr. Cleve Pierce, Chief, Administrative Services Division, presents the budget report for the period ending May 31, 2022. Mr. Pierce reports the agency has spent 50% of its appropriated budget, leaving 50%; has spent 50% of its revolving budget, leaving 50%; has spent 68% of its federal budget, leaving 32%. Overall, the total budget remaining is 47% with 8% of the year remaining. At this point last year, the agency had a total budget remaining of 39%. Mr. Pierce states that if you factor out the \$2 million dollars budgeted for the Arbuckle-Simpson study, then the agency has closer to 42% of the budget remaining. After all the expenditures from FY-21, we had 24% of the budget remaining from last year.

Mr. Pierce continues to speak about the state auditor inspector's office who is still engaged in the audit. Mr. Pierce states that his staff is working on the audit, budget and submission because it is due by July 1. He states that they are also working closely with the financial assistance division to understand how the ARPA funding will flow through the budget process when those funds become available. Mr. Muller asks for any questions for Mr. Pierce.

Ms. Cunningham clarifies that we cannot add any of the ARPA funds to the budget now, it must be a formal revision afterwards. There were no further questions or comments.

## 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION

A. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Order Approving Drinking Water Funding Application for Rural Water District No. 6, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. Recommended for Approval. Mr. Freeman greets the Board and states that the first item he has is a \$730,000 loan request from Pontotoc County, Rural Water District # 6. They are requesting the loan to install new water meters throughout the district and for two new control valves. The loan will be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program with a fixed interest rate plus a half point administrative fee. The loan will mature within 15 years of the completion of the project and will be secured with a lien on the district's water revenues and a mortgage. Their debt coverage ration stands at 1.85 times and staff recommends approval. Mr. Freeman states that the district wanted to let the Board know that this will be a huge step forward relative to the operation of the district.

Chairman Muller asked for questions or a motion. Vice Chairman Darby moved to approve the application and Ms. Castillo seconded. There were no questions or discussion and Chairman Muller called for the vote.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

- B. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Order Approving Drinking Water Funding Application for Rural Water District No. 2, Comanche County, Oklahoma. Recommended for Approval. Mr. Freeman continues to the next item which is a \$2,545,000 loan request from Comanche County, Rural Water District #2. They are requesting the loan to lay approximately 67,800 linear feet of 2-,4-, and 6-inch water line. The loan will be funded through the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program with a fixed interest rate and a half point administrative fee. The loan will mature within 30 years of the completion of the project and will be secured with a lien on the district's water revenues and a mortgage. Over the last 10 years the district's water connections have increased by over six and a half percent. Their debt coverage ratio stands at 2.24 times and staff recommends approval. Representing the district is Tim McIntosh.

Tim McIntosh addresses the Board and thanks them for their consideration.

Chairman Muller asked for questions or a motion. Mr. Gorman moved to approve the application and Mr. Stallings seconded. There were no questions or discussion and Chairman Muller called for the vote.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

- C. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Order Approving Clean Water Funding Application for Municipal Authority of the City of Bristow, Oklahoma, Creek County. Recommended for Approval. Mr. Freeman states that at the October 2020 Board Meeting, Bristow was approved for a \$9.1 million dollar loan for a solid-state water metering system and to expand their wastewater treatment plant. Since approval, the metering system project has been completed and they have received bids for the treatment plant project. The bids for the plant work are higher than the original estimates and therefor they are requesting the \$2,575,000 loan to cover the increase. The plant work will include new sequential batch reactors, ultraviolet disinfection, headworks, a lab and control building with a new control system. The loan will be funded through the Clean Water SRF Loan Program with a fixed interest rate and a half point administrative fee. The loan will mature within 20 years of the completion of the project and will be secured with a lien on Bristow's water, sewer and sanitation system revenues, a 4% sales tax and a mortgage. Bristow's debt coverage ratio stands at 3.46 times and staff recommends approval.

Chairman Muller asks if the original loan was also for 20 years.  
Mr. Freeman answers that yes it was.

Chairman Muller asked for questions or a motion. Ms. Castillo moved to approve the application and Mr. Gorman seconded. There were no questions or discussion and Chairman Muller called for the vote.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

D. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Order Approving Drinking Water Funding Application for The Lawton Water Authority, Comanche County. Recommended for Approval.

Mr. Freeman states that the next item is a \$5 million dollar loan request from the Lawton Water Authority. They are requesting the loan for a SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system for both of their water treatment plants and the water distribution system. The loan will be funded through the Drinking Water SRF Loan Program with a fixed interest rate plus a half point administrative fee. The loan will mature within 10 years of the completion of the project and will be secured with a lien on Lawton's water, sewer, and sanitation system revenues. Lawton has been a long-time loan customer of the Boards and they currently have five outstanding loans with a combined principal balance of \$19.4 million. Their debt coverage ratio stands at 3.35 times and staff recommends approval. Representing Lawton today is Mr. Rusty Whisenhunt, Director of Public Utilities.

Mr. Whisenhunt addresses the Board and thanks them for their consideration of the loan. He thanks them for all that they have done in the past and for future citizens of Lawton.

Mr. Muller asks Mr. Whisenhunt what a SCADA system is.

Mr. Whisenhunt elaborates that it is a supervisory control and data acquisition which is a computer operated system that operates the water treatment plants, distribution tank systems, the pump stations and elevated tanks. He explains that the original system was built on a Windows XP platform, which is now obsolete. The new system will be nonproprietary so it can be programmed and updated by themselves.

Chairman Muller asked for questions or a motion. Vice chairman Darby moved to approve the application and Ms. Castillo seconded. There were no further questions or discussion and Chairman Muller called for the vote.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

**3. SUMMARY DISPOSITION AGENDA ITEMS**

All of the items listed below under this Summary Disposition Agenda are recommended for approval.

Any item listed under this Summary Disposition Agenda may, at the request of any member of the Board, the Board’s staff, or any other person attending this meeting, be transferred to the Special Consideration Agenda. Under the Special Consideration Agenda, separate discussion and vote or other action may be taken on any items already listed under that agenda or items transferred to that agenda from this Summary Disposition Agenda.

- A. Requests to Transfer Items from Summary Disposition Agenda to the Special Consideration Agenda and Action on Whether to Transfer Such Items. Chairman Muller asked if there were any items being requested to be removed. There were no requests to remove items to the Special Consideration Agenda.
- B. Discussion, Questions, and Responses Pertaining to Any Items Remaining on Summary Disposition Agenda and Possible Action on Items Listed Below.

Chairman Muller asks for the Board’s pleasure considering the items listed. Mr. Gorman moved to approve the items and Vice Chairman Darby seconded. There were no questions or further discussion and Chairman Muller called for the vote.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
 NAY: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

The following items were approved:

- C. Consideration of and Possible Action on Financial Assistance Division Items:

- 1. Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant Applications:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Entity Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
None.				

- 2. CWSRF Principal Forgiveness Loan Applications:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Entity Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
a.	ORF-21-0010-CW	Chelsea Economic Development Authority	Rogers	\$ 200,000.00

b.	ORF-21-0015-CW	Newkirk Municipal Authority	Kay	\$ 200,000.00
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3. DWSRF Principal Forgiveness Loan Applications:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Entity Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
a.	ORF-19-0020-DW	Hominy, Oklahoma, Public Works Authority	Osage	\$ 300,000.00
b.	ORF-21-0013-DW	Wewoka Public Works Authority	Seminole	\$ 400,000.00

4. Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (“OSG”):

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Entity Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
a.	OSG-22-0006-G	Stonewall Public Works Authority	Pontotoc	\$ 30,606.50
b.	OSG-22-0003-G	The Welch Public Works Authority	Craig	\$ 67,000.00
c.	OSG-22-0005-G	The Orlando Public Works Authority	Logan	73,512.50
d.	OSG-22-0004-G	The Konawa Public Works Authority	Seminole	76,000.00
e.	OSG-22-0002-G	Atoka Municipal Authority	Atoka	197,681.00
f.	OSG-22-0001-G	The Hennessey Utilities Authority	Kingfisher	220,000.00



D. Consideration of and Possible Action on the Contracts and Agreements:

1. Professional Services Engagement Letter with Arledge & Associates, P.C. to provide auditing services related to the Board's financial assistance programs for the Oklahoma Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Account Program Uniform Guidance Single Audit.
2. Professional Services Engagement letter with Arledge & Associates, P.C. to provide auditing services related to the Board's financial assistance programs for CWSRF and DWSRF Loan Administrative Funds Audits.
3. Professional Services Engagement letter with Arledge & Associates, P.C. to provide auditing services related to the Board's financial assistance programs for FAP Administration Fund.
4. Professional Services Engagement Letter with Arledge & Associates, P.C. to provide auditing services related to the Board's financial assistance programs for Revenue Bond Issues Audit.
5. Professional Services Engagement Letter with Crawford & Associates, P.C. to provide account services related to the Board's financial assistance programs.
6. Agreement with Arbitrage Compliance Specialist, Inc. for arbitrage services in connection with the issuance of the state government entity obligations and indebtedness for OWRB loan programs.
7. Addendum to Issuer User Agreement between OWRB and BondLink, Inc. for investor support services for OWRB bond issuances.
8. Professional Services Contract between OWRB and the Centennial Law Group for professional legal services in relation to the Board's financial assistance programs.
9. Professional Services Contract between OWRB and the Oklahoma Rural Water Association for training and education for water system board members and operators, technical assistance, and long-term planning.
10. Resolution with Federal Emergency Management Agency authorizing an application for funding assistance through FEMA's program to rehabilitate high hazard-potential dams.
11. Interagency Agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding administration of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
12. Agreement between OWRB and Quadient Leasing for lease of postage machine.
13. Contract for Legal Services between OWRB and the Oklahoma Office of Attorney General for an attorney to act as Hearing Examiner

E. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Temporary Permits to Use Groundwater:

1. Swan Real Estate Management LP, Carter County, 2022-506

F. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Temporary Permits to Use Groundwater:

None.

G. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Regular Permits to Use Groundwater:

1. William Casey Murdock, Cimarron County, 2021-549
2. Beck Family Trust, Garvin County, 2022-512

H. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Regular Permits to Use Groundwater:

None.

I. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Prior Right to Use Groundwater:

None.

J. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to for Term Permits to Use Stream Water:

None.

K. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Regular Permits to Use Stream Water:

1. Gary Chad & Kimberly K. Adams, Choctaw County, 2021-015
2. 5 MB Farms, LLC, Noble County, 2022-0002

L. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Regular Permits to Use Stream Water:

None.

M. Consideration of and Possible Action on Well Driller and Pump Installer Licensing:

1. New Licenses, Accompanying Operator Certificates and Activities:

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| A. Licensee: Clear Water Drilling, LLC | DPC-1014 |
| 1. Operator: Shawn Scarberry           | OP-2404  |
| Activities: Groundwater Wells          |          |

2. New Operators, Licensee Name Change, and/or Activities for Existing Licenses:

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| A. Licensee: Oklahoma Environmental, Inc | DPC-0363 |
| 1. Operator: Kris Sturm                  | OP-2405  |
| Activities: Monitoring Wells             |          |
| B. Licensee: Oklahoma Environmental, Inc | DPC-0363 |
| 2. Operator: Dakota Bishop               | OP-2406  |
| Activities: Monitoring Wells             |          |
| C. Licensee: Martins Well Service        | DPC-0669 |

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| 3. Operator: Matthew Klaus<br>Activities: Pump Installation                       | OP-2407  |
| D. Licensee: Oklahoma Environmental, Inc  | DPC-0363 |
| 4. Operator: Robert Hill, Jr<br>Activities: Monitoring Wells                      | OP-2408  |
| E. Licensee: METCO  | DPC-0653 |
| 5. Operator: Corbin Harmening<br>Activities: Monitoring Wells                     | OP-2409  |
| F. Licensee: Aimright Testing & Engineering, LLC                                  | DPC-0997 |
| 6. Operator: Hayden Wilson<br>Activities: Monitoring Wells                        | OP-2410  |
| G. Licensee: Aimright Testing & Engineering, LLC                                  | DPC-0997 |
| 7. Operator: Jeff Coates<br>Activities: Monitoring Wells                          | OP-2411  |
| H. Licensee: Schrock Well Service, LLC  | DPC-0974 |
| 8. Operator: Clement Schrock<br>Activities: Groundwater Wells & Pump Installation | OP-2412  |
| I. Licensee: J & B Pump & Supply  | DPC-0587 |
| 9. Operator: Jeffery Norbert<br>Activities: Pump Installation                     | OP-2413  |
| J. Licensee: J & B Pump & Supply  | DPC-0587 |
| 10. Operator: Adolfo Diaz<br>Activities: Pump Installation                        | OP-2414  |

N. Consideration of and Possible Action on Dam and Reservoir Construction:

1. Ronald Carel (Carel #1 Dam), #OK30538, Canadian County
2. Swan Real Estate Management LP (Bayou Ranch Dam), #OK30598, Carter County
3. Freeman Blue Bend Ranch, LLC. (Freeman Blue Bend Dam), #OK30601, Johnston County

O. Consideration of and Possible Action on Permit Applications for Proposed Development on State Owned or Operated Property within Floodplain Areas:

1. Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Creek County, #FP-2022-02

P. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Accreditation of Floodplain Administrators:

1. Darren Martin, Grady County, # FPA-038
2. Terry Brannon, Payne County, # FPA-039

**4. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION ABOUT AGENCY MATTERS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

A. No Items.

**5. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

**Chairman Matt Muller**

A. No Items.

B. Consideration of and Possible Action on items Transferred from Summary Disposition Agenda, if any. There were none.

**6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Chairman Matt Muller**

Chairman Muller presents the election of officers and consideration of new appointees to positions on the Board for the upcoming year. Mr. Muller states that he is currently serving as Chairman, Mr. Darby is serves as Vice Chairman and Ms. Castillo serves as Secretary. Chairman Muller asks the Board’s pleasure concerning the leadership of the Board for next year.

Mr. Stallings recommends and motions that the current slate of officers remain in their positions for another year. Mr. Muller asks if there are any seconds or objections to that motion. Mr. Cook seconds the motion. There were no questions or objections to the officers staying in their current positions of leadership.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

**7. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Chairman Matt Muller**

As authorized by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act in Section 307(B)(1) of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an executive session may be held for the purpose of discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee.

Pursuant to this provision, the Board proposes to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment (evaluation, possible increase in salary, and other terms and conditions of employment) of the Executive Director.

Chairman Muller states that the purpose of the proposed Executive Session is to discuss the compensation of the Executive Director, and he would entertain a motion to enter Executive Session.

A. Vote on whether to hold Executive Session. Before it can be held, the Executive Session must be authorized by a majority vote of a quorum of members present and such vote must be recorded.

Mr. Stallings moved the Board to enter into Executive Session and Vice Chairman

Darby seconded. There were no questions or further discussion and Chairman Muller called for the vote.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

B. Designation of person to keep written minutes of Executive Session, if authorized.

Executive Administrator Lauren O'Donley was designated to keep written minutes. Chairman Muller also requested that Ms. Cunningham attend until she is asked to step out.

C. Executive Session, if authorized. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. and Ms. Cunningham steps out of the room at 10:20 a.m.

D. Return to open meeting. At 10:28 a.m., Mr. Stallings motioned for the Board to return to Regular Session, and Vice Chairman Darby seconded.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

8. Consideration of and possible action on employment, including but not limited to evaluation of performance, increase in salary, or other change in terms and conditions of employment, of the Executive Director.

Chairman Muller asks for a motion on item 8. Mr. Stallings motioned to change the salary of Executive Director to \$148,423, effective July 1, 2022. Ms. Castillo seconded the motion. There were no questions or discussion.

AYE: Muller, Darby, Stallings, Gorman, Cook, Castillo  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Latham, Landess, Justice

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Under the Open Meeting Act, this agenda item is authorized only for matters not known about which could not have been reasonable foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda or any revised agenda. There were no New Business items for the Board's consideration.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Matt Muller**

There being no further business, Chairman Muller adjourned the regular meeting of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board at 10:34 a.m. on June 21, 2022.

**OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD**

      /s/        
Matt Muller, Chairman

      Absent        
Charles Darby, Vice Chairman

      Absent        
Darren Cook

      Absent        
Suzanne V. Landess

      /s/        
Robert L. Stallings, Jr.

      /s/        
Thomas A. Gorman

      /s/        
Ron Justice

      Abstain        
\_ B. Latham

***ATTEST:***

      /s/        
Jennifer Castillo, Secretary  
(SEAL)