



**QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS**  
**July 27, 2015**

The Brazos River Authority's Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting Monday, July 27, 2015. The Board took the following actions:

**BRA BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors approved several edits to the bylaws, including the retitling of articles and sections, and the addition of a new section regarding the BRA's Assistant Secretary.

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

The Board appointed James D. Forte as an Assistant Secretary of the Brazos River Authority.

**TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM RETIREMENT PLAN**

The Board adopted plan provisions for BRA employees for 2016, keeping the provisions the same as for the previous year and setting the employer contribution rate at 7.13 percent.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN DESIGN**

The Board authorized the BRA General Manager/CEO to enter into agreements necessary to transition the BRA from a partially self-insured to a fully insured healthcare program, within financial parameters set in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

**TRINITY WELL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

The Board authorized the BRA General Manager/CEO to enter into a contract with Layne Christensen Company for construction of the Trinity Aquifer Production Well in an amount not to exceed \$3,221,504.

**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD REGIONAL WATER PLANNING CONTRACT**

The Board authorized the BRA General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute the Regional Water Planning Agreement with the Texas Water Development Board for \$187,800 and authorized negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with HDR, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$157,748, to complete the tasks identified in the Regional Water Planning Agreement Scope of Work.

**CLEAN RIVERS CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**

The Board authorized the BRA General Manager/CEO to enter into a contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, whereby the TCEQ will provide funding in the amount of \$796,318 to the BRA to perform water quality monitoring services and other activities under the Texas Clean Rivers Program.

**UPPER NAVASOTA AQUATIC LIFE ASSESSMENT CONTRACT**

The Board authorized the BRA General Manager/CEO to enter into a contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide an Aquatic Life Assessment on Duck Creek

and 24-hour Dissolved Oxygen Assessments on Lake Mexia, Lake Springfield, and the Navasota River above Lake Limestone for funding in the amount of \$100,000.

#### **LABORATORY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE CONTRACT**

The Board authorized the BRA General Manager/CEO to enter into a contract with LabVantage Solutions, Inc. to purchase new Laboratory Information Management System software for a cost not to exceed \$267,074.

#### **2016 ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN AND MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Board passed a resolution approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Operating Plan and Multi-Year Capital Improvement Plan for a total operating budget of \$54,691,788 and a capital budget of \$19,276,255. The resolution also authorized the BRA General Manager/CEO to make expenditures and enter into contracts for expenditures as listed in the plans in accordance with the BRA's general operations practices and policy.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 9A**

The Board passed a resolution to amend an existing contract with engineering firm Freese and Nichols, Inc. in the amount of \$486,000 to extend the contract for the System Operation Permit and Water Management Plan. The Board also authorized the General Manager/CEO to take any actions needed for furtherance of the System Operation Permit and Water Management Plan.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 9C**

The Board accepted a bid from Patterson PK2 Land Partnership for \$10.15 million for the purchase of property owned by the Brazos River Authority at Possum Kingdom Lake being sold in accordance with SB 918 passed by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature. The BRA had received six bids for the property.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 9D**

The Board announced plans to submit a letter to the Legislative Budget Board notifying the board of its intent to amend the General Manager/CEO's contract to provide for an annual cost of living adjustment, and the opportunity to receive an annual merit pay increase in accordance with the BRA's methods of annually adjusting compensation for all BRA employees.