

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board was called to order by Madam Chair Jennifer Castillo, on June 18, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board located at 3800 N. Classen Blvd. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118. 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 May 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's offices at 3800 N. Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A. Roll Call. Madam Chair Castillo welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for the roll call of members.

Board Members Present

Ron Justice
Robert L. Stallings, Jr.
Darren Cook
Jennifer Castillo
Tom Gorman
Matt Muller
Bob Latham
Jarred Campbell

Board Members Absent

None

Staff Members Present

Julie Cunningham, Executive Director
Sara Gibson, General Counsel
Robby Short, Communication and Marketing Coordinator
Tamara Lilly, Executive Administrator
Joe Freeman, Chief, Financial Assistance Division
Bill Cauthron, Chief, Water Quality Programs Division
Chris Neel, Chief, Planning and Management Division
Cleve Pierce, Chief, Administrative Services Division

Others Attending

Mary Stallings
Victoria Tran
Danny D., City of Atoka
Stuart England, Floyd & Driver
Ken McQueen, OSEE
Kate Burum, Freese & Nichols
Barbara Albritton, INCOG
J. T. Darling, INCOG
Charles O., Legis OK
Sara Senyondo, Park Hill
Rusty Whisenhunt, Lawton Water Authority
Chris Gander, BOKFS
Leslie Lewis, HALFF
Deena Suddath, BancFirst
Bodie Bachelor, Centennial Law

B. Discussion, Amendments and Vote to Approve Official Minutes of the May 21, 2024, Regular Meeting. Madam Chair Castillo inquired if all members reviewed the minutes of the May 21, 2024, meeting and if no questions, or

changes, requested a motion to approve. No comments or amendments; Mr. Gorman motioned to approve, and Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Muller
ABSENT: None

C. Executive Director's Report:

Drought is currently affecting 90,700 Oklahomans in the panhandle and western parts of the state according to the drought monitor. West Central Oklahoma has only received 39% normal rainfall in the past month. The Panhandle is in "moderate drought" status according to both the Palmer Drought Severity and Standardized Precipitation Indices. The rest of the state is near normal or wetter. Soil moisture in Cimarron and Texas counties is very low as well. The outlook through August shows these two counties in persistent drought while the rest of the state is predicted to be out of drought.

This is the time of year where all divisions are engaged in budget preparation, and I am approving proposed line items. The budget is due to OMES June 28th.

Legislative Session:

Very successful with budget request items thanks to a lot of hard work by numerous staff members. Worked with multiple legislative committee and subcommittee leaders to secure nearly \$1.8 million in additional, re-occurring general revenue to modernize operations and increase field presence and \$13.7 million in infrastructure loan and grant funds that will allow the state to access an additional ~\$75 million in federal dollars. A portion of these funds will be used to stand up a new Hazard Mitigation State Revolving Loan Program in cooperation with Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management. Of note re: funding, we requested funding in several areas this year and received total or partial approval for all items (Received \$462,782 of the \$830,000 requested for item 2). There was a lot of interest in water use reporting and a lot of interest in improving OWRB's ability to oversee water use and well drilling activities. E.g. making sure use is reported and available to the public, and that we have to ability to enforce unlawful or unauthorized water use; properly train, license, and oversee the new well driller workforce, etc.

Bills of Note:

HB 2937 (ARPA Matching funds) \$10m tribal match with priority on tribes that did not participate in previous match programs. We will be writing rules or policy for how projects will be competitively selected, etc.

HB 3182 Adjusts the meeting schedule of the Emergency Drought Committee to meet when the Secretary of Agriculture declares an emergency drought in the state

HB 2197 Water use reporting requirements (stream water statute)

- Allows provisional temporary permit renewed three (3) times for oil and natural gas beneficial use, except in a sole source aquifer
- Requires permit holders report annual water use in a manner provided by the Board
- Provides an opportunity for permittee to report non-use and authorizes the board to promulgate rules for reporting usage and approval of excused nonuse.
- Expressly states that failure to report annual water use may result in cancellation of the permit.
- Gives OWRB Exec. Director authority to issue cessation orders when suspect unauthorized usage or usage will damage rights of prior appropriators, and provides opportunity for hearing.

SB 1914 Removes provisions allowing water permit holders to opt out of participation in groundwater irrigation districts.

