

SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY/TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CLEAN RIVERS PROGRAM ANNUAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Nancy Rose, SRBA
Dr. Ken Crane, Texarkana College
Karin Grisham, Texarkana College
Patricia Harman, Texarkana College
Mike Buttram, SRBA
Kyle Dooley, Riverbend
Paul Prange, Ark-Texas COG, Texarkana, Texas
Robert Speight, NETMWD, Hughes Springs, Texas
Walt Sears, NETMWD, Hughes Springs, Texas
Howard Barrons, TCEQ, Austin, Texas
Hunt Mercier, Texarkana Gazette
Jennifer Middleton, Texarkana Gazette
Luke Baker, Texas Parks and Wildlife
Meg Shelton, SRBA, Executive Director

ITEM #1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:30 P.M.

Dr. Ken Crane welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked all for attending. Meg Shelton was introduced as the newly appointed Executive Director of the SRBA.

ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

All in attendance introduced themselves and stated their affiliation or interest in attending meeting.

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2018

Dr. Crane stated that everyone had been provided a copy of the minutes for last year's, July 26, 2018, Steering Committee Meeting.

Nancy Rose stated that there should be a correction to the date to 2017 instead of 2018 in the body of the minutes. With no objections, he received approval of the minutes by unanimous consent.

ITEM #4: PRESENTATION OF THE FY2019 BASIN SUMMARY REPORT

Dr. Ken Crane gave the presentation of the 2019 Basin Summary Report. Copies were provided to all attendees.

There was a general introduction of the segments in the watershed and the impairments and concerns associated with each in the Sulphur River Basin. Table 1, page 8 of the Summary Report was referenced and clarified.

Maps are included to illustrate entire watershed, segment locations, and the distinct ecoregions in the watershed. Historical climate data is presented graphically for each region. Table 3 lists all segment IDs with associated names, impairments and concerns.

For each segment in the watershed there are descriptions and discussions of impairments and concerns, including graphic representation of data analyses.

At the conclusion of the Summary Report presentation there was a general discussion about issues associated with Segments 306 and 307. The log jams and flooding in the region are affecting water quality and impact transportation. High rates of sedimentation upstream of Jim Chapman Lake are believed to be a major contributor to problems. Questions regarding the channelization of portions of South Sulphur were posed. Who paid for the channelization? Who is responsible for solving problems? Increased flow and sediment deposition could be directly attributed to the channelization.

Walt Sears proposed studies of stations in 306 and 307 be conducted to evaluate which tributaries may be major contributors to the sedimentation problem upstream of Jim Chapman Lake.

ITEM #5: DISCUSSION ON THE WATER MONITORING SCHEDULED FOR FY2020

Dr. Ken Crane provided a summary of segments included in the monitoring scheduled for FY2020 and the entity responsible for conducting studies. The TC responsibilities include the current 6 sites on Wright Patman Lake to be continued. Additionally, 6 sites in and close to Texarkana, and 5 sites in other counties in the watershed are included in the QAPP for 2020-2021 for TC. NTMWD has 5 sites scheduled for 2020-2021.

ITEM #6: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Dr. Ken Crane asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were no more questions or comments.

ITEM #7: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ken Crane the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.