

2:00pm to 3:30pm WHA Office

Attendees on September 27, 2018

Jack Miller	Auggie Campbell	Melinda Silva
Alia Vinson – via phone	Wayne Ahrens	Mike Thornhill
Mike Shelton	Imani Forrest	Bill Callegari
Carmen Kumpula	Charles Shumate	

- 1. **Welcome & Introductions (2:00)** Jack Miller
- 2. **Committee Business (2:10)** Jack Miller

a. Technical Forum (Alia Vinson & Carmen Kumpula)

i. *Kumpula reported that the technical forum is scheduled for November 15th at the Embassy Suites Energy Corridor from 7:30am – 9:00am. Vinson recommended that WHA ask David Collinsworth about his presentation and possible title for forum. Campbell will ask Collinsworth to have a West Houston focus. A few discussion points discussed by the committee is below:*

- 1. *When and how much surface water is available to serve the West Houston region*
- 2. *What tools are needed to provide better flood control assistance*

ii. *The legislation is looking to put responsibility of flood control on the river authorities. The river authorities are playing defense because they do not have taxing authority meaning they do not have adequate funds to take on flood control responsibility.*

iii. *The committee discussed having a focus on water supply for West Houston but Collinsworth should anticipate questions on flood control from the audience. The committee discussed talking to Collinsworth about working flood control into the discussion so he can control the message.*

b. Project Updates (Discussion)

i. Luce Bayou

- 1. *Ahrens reported that Luce Bayou should be operating September 2019. The original date was June 2019 but the project was flooded out in February and March of 2018.*

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- ii. *Northeast Plant*
 - 1. *The contractor will hopefully begin the middle of next week. This might get pushed back again to the end of February or early March.*
 - 2. *Ahrens reported that the budget is \$1.8B plus city and PMT. There will be a preproposal meeting soon.*
- iii. *Northwest Ft. Bend Line*
 - 1. *Silva reported that this project should be done before the North East plant. The line will be ready before the next conversion deadline.*
- iv. *Southeast transmission bane*
 - 1. *The city and gulf coast water authority are still in negotiation.*
- v. *Regional governance paper*
 - 1. *Campbell reported that the Kinder Institute have a report roll-out soon that looks into how counties fund infrastructure and interim charges. The report will come out on October 25th and the Kinder Institute has hired a PR team. They have asked to meet with WHA to talk on October 24th to discuss what WHA is upset about and try to cushion it with their public release. Campbell reported that they are finishing their research. Some of their research came from Jim Murphy and Joe B. Allen.*
- c. *Upcoming Legislative Issues (Houston Stronger)*
 - i. *Campbell reported that Houston Stronger will be focusing on the following four points for the 2019 legislative session:*
 - 1. *Short-Term Funding*
 - 2. *Long-Term Planning Structure – Hazard Mitigation Plan executed across the state with SWIFT like funding.*
 - 3. *Funding*
 - 4. *Local Defense - GLO report suggests TWDB should be the entity over state-wide flood control efforts*
 - ii. *Campbell reported that fewer than 50% of cities and counties have a hazard mitigation plan.*
 - iii. *Vinson reported a few items this committee should stay updated in for the upcoming legislative session including:*
 - 1. *Eminent domain - likely to be successful this year*
 - 2. *Reduction of local government to bond finance*
 - 3. *Protection for SWIFT commitments*
 - 4. *U.S steel requirements*

3. **New Business (3:00)** Jack Miller
- a. 2019 Committee Goals
 - i. *The committee discussed that in 2019 construction on water projects are going to begin. This committee can work on the PR for these water projects to provide accurate information on project type and funding. A focus for the committee could be on operator matters. One of the main issues is getting people interested in technician positions within the operations industry. The committee discussed partnering with school districts to attract people to this industry. The industry could offer tours of the facilities. Campbell reported that he can create a connection with the water museum and the Mayors office.*
 - ii. *The committee discussed having a speaker in 2019 to discuss the TCEQ rule making updates.*
 - b. Announcements
 - i. *The committee decided to reschedule their committee meeting on November 15th to right after the technical forum at 9:00am. The meeting will be combined with a Rising Leader event with Jack Miller discussing the outlook for the water utility industry.*
4. **Adjourn (3:30)**

2018 WHA WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE
 Default Meeting Location at WHA Offices, 2 pm

Thursday, January 25
 Thursday, March 22
 Thursday, May 24

Thursday, July 26
 Thursday, September 27
 Thursday, November 15