D. Financial Update

Mr. Cleve pierce, Chief Administrative Services Division, presents the budget report for the period ending May 2024. Mr. Pierce reports the agency has spent 85 % of it appropriated budget leaving 15 %; spent 57% of its revolving budget, leaving 43%; has spent 36% of its federal budget, leaving 64%. Overall, the total budget remaining is 44% with 8% of the year remaining.

2. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION**

A. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Order Approving Clean Water Funding Application for the Atoka Municipal Authority, Atoka County, Oklahoma. Recommended for Approval.

This is a \$1,740,000 loan request from the Atoka municipal authority. They are requesting the loan for construction of new headworks at their wastewater treatment plant, which will be a two channeled unit capable of independent operation. In addition to the loan the project will be funded with a \$1 million American Rescue Plan Act grant from you, a \$600,000 community development block grant, and \$237,500 in local funds. The loan will be funded through the clean water state revolving fund loan program with a fixed interest rate plus a half point administrative fee. The loan will have a maturity not to exceed 30 years from project completion and will be secured with a lien on Atoka’s water and sewer system revenues, a one cent sales tax, and a mortgage. They currently have four outstanding loans with the board with a combined balance of approximately \$11.5 million and their debt coverage ratio stands at 2.19 times.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Latham and Mr. Stallings seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

B. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Order Approving Clean Water Funding Application for The Lawton Water Authority, Comanche County, Oklahoma. Recommended for Approval.

This is a \$25 million loan request from the Lawton Water Authority. They are requesting the loan for replacement of 13,000 feet of sewer line with cured-in place pipe and replacement of 65,000 feet of sewer line by pipe bursting. In addition, the loan will fund the replacement of a lift station. The loan will be funded through the clean water state revolving fund loan program with a fixed interest rate plus a half point administrative fee. The loan will mature within 30 years of the completion of construction and will be secured with a lien on Lawton’s water, sewer, and sanitation system revenues. Lawton has been a long-time loan customer of the board’s and they currently have 8 loans with the board with a combined balance of approximately \$130.3 million. Their debt coverage ratio stands at 1.6 times.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Ms. Landess and Mr. Justice seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

C. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Resolution Selecting Investment Banker(s) in Connection with the Issuance of One or More Obligations to Provide Funding for the State Loan Program. Recommended for Approval.

This is for the selection of investment bankers or underwriters for our state loan program also known as the FAP loan program. We distributed 31 requests for proposals for FAP investment bankers and received responses from Truist securities (BB&T and Suntrust), Morgan Stanley, BOK financial securities, Bancroft capital, Stifel Nicolaus, Raymond James, Academy securities, RBC capital markets, and D. A. Davidson.

In their proposals we requested they provide their relevant bond experience, their assigned personnel's relevant bond experience, their marketing and distribution capabilities, and fees. The proposals were reviewed by staff, and the deputy state treasurer for debt management was consulted. Staff recommend the selection of BOK financial securities as senior underwriter and Stifel Nicolaus as co-manager for upcoming FAP bond issues.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Muller and Mr. Stallings seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

D. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Resolution Selecting a Bond Counsel in Connection with the Issuance of One or More Obligations to Provide Funding for the State Loan Program. Recommended for Approval.

This is a resolution for the selection of bond counsel for the FAP loan program. We distributed 27 requests for proposals for bond counsel and we received proposals from the law firms of Locke Lord (Dallas) and the Centennial Law Group. We requested the firms provide for evaluation their new money revenue bond experience, Oklahoma and local bond counsel experience, the experience of the attorneys proposed to work on our FAP transactions, and fees. After staff review, we also consulted with the deputy state treasurer for debt management. We recommend the selection of the Centennial Law Group as bond counsel for the FAP loan program.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Gorman and Mr. Stallings seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

E. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Resolution Selecting a Disclosure Counsel in Connection with the Issuance of One or More Obligations to Provide Funding for the State Loan Program. Recommended for Approval.

This is for the selection of disclosure counsel for the FAP loan program. Disclosure counsel provides advice to OWRB regarding securities law issues, facilitates consistency in our disclosure information, and prepares our preliminary and final official statements for bond offerings. We distributed 27 requests for proposals and received 4 proposals to serve as FAP disclosure counsel. We received proposals from Locke Lord (Dallas), Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliff (Austin), Gilmore and Bell, and Chapman and Cutler (Chicago).

We requested the firms provide their disclosure counsel experience, the experience of the assigned attorneys, and fees. After reviewing of the proposals, staff consulted with the deputy state treasurer for debt management. We recommend the selection of Gilmore and Bell as disclosure counsel.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Latham and Mr. Stallings seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- F. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Oklahoma Water Resources Board State Loan Program Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$250,000,000; at a Net Interest Cost not to Exceed Seven Percent (7.0%); Providing for the Issuance of Said Bonds in One or More Series; Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Series 2024C Supplemental Bond Resolution and, if Deemed Advisable, an Additional Supplemental Bond Resolution for Each Additional Series; Waiving Competitive Bidding on the Bonds and Authorizing the Sale Thereof by Negotiation and at a Discount Pursuant to the Terms of a Contract of Purchase Pertaining Thereto; Approving a Preliminary Official Statement with Respect to Said Bonds; Authorizing the Chairman or Vice Chairman to Deem Preliminary Official Statements for Additional Series of Bonds Final; Directing Deposit of Proceeds Derived from the Issuance of the Bonds in the State Treasury and Requesting the State Treasurer to Remit Such Proceeds to the Bond Trustee; Ratifying and Approving the Form of Promissory Note, Loan Agreement, and Note Purchase Agreement to be Executed by Borrowers in the State Loan Program; Authorizing Execution of Such Other and Further Instruments, Certificates and Documents as may be Required for the Issuance of the Bonds; Directing Payment of Costs of Issuance and Containing Other Provisions Relating to the Issuance of the Bonds. Recommended for Approval.

This is a resolution requesting authorization for the issuance of up to \$250 million in FAP state loan program revenue bonds. The reason for the request is that the last board authorization in July 2023 for FAP bond issuances for up to \$250 million has nearly been fully utilized. Under the July 2023 authorization we closed the FAP series 2023c bond issue for \$43,475,000 to fund loans for Alva, Duncan, Seiling, Owasso, and Broken Arrow. The FAP series 2024a issue for \$84,485,000 to fund loans for Minco and Muskogee. As well as the \$102,670,000 series 2024b bond issue for loans to Woodward, Blanchard, Bethany Warr acres public works authority, Collinsville, Midwest City, Henryetta, Guymon, and Bethany. Therefore, with these three issues closed we will only have approximately \$19 million in bonds unissued under the July 2023 authorization. We are anticipating requests for additional FAP loans over the next couple of months which will exceed the remaining \$19 million authorization. The resolution before you authorizes another \$250 million in bond issuance capacity for the FAP state loan program in one or more series, provides for the approval of a preliminary official statement, authorizes the chairman or vice chairman to deem preliminary official statements for additional series of bonds final, authorizes the sale of the bonds to be on a negotiated basis, directs the bond proceeds to be deposited in the state treasury and then remitted to Bancfirst as your trustee, ratifies the form of promissory note, loan agreement, and note purchase agreement. In addition, the resolution authorizes execution of other documents required for the issuance of the bonds and directs payment of the costs of issuance.

Question from the Board: Considering the ARPA funds distributed, how much pressure has this taken off our bond program?

Answer: Have not see that at all, in fact demand is up.

Question from the Board: So, in light of all this federal money to assist with all the infrastructure needs and demand, do you see the trajectory to continue to spike?

Answer: Hard to say, I don't see anything to cause a decline. Several municipalities have a laundry list of needs that are not going away, especially due to age.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Stallings and Mr. Gorman seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

G. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Reimburse Costs of Loans for Clean Water SRF Projects. Recommended for Approval.

This is a reimbursement resolution for the clean water state revolving fund loan program. The Federal Tax Act of 2005 tightened the time period within which tax-exempt bond issue proceeds must be expended. The prior requirement was that tax exempt bond issuers do a good faith effort to lend in excess of 90% of bond proceeds within 3 years of a bond issue closing. The subsequent rule required that 30% must be drawn down within one year of bond issue closing and 95% drawn down within 3 years. We close SRF loans and then fund them with nonbond funds in the beginning, then we will close a clean water SRF bond issue, and then reimburse ourselves with bond proceeds which allows us to meet the 30% first year requirement on the day the SRF bond issue closes. To be able to do this, the IRS regulations require that we must declare our reimbursement intentions in a form such as the resolution before you. Exhibit A to the resolution lists clean water SRF loans that have been approved by the board but have not yet closed, clean water SRF loans that have closed with loan funds being drawn, and loan requests that are on the clean water SRF priority list for funding. As is noted in the resolution and exhibit we have \$1,131,656,867 in clean water SRF loans which may potentially be eligible for bond issuance reimbursement.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Muller and Mr. Stallings seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

H. Consideration of and Possible Action on a Proposed Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Reimburse Costs of Loans for Drinking Water SRF Projects. Recommended for Approval.

This is for the drinking water state revolving fund loan program. The resolution notes the same parameters but identifies the drinking water SRF loans which are available for possible reimbursement. Exhibit A to this resolution lists the drinking water SRF borrowers who have loans approved but not closed, closed and drawing loan funds, or are on the drinking water SRF priority list who are eligible for reimbursement. As is noted in the resolution and in the exhibit, we have identified \$2,114,880,234 in drinking water SRF loans which may potentially be eligible for bond issue reimbursement.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Justice and Mr. Latham seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

3. **SUMMARY DISPOSITION AGENDA ITEMS**

All the items listed below under this Summary Disposition Agenda are recommended for approval. Any item listed under this Summary Disposition Agenda may, at the request of any member of the Board, the Board’s staff, or any other person attending this meeting, 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.

Request to transfer items from Summary Disposition to the Special Consideration Agenda and Action on whether to transfer such items.

Discussion, questions, and responses pertaining to any items remaining on Summary Disposition agenda and possible action items listed below.

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

B. Discussion, Questions, and Responses Pertaining to Any Items Remaining on Summary Disposition Agenda and Possible Action on Items Listed Below.

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

1. Emergency Grant Applications:
None.

2. 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>
OEDA				
a.	FAP-24-0022-R	The Seiling Public Works Authority	Dewey	\$ 99,999.00

3. CWSRF Principal Forgiveness Loan Applications:
None.

4. DWSRF Principal Forgiveness Loan Applications:
None.

5. Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (“OSG”)
None.

6. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Applications:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Entity Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
a.	ARP-23-0180-G	Rural Water District No. 3, Stephens County	Stephens	\$ 190,888.75
b.	ARP-23-0024-DTG	The Inola Public Works Authority	Rogers	\$ 250,000.00
c.	ARP-23-0176-G	Rural Water District No. 1, Creek County	Creek	\$ 474,050.00

d.	ARP-23-0152-G	Maysville Authority	Municipal	Garvin	\$ 1,000,000.00
e.	ARP-23-0025-DPG	Town of Clearview		Okfuskee	\$ 1,153,846.00
f.	ARP-23-0034-DPG	Town of Vernon		McIntosh	\$ 1,153,846.00

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

1. Professional Services Contract between Centennial Law Group and the OWRB for professional legal services in relation to the Board's financial assistance program.
2. Agreement between the State of Oklahoma by and through OMES on behalf of OWRB and Rhithron Associates, Inc. for the provision of a stream monitoring program.
3. Amendment to Joint Funding Agreement between the U.S. Geological Survey and OWRB for the Hydrogeologic Investigation and Simulation of Groundwater Flow and Availability in the Salt Fork Arkansas River Alluvial Aquifer, North-Central Oklahoma.
4. Statement of Work between CDW Government, LLC and the OWRB providing upgrade to FA Conference Room including equipment, electrical service, installation of equipment, structural modifications, painting and other services to completed project as needed.
5. Sponsored Research Agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and the OWRB providing server hosting and maintenance by the Center for Spatial Analyst at the university for FY 2025.
6. Contract for Legal Services with the Oklahoma Office of Attorney General to provide a hearing examiner to conduct administrative hearings on behalf of OWRB.
7. Agreement between the Oklahoma Rural Water Association and OWRB to provide training for rural water system board members as required by statute.
8. Statement of Work between the Office of Management and Enterprise Services Information Services and OWRB. For consideration is a 30-day planning agreement to gather technical requirements and details to build a set of agency services in the Microsoft Azure government cloud-based system for modernizing agency applications and databases. This set of modern state-of-the-art Microsoft services are known as Azure Infrastructure as a Service (IAAS) and Platform as a Service (PAAS) which replace the need for services formerly provided by on-site physical servers.
9. Interagency Agreement between OWRB and the Grand River Dam Authority providing work and services related to the GRDA Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring Project for fiscal year 2025.

