

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

December 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (Directors) of the Texas Environmental Research Consortium (TERC) was held on Thursday, December 9, 2009 in Houston, Texas at the County Judge's office. Chairman Frels convened the meeting at 1:04 p.m. The Agenda for the meeting is provided herein as Attachment I. Board members attending this meeting in addition to Chairman Frels were The Honorable Ed Emmett, Mr. Matthew Tejada representative and proxy for Mr. Jim Marston, Mr. Ronnie Schultz, Mr. Ravