



Quarterly Board Actions January 26, 2009

The Brazos River Authority's (BRA) Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting on Monday, January 26, 2009. The following actions were taken:

SELECTION OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The Board of Directors authorized the General Manager/CEO to negotiate a five-year contract with Specialized Public Finance Inc. for financial advisory services.

FISCAL YEAR 2008 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR)

The Board accepted the BRA's CAFR for FY 2008 and approved its filing with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the Texas State Auditor's Office and State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY

The Board of Directors reviewed and adopted the BRA Investment Policy, including the Investment Strategy Statement, Approved Broker/Dealer List and Approved Training Sources.

SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

The General Manager/CEO was given authorization by the Board to dispose of the BRA's surplus personal property in a manner that is in the best interest of the BRA. The surplus personal property included items such as office equipment and vehicles.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 8A – BID CLARIFICATION – POSSUM KINGDOM RFB

The Board of Directors ratified and approved the language in the January 8, 2009, Request for Bids for the purchase of certain BRA property at PK Lake which provided lessees an option to purchase their leased property through "lender" financing. This approved language differed from the Board's October 27, 2008, resolution in that lessees who want to purchase their leased property can do so through lender financing, whether is a preferred lender or not. The October resolution unintentionally limited lessees' financing options to "preferred lender financing" only. The January resolution clarified this issue by approving the omission of "preferred" in the RFB as to not limit financing options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 8B – CHANGE IN PK RFB DECLARATIONS REGARDING SETBACK

The Board directed that the 75-foot setback established in the Declarations of Restrictions, Covenants and Conditions of the January 2009 Request for Bids for certain BRA property at PK Lake be changed to a 50-foot setback. The revised setback will be less restrictive on future property owners, while still being adequate to protect the lake's shoreline from development and erosion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 8C – AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT

The Board of Directors authorized the General Manager/CEO to seek proposals and execute a contract with the selected firm to assist the BRA in managing, marketing and evaluating bids for the sale of BRA real property interests at PK Lake.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE PROPOSED LAND TRANSFER AT PK

The Board of Directors approved staff negotiations with TPWD regarding the transfer of property at Possum Kingdom Lake. The negotiations consist of various deal points including the transfer of approximately 350 acres of BRA property adjacent to PK State Park for state park expansion.

BENSON COMMERCIAL LEASE APPROVAL

The Board of Directors authorized the General Manager/CEO to convert Dorcas E. Benson's current residential leases to a commercial lease. The request from Mr. Benson was received prior to the May 20, 2008, moratorium on entering into new leases.

REMOVAL OF MORATORIUM ON LAKE GRANBURY CANAL CUT-THROUGH

The Board lifted the moratorium on canal developments on portions of Lake Granbury located inside the jurisdictional boundary of the City of Granbury. The lifted moratorium came as a result of the Board accepting the City of Granbury's adoption of canal design standards that minimize water quality concerns.

LAKE GRANBURY BOATING CAPACITY STUDY

The Board also authorized the General Manager/CEO to develop a RFP for professional services to conduct a Boating Capacity Study for Lake Granbury in 2009. The study will be a 50/50 cost sharing partnership with the City of Granbury.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

The Board approved various amendments to the Human Resources Policies. The amendments, to be effective on Feb. 1, 2009, include changes and additions to employee leave time.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPLICATION FOR TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FUNDING

The Board of Directors announced its support for the construction of a saltwater barrier on the Brazos River and approved a Statement of Interest to be filed with the TWDB. The Statement of Interest will be filed to obtain federal funding for the project's feasibility study portion through the Texas Environmental Infrastructure Program. The Board committed to provide 25% of the non-federal cost share in cash/in-kind services if funding is successfully obtained through TEIP.