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

1. Michael John and Katie Jean Haynes, Alfalfa County, 2023-548
2. Robbie Kent and Shayla Janae Reimer, Major County, 2023-562
3. Houa Lor, Cherokee County, 2023-670
4. Daryl and Miriam E. Mast Revocable Trust, Custer County, 2023-685
5. Delvin and Anita Mast, Custer County, 2023-686
6. David and Deanna McCall, Caddo County, 2024-532

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

1. Johnson Land, LLC, Alfalfa County, 2000-581
2. Lavonne Kroeker, Major County, 2003-612
3. Lavonne Kroeker, Major County, 2008-592

4. Stutzman Land, LLC, Custer County, 2009-516
- G. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Regular Permits to Use Groundwater:
None
- H. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Regular Permits to Use Groundwater:
1. Flatland Farms, LLC, Texas County, 1990-517A
 2. Roger and Marilyn Fisher, Texas County, 1990-517B
 3. Justin and Andrea Miller, Beckham County, 2010-572
 4. BJ and Jeri Ward, Cimarron County, 2014-563
- I. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Prior Right to Use Groundwater:
1. Stutzman Land, LLC, Custer County, 1953-136A
- J. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to for Term/Seasonal Permits to Use Stream Water:
None
- K. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Regular Permits to Use Stream Water:
None
- L. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications to Amend Regular Permits to Use Stream Water:
None
- M. Consideration of and Possible Action on Well Driller and Pump Installer Licensing:
1. New Licenses, Accompanying Operator Certificates and Activities:

A. Licensee: Savage Excavation	DPC-1048
1. Operator: Eric Hutton	OP-2240
Activities: Monitoring wells	
B. Licensee: Superior Excavation, LLC	DPC-1050
2. Operator: Wade Beneda	OP-2484
Activities: Groundwater wells, monitoring wells, pumps installation and heat exchange	
C. Licensee: Alamo Environmental DBA Vortex Drilling	DPC-1052
3. Operator: Jarod Michalsky	OP-2388
Activities: Groundwater wells, monitoring wells, pump installation	
 2. New Operators, Licensee Name Change, and/or Activities for Existing Licenses:
None
- N. Consideration of and Possible Action on Dam and Reservoir Construction:
None
- O. Consideration of and Possible Action on Permit Applications for Proposed Development on State Owned or Operated Property within Floodplain Areas:
None.
- P. Consideration of and Possible Action on Applications for Accreditation of Floodplain Administrators:
1. William Macon, Marshall County, #FPA-836
 2. Troy Choplin, Pawnee County, #FPA-830
 3. Shelby Epperly, Kay County, #FPA-27
 4. Taylor Burt, Canadian County, #FPA-35
 5. Cynthia Williams, Comanche County, #FPA-67

A discussion was had by the Board with regards to how many feet of water could be on one permit. Discussion of individuals putting all their individual wells under one permit verses multiple permits. This discussion parlayed into water gauging and individual water rights and the length of those permits.

Madam Chair Castillo asked for additional questions, discussion, or motion. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Muller and Mr. Stallings seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

0400 4. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION ABOUT AGENCY MATTERS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST **Chairman Jennifer Castillo**

A. Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan – 2025 Update **Owen Mills**

Owen provided a detailed and deep dive presentation over the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan.

05000 5. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION **Chairman Jennifer Castillo**

- A. No Special Consideration items.
- B. Consideration of and Possible Action on Items Transferred from Summary Disposition, if any.

06000 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS **Chairman Jennifer Castillo**

A discussion was had by Board members to keep the Board positions the same as currently held by the members.

Madam Chair Castillo asked if there were further discussion. Mr. Muller motioned to keep Board as is, and Mr. Justice seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

07000 7. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION **Chairman Jennifer Castillo**

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.

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

1. 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.
2. Designation of person to keep written minutes of Executive Session, if authorized.
3. Executive Session, if authorized.

- B. Return to open meeting.
- C. 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.

Madam Chair Castillo called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Latham motioned to enter, and Mr. Stallings seconded the motion; Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Madam Chair Castillo requested the room be cleared of all audience and staff. She designated herself to take the notes of the Executive Session. Executive Session began at 11:06 am.

Executive Session ended at 11:35 am. Madam Chair Castillo announced that the Board had voted to return to regular session; Madam Chair requested a motion for the decision of the Executive Session. Mr. Latham motioned that Ms. Cunningham receive a salary increase to \$164,000 for fiscal year 2025; in fiscal year 2026, the salary would increase by 5% to \$172,000. Mr. Ms. Landess seconded the motion. Madam Chair Castillo called for the vote.

AYE: Latham, Stallings, Justice, Muller, Landess, Gorman, Cook, Castillo, Campbell
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

08000 8. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Jennifer Castillo

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.

09000 9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jennifer Castillo

The next regular meeting of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 9:30 am. In the offices of the OWRB, 3800 N. Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Jennifer Castillo, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Suzanne Landess, Secretary (SEAL)

