

OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
OFFICIAL MINUTES
July 21, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board was called to order by Chairman Linda Lambert at 9:30 a.m., on July 21, 2015, in the second floor meeting room of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, 3800 N. Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The meeting was conducted pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Law with due and proper notice provided pursuant to Sections 303 and 311 thereof. The agenda was posted on July 17, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's offices at 3800 N. Classen Boulevard, and provided on the agency's website.

Chairman Linda Lambert welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked for the roll call of members.

A. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Linda Lambert, Chairman
Ford Drummond, Vice Chairman
Jason Hitch, Secretary
Stephen Allen
Tom Buchanan
Marilyn Feaver
Ed Fite

Board Members Absent

Bob Drake
Richard Sevenoaks

Staff Members Present

J.D. Strong, Executive Director
Rob Singletary, General Counsel
Amanda Storck, Chief, Administrative Services Division
Joe Freeman, Chief, Financial Assistance Division
Julie Cunningham, Chief, Planning and Management Division
Derek Smithee, Chief, Water Quality Programs Division
Mary Schooley, Executive Secretary

Others Present

Rashel Carnefix, City of Perkins, OK
Bob Ernst, City of Perkins, OK
Michael Taylor, Cowan Group/City of Perkins; Oklahoma City, OK

Bud Ground, Environmental Federation of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK
Russ Doughty, Oklahomans for Responsible Water Policy, Broken Bow, OK

B. Consideration, Vote to Approve and Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation for Rudolf J. Herrmann.

Chairman Lambert stated Mr. Rudy Herrmann was in attendance, and she asked Mr. Strong to make the presentation.

Mr. J.D. Strong, OWRB Executive Director, stated to the members that there is a proposed resolution for the Board's consideration. Mr. Strong read the Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Rudolf J. Herrmann, and following, Mr. Hitch moved to adopt the resolution, and Mr. Fite seconded. By voice vote, the members unanimously approved the motion thereby adopting the resolution. Chairman Lambert spoke to Mr. Herrmann's service, and Mr. Herrmann also commented to the members about the work of the Board and staff.

C. Discussion, Amendments, and Vote to Approve Official Minutes of the June 16, 2015, Regular Meeting.

Chairman Lambert asked if there was a motion to approve the draft minutes of the June 16, 2015, Regular Meeting. There were no changes or discussion.

Mr. Fite moved to approve the June 16, 2015, minutes and Ms. Feaver seconded. There were no comments, and Chairman Lambert called for the vote.

AYE: Drummond, Fite, Buchanan, Feaver, Allen

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hitch, Lambert

ABSENT: Drake, Sevenoaks

D. Executive Director's Report

Mr. J.D. Strong, OWRB Executive Director, asked Ms. Amanda Storck to present the legislative report. Ms. Storck addressed the members and referred to the printed report in their meeting packets. She said that in regard to Congressional activities, the House continued consideration of the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill on the floor during the week of July 6. The bill was pulled due to amendments over the Confederate flag and there is concern it may not be brought back. There has not been an appropriations bill in a while, and it contains important provisions including Waters of the US (WOTUS) rule blocking. She announced the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee advanced the Agriculture Appropriations bill by voice vote; the bill funds Agriculture programs at \$20.5 billion which is \$65 million below FY 15 levels. On June 29, the EPA and Corps of Engineers published the final WOTUS rule in the Federal Register which begins the countdown for the rule to go into effect on August 28, 2015. The EPA also announced its award of \$1.2 million to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to reduce water contamination risk in underground storage tanks. Ms. Storck noted the upcoming meeting on August 26 in Durant for the USGS Red River Basin Focus Area Study; that the US Chamber and National Federation of Independent Business had filed a lawsuit against the EPA and COE over the WOTUS rule (the State Chamber of Oklahoma and Tulsa Regional Chamber were also named as Plaintiffs); and that there are several drought bills, but nothing specific to Oklahoma at this time.

Mr. Strong spoke to the WOTUS issues noting the effective date of the rule started the litigation clock, and several states have banded together to file in circuit courts across the country which might favor their position on states' rights. General Pruitt filed separate action recently, and there are multiple filings in multiple states, and depending upon who files for protection action there

will be a hearing on the consolidation of cases. Members were provided summaries and a comparison following the June meeting. Mr. Jason Hitch asked about whether the US Supreme Court is the court of jurisdiction and if Ms. Lambert asked if Oklahoma's neighboring states have filed. Mr. Strong said there is some argument about the court of jurisdiction, although the matter will ultimately end up at the US Supreme Court. He said Texas, Kansas, New Mexico water agencies filed; Colorado and Arkansas Attorney Generals filed, possibly Louisiana and Missouri; most of the Heartland states have led the charge in a suit that grabbed the states surrounding Oklahoma and the western states, including Alaska. Mr. Strong also commented about the USGS Red River Basin Focus Area Study about water use and availability in the entire basin, and there are several other studies planned; a conference call is scheduled within a few weeks to discuss the scope of study.

Continuing, Ms. Storck informed the members about state legislative activities regarding interim studies and reviewed the report provided. She said the House interim studies have been approved, and the Senate study requests are still under review. There are several House studies on water, agencies that have pass-through funding, agencies that have revolving funds, and review of the ongoing impact of IT consolidation and purchasing reform. Mr. Drummond asked and Mr. Strong responded about the request by Dr. Fox regarding transfer of water from Grand Lake from east to west. He explained that typically the legislator will request a study, and it will be assigned to a committee of jurisdiction to decide about whether the study should be convened and what the agenda will be. Ms. Storck added staff will offer assistance to the study author.

Mr. Strong continued his report noting recent meetings and conferences where he had participated, and upcoming meetings. He noted mediation continues, and the OWRB brief response is due August 5 in the Arbuckle Simpson matter. He met with the Eastern Oklahoma County Partnership to discuss how the OWRB can assist the area with planning future water and wastewater infrastructure needs in Eastern Oklahoma County; they discussed needs but do not yet have a plan. He attended the Western States Water Council 50th Anniversary and Council meeting in Reno, NV; attended the Dolese Coleman Quarry re-opening; and spoke to the City Managers Association in Claremore. Following a sampling event with new Board Member Steve Allen July 21, Mr. Strong and staff will be attending the Kansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission on July 22 and following that, Mr. Strong will meet with the COE in Tulsa. Staff, along with Board Member Marilyn Feaver, will also be meeting with Fort Sill officials about future planning needs on July 27. He will also be meeting with the USGS regarding the Red River Basin study on August 3, and will participate in the Summer Policy Institute in Tulsa on August 5.

Mr. Strong concluded his report reminding members the next OWRB meeting will be August 18, 2015, in the Oklahoma City meeting room. Mr. Buchanan asked Mr. Strong to speak to the COE about individualized management of lakes in Oklahoma in regard to the flood release process.

E. Monthly Budget Report.

Ms. Storck presented the budget report for June 2015, stating staff is wrapping up the last fiscal year and beginning the current fiscal year, and are awaiting approval of the budget in order to start processing invoices and payments. She noted staff is preparing for the annual Management Retreat in August and updating the agency Strategic Plan and reviewing tasks, etc.

Chairman Lambert asked what funds can carryover at the end of the fiscal year, and Ms. Storck answered all funds carryover; and general revenue funds to November the following year. Mr. Drummond asked since budget cuts had been announced is the agency budget on track. Ms. Storck replied staff had completed the internal budget at the beginning of June, but there were issues with the new operating system and she is working the agency budget analyst. Mr. Strong added the budget is on track and the agency is in the "black."

There were no other questions by members.

2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION

A. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Order Approving Clean Water Funding Application for Perkins Public Works Authority, Payne County. Recommended for Approval. Mr. Joe Freeman, Chief, Financial Assistance Division, stated to the members that this item is \$615,000.00 loan request from the Perkins Public Works Authority located in Payne County. He said that they have requested the loan in order to replace 1,600 water meters with an automatic meter reading system. In doing so, the Authority will be improving existing operations, reduce expenditures, and decrease water loss to save energy. Mr. Freeman stated the loan will be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program, and he noted provisions of the loan agreement. He said the water connections have increased by approximately 25% over the past ten years. Perkins currently has two loans outstanding with the Board, with a combined principal balance of \$4.2 million, and the debt coverage ratio stands at approximately 2.1-times. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Bob Ernst, City Manager, and Ms. Rashel Carnefix, City Clerk, were present in support of the loan application.

There were no questions by members, and Chairman Lambert stated she would accept a motion.

Mr. Hitch moved to approve the CWSRF loan application to the Perkins Public Works Authority, and Mr. Fite seconded.

AYE: Drummond, Fite, Buchanan, Hitch, Feaver, Allen, Lambert
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Drake, Sevenoaks

B. Consideration of and Possible Action on Proposed Resolution Authorizing Certain Individuals To Sign and Act on Behalf of the Board Regarding the Board's Financial Assistance Program, State Revolving Fund Programs, and Issues of Indebtedness and Authorizing Members to Act as Assistant Secretary. Mr. Freeman explained to the members this item for the resolution authorizing certain individuals to sign and act on behalf of the Board regarding the Financial Assistance Programs and the Revolving Fund programs and names each Board member, except the Chairman, to act as Assistant Secretary in the absence of the Secretary. Mr. Allen's name has been added. He said it also allowed the Board's Trustee Bank, BancFirst, to know the Board's composition, and to have the Board members' signatures on file for verification. Staff recommended approval.

There were no comments or questions, and Chairman Lambert stated she would entertain a motion.

Mr. Fite moved to approve the resolution, and Ms. Feaver seconded.

AYE: Drummond, Fite, Buchanan, Hitch, Feaver, Allen, Lambert
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Drake, Sevenoaks

3. SUMMARY DISPOSITION AGENDA ITEMS

Any item listed under this Summary Disposition Agenda may, at the requested of any member of the Board, the Board's staff, or any other person attending this meeting, may be transferred to the Special Consideration Agenda. Under the Special Consideration Agenda, separate discussion and vote or other action may be taken on any items already listed under that agenda or items transferred to that agenda from this Summary Disposition Agenda.

A. Requests to Transfer Items from Summary Disposition Agenda to the Special Consideration Agenda, and Action on Whether to Transfer Such Items.

There were no requests to transfer items to Special Consideration.

B. Discussion, Questions, and Responses Pertaining to Any Items Remaining on Summary Disposition Agenda and Action on Items and Approval of Items listed.

There were no changes to the agenda as presented.

Chairman Lambert asked Mr. Freeman to address agenda item 3.D.3., Standby Bond Purchase Agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Freeman explained the Standby Bond Purchase Agreement is in relationship to the Board's variable rate bonds that are outstanding on the state loan program (not SRF program). The Board has about \$15 million outstanding, and it is required that a liquidity facility be in place in the event the bonds did not sell, and someone would step up and purchase the bonds. He said State Street Bank has been the Board's liquidity facility for the past several years, and because of the size of the amount that is still outstanding in variable rate bonds, there are not many institutions interested that are also rated high enough with which the Board can do business. Expiration is next January, and because the deal is small there is no interest, and the State Bond Advisor has allowed approaching State Street to determine interest in extending liquidity, which has agreed to a three-year extension at 44 basis points, as long as the AAA is maintained. He said this fee is lower than previously, and in his 25-year career he has seen the basis points as high as 145 and as low as 10 basis points. Mr. Freeman added there has never been a call on the bond purchase, and only during the downturn of 2008 was there concern, but the bonds were sold and the market has since settled and is running smoothly.

Chairman Lambert asked if there were other questions or comments on the standby bond purchase agreement, and if not she would entertain a motion to approve the Summary Disposition agenda. Mr. Hitch had asked and Mr. Freeman explained the statement in the agreement that the contract would be interpreted under New York law; however, also under Oklahoma law as it pertains to the Board. Mr. Hitch read the language in the contract; he was concerned as to why the statement regarding New York law was included. Mr. Freeman stated he had interpreted that it would be under Oklahoma law and the Board would be covered, he did not have an answer to the reference to New York law. Mr. Singletary suggested that is "boiler plate" language in the contract. Mr. Freeman asked if that would bind Oklahoma under New York law, and Ms. Kate Burum, Financial Assistance Division Counsel, reiterated that the Board would be governed by Oklahoma law, but if there was a legal issue Oklahoma could take it to New York court. Chairman Lambert asked if we were sure Oklahoma law would take precedence, and the members and staff discussed whether to research the matter and bring it back to the August Board meeting to be in place before the next remarketing in September. Chairman Lambert asked if it was the request of the Board to withdraw the matter and bring it back to the August meeting. Ms. Burum stated this language had been in two previous standby bond purchase agreements of the Board's. She said the language had also been reviewed by previous OWRB General Counsel Jerry Barnett and there was no problem, and she was confident that Oklahoma law prevailed in matters of the Board. Chairman Lambert asked if the members wanted to approve the agenda items as presented or remove the agreement from consideration.

Mr. Buchanan moved to approve the Summary Disposition Agenda as presented, and Mr. Drummond seconded.

There were no questions or comments, and Chairman Lambert called for the vote.

AYE: Drummond, Fite, Buchanan, Hitch, Feaver, Allen, Lambert

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Drake, Sevenoaks

Following the vote, Mr. Buchanan asked if there were REAP grant requests that had not been awarded. Mr. Freeman explained the review period is over and the outstanding requests are considered denied and the applicant will need to re-apply. He said the amount of requests totaled about \$20 million. The agency was appropriated \$1.25 million by the Legislature; the next deadline is September 1, and the majority of those communities are expected to resubmit an application. He said the Board is only able to meet about 5-6% of the demand.

The following items were approved:

C. Consideration of and Possible Action on Financial Assistance Division Items:

1. Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant Applications:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Entity Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
ASCOG				
a.	FAP-14-0050-R	Gracemont Public Works Authority	Caddo	\$79,891.37
EODD				
b.	FAP-14-0016-R	Porter Public Works Authority	Wagoner	79,900.00
KEDDO				
c.	FAP-13-0025-R	Panama Public Works Authority	LeFlore	87,000.00
SODA				
d.	FAP-13-0029-R	Stonewall Public Works Authority	Pontotoc	98,700.00

D. Consideration of and Possible Action on Contracts and Agreements:

1. Interagency Agreement between OWRB and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry for the collection of water sampling of LMFO monitored wells.

2. Agreement between OWRB and Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma to support the water and wastewater system infrastructure in Oklahoma by developing a customized data model with GIS web viewer.

3. First Amendment to Standby Bond Purchase Agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company for liquidity services for the FAP variable rate bonds.

E. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Temporary Permits to Use Groundwater:

1. Bollinger Irrevocable Trust, Canadian County, #2006-619
2. Scott & Michelle Reimer, Major County, #2015-502
3. Okie Shine, L.L.C., Grady County, #2015-507
4. Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, #2015-513
5. Stutzman Land, L.L.C., Blaine County, #2015-516
6. Pat Sturgeon Revocable Trust and David J. Cramer, Major County, #2015-524
7. Mike & Donna Steele Family Trust, Carter County, #2015-532
8. Dean C. & Benita J. Reimer, Major County, #2015-535
9. Independent School District I-001 of Stephens County (Duncan Public Schools), Stephens County, #2015-541
10. Sheldon Ray & Vicki Marie Nightingale, Caddo County, #2015-542
11. Jimmie D. & Leslie E. Briscoe, Greer & Jackson Counties, #2015-546
12. Ken A. & Marilyn Hungerford, Alfalfa County, #2015-552

13. Dale A. & Marinda D. Zook, Woods County, #2015-554
14. Don & Bonnie Muegge, Grant County, #2015-558
15. Clay Muegge, Grant County, #2015-559
16. Clay Muegge and Chad Muegge, Grant County, #2015-560
17. Gene & Kathy Ensz, Caddo County, #2015-565

F. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Temporary Permits to Use Groundwater:

1. Ronald Largent, Beckham County, #1976-782
2. Terry L. & Brenda Kay Beck and Wayne Curtis Beck, Roger Mills County, #1982- 858
3. L & K Revocable Trust, Harmon County, #1984-664
4. Stutzman Land, L.L.C., Custer County, #1999-515
5. Max A. Redgate and Debra Redgate Revocable Trusts, Woods County #2001-560

G. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Regular Permits to Use Groundwater:

1. David J. & Janee R. Cross, Beckham County, #2015-528
2. Bobby & Carol Lynne Bagwell, Tillman County, #2015-530
3. Whit Warner, Cimarron County, #2015-548

H. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Regular Permits to Use Groundwater:

1. Lotocka, L.L.C., Canadian County, #1974-074
2. Whitledge Family, L.L.C., Beckham County, #1976-818B
3. Flat Prairie Farms, Inc., Texas County, #2011-540

I. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Prior Rights to Use Groundwater:

1. Fincel V. Farris, Trustee of the Ira M. and Fincel V. Fariss Joint Revocable Trust
Dewey County, #1954-742
2. Dean C. & Benita J. Reimer, Major County, #1966-680

J. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Regular Permits to Use Stream Water:

1. John D. & Rickie A. Hodgden, Garfield County, #2014-067
2. M S H Properties, L.L.C., Tulsa County, #2014-069
3. Trena Kay Freeman, Hughes County, #2014-072
4. APAC-Central, Inc., Osage County, #2015-006
5. Chase Burns, Caddo County, #2015-009
6. Billie Dove Duffy, Trustee of the Billie Dove Duffy Revocable Trust and Successor Trustee of the Clifford Duffy Revocable Trust, Kingfisher County, #2015-010
7. Kent Cox, Kingfisher County, #2015-011
8. Leslie R. & Ona G. Glazier, Kingfisher County, #2015-014
9. Vilhauer Family Trust, Kingfisher County, #2015-015

K. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Regular Permits to Use Stream Water:

1. Gerald A. & Lucy C. Beecher, Kingfisher County, #1950-142

L. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Term Permits to Use Stream Water:

1. XTO Energy, Bryan County, #2015-017

M. Consideration of and Possible Action on Dam and Reservoir Construction/Upgrades:

1. Tumbleweed Primary Lagoon, Ellis County, #OK30485
2. Misty Lake Dam, Cleveland County, #OK12578

N. Consideration of and Possible Action on Well Driller and Pump Installer Licensing:

1. New Licenses and Operators:

- a. Licensee: Pierce Irrigation DPC-0935
- 1. Operator: William Ledlow OP-2105
- b. Licensee: Roman Max Stonecipher DPC-0937
- 1. Operator: Roman Stonecipher OP-2106
- c. Licensee: Craig's Water Well Service DPC-0939
- 1. Operator: Craig Wenthold OP-2107

2. New Operators, Licensee Name Change, and/or Activities for Existing Licenses:

- a. Licensee: Envirotech Engineering & Consulting DPC-0283
- 1. Operator: Zachary Babcock OP-2102
- b. Licensee: Oklahoma Environmental Services DPC-0363
- 1. Operator: Ryan Mavity OP-2103
- c. Licensee: Wait Pump Service DPC-0771
- 1. Operator: David Witten OP-2104
- d. Licensee: Sharp Drilling DPC-0176
- 1. Operator: Bradley Sharp OP-2108
- e. Licensee: Mooter's Well Service DPC-0601
- 1. Operator: Chris Mooter OP-2109

O. Consideration of and Possible Action on Permit applications for Proposed Development on State Owned or Operated Property within Floodplain Areas:

- 1. Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma County, #FP-15-07
- 2. Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Carter County, #FP-15-08
- 3. Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Carter County, #FP-15-09
- 4. Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, Ottawa County, #FP-15-10
- 5. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Ellis County, #FP-15-11

P. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Accreditation of Floodplain Administrators:

- 1. City of Atoka, Phillip E. Powell, FPA-628
- 2. City of Broken Bow, Ronald L. Herring, FPA-629
- 3. Town of Boynton, C. Kay Lang, FPA-630
- 4. Town of Calumet, Mark J. Stanke, FPA-631
- 5. Town of Carter, Bradley Crouse, FPA-632
- 6. Town of Coyle, Israel E. Cummings, FPA-633
- 7. City of Davis, Bert Curtis, Jr., FPA-634
- 8. Town of Dewar, Tracey R. Howk, FPA-635
- 9. Town of Kinta, Leon A. Daniels, FPA-636
- 10. City of Mustang, Melissa A. Helsel, FPA-637
- 11. Pottawatomie County, Melissa D. Dennis, FPA-638
- 12. Town of Stratford, Sam A. Lambert, FPA-639
- 13. City of Tonkawa, Kirk E. Henderson, FPA-640
- 14. City of Hobart, Charles E. Christian, FPA-641
- 15. Latimer County, Chad Donoley, FPA-642
- 16. Town of Pittsburg, Jerry W. Johnston, FPA-643

4. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION ABOUT AGENCY MATTERS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- A. No items. There were no items for the Board's consideration.

5. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- A. No items. There were no items for the Board's consideration.
- B. Consideration of and Possible Action on Items Transferred from Summary Disposition Agenda, if any. There were no items transferred from the Summary Disposition Agenda.

6. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Lambert

As authorized by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act in Section 307(B)(1) of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an executive session may be held for the purpose of discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee.

Pursuant to this provision, the Board proposes to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment (evaluation, possible increase in salary, and other terms and conditions of employment) of the Executive Director.

- A. Vote on whether to hold Executive Session. Before it can be held, the Executive Session must be authorized by a majority vote of a quorum of members present and such vote must be recorded.

Chairman Lambert asked General Counsel Singletary to state the purpose of the proposed Executive Session. Mr. Singletary stated that Section 307 (B)(1) allows an Executive Session for the discussion of employment, and that is what has been proposed on the agenda.

Chairman Lambert called for a motion to enter Executive Session and to designate Mary Schooley serve as scribe.

Mr. Buchanan moved to enter Executive Session, and Mr. Hitch seconded.

AYE: Drummond, Fite, Buchanan, Hitch, Feaver, Allen, Lambert

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Drake, Sevenoaks

- B. Designation of person to keep written minutes of Executive Session, if authorized.
Mary Schooley was designated to keep written minutes.

- C. Executive Session, if authorized.

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

- D. Return to open meeting.

Mr. Hitch moved to return to Regular Session, and Mr. Allen seconded.

AYE: Drummond, Fite, Buchanan, Hitch, Feaver, Allen, Lambert

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Drake, Sevenoaks

The Board returned to Regular Session at 10:33 a.m.

7. Consideration of and possible action on employment, including but not limited to evaluation of performance, increase in salary, or other change in terms and conditions of employment, of the Executive Director.

Upon returning to Regular Session, Chairman Lambert stated she would entertain a motion to increase Mr. J.D. Strong's salary to a base amount of \$120,000.00 for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Mr. Allen moved to increase the salary to \$120,000.00 and Mr. Hitch seconded.

There was no discussion. Chairman Lambert called for the vote.

AYE: Drummond, Fite, Buchanan, Hitch, Feaver, Allen, Lambert

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Drake, Sevenoaks

Following the vote, Mr. Buchanan expressed his concern about cost saving measures by the agency such as not filling positions, particularly in regard to closing the Lawton office and whether the agency had a presence in the rural areas. Mr. Strong and Ms. Storck responded staff is sensitive to rural needs for inspection and enforcement, that employees in the Lawton office had retired and there was discussion of staffing needs in Oklahoma City, but staff was also aware of the need to go into the field; the decision was not only to save money. There is a similar situation with the Tulsa office where the staff is needed to be in Oklahoma City and is paid to travel and whether to keep that office open when the staff retires. The members discussed whether it is beneficial to partner with other agencies in the field.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Under the Open Meeting Act, this agenda item is authorized only for matters not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda or any revised agenda.

There were no New Business items for the Board's consideration.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Lambert adjourned the meeting of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board at 10:39 a.m. on July 21, 2015.

OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

_____/Absent_____
Linda P. Lambert, Chairman

_____/s/_____
F. Ford Drummond, Vice Chairman

_____/s/_____
Edward H. Fite

_____/s/_____
Marilyn Feaver

_____/s/_____
Richard Sevenoaks

_____/s/_____
Bob Drake

_____/Absent_____
Tom Buchanan

_____/s/_____
Stephen B. Allen

ATTEST:

_____/Absent_____
Jason W. Hitch, Secretary (SEAL)