

**SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011**

Present:

Borden Bell---SRBA, Vice President	Ruth Davis, Texarkana, AR.
Jennifer Delk, TCEQ	Bill Miller, Texarkana, TX.
Dr. Mike Buttram, Texarkana College	Josh Davis, Texarkana, TX
Bill Smith, Corps of Engineers/Lake Wright Patman	
Paul Prange, Environmental Specialist/ATCOG	Dan Boyles, MT& G-Texarkana
Patricia Wommack, SRBA	Bill King, Texarkana Water Utility
John Jarvis, SRBA	J. D. Phillips, TWU
Nancy Rose, SRBA	Gary Smith, TWU
Eric Cain, Congress Hall/Office	Ken Mitchell, Daily Tribune
Shirley Shumake, DeKalb, Texas	Walt Sears, NETMWD
Wendell Davis, RRCWSC	Brandy Chewing, Texarkana Gazette
Evan Lewis, Texarkana Gazette	James Presley, FUSE, Inc.
Ashley Baker, Texarkana College	Christopher Gill, Texarkana College

Agenda Item # 1: Call to Order and Roll Call-1:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Borden Bell, SRBA Vice President. Mr. Bell asked that each person in attendance state their name and who they represent.

Agenda Item # 2: Approval of Minutes for July 14, 2010

Vice President Bell asked for approval of the minutes as written. A motion by Shirley Shumake and second for approval of the minutes was approved by voice vote.

Agenda Item # 3: Report on Lake Wright Patman by Corps of Engineers

Mr. Bill Smith, biologist for Lake Wright Patman, gave an update on the state of Lake Wright Patman Lake and the programs the Corps of Engineers where undertaking at the Lake. He discussed the erosion to the facility caused by high water, bacterial studies at the swimming areas, and the “dewatering” of the spillway.

Dr. Mike Buttram asked how the project at the North Shore Swimming Area was progressing. Mr. Smith said the project had been delayed by an untimely rise in the lake level.

Agenda Item # 4: Report on Water Grants by the ATCOG

Mr. Paul Prange, Environmental Specialist for ATCOG, discussed the grants that ATCOG had available and that were being sought. Currently over thirteen thousand dollars had been obtained for Water Quality from TCEQ. Mr. Prange had examples of a number of environmental publications that were currently available.

Dr. Mike Buttram asked if copies of the publications were through his office for distribution. Mr. Prange said they were and if he need could acquire and additional supply.

Agenda Item # 5: Review of the SRBA Basin Highlights Report and Web Page

Dr. Mike Buttram described the role of the attendees played as the SRBA Clean Rivers Steering Committee and their importance. He reviewed the FY 2010 SRBA Basin Highlights Report and how it was developed. The report was made available to all that attended. He also introduced two Texarkana College students, Chris Gill and Ashley Baker, and described a stream flow survey they were undertaking during the drought.

Agenda Item #6: Question and Answers

Mr. Bill King asked if effluent from the basin waste water treatment plants had a major impact on the water quality in Lake Wright Patman. Dr. Buttram said that the answer to the question was not known at this time. However, he said that a special project was in the planning stage that would evaluate the nitrogen and phosphorus discharge from the permitted outfalls and compare them to the quantities found Lake Wright Patman.

Agenda Item # 7: Adjournment

SRBA Vice President Bell adjourned the meeting after there were no more questions.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Mike Buttram on July 29, 2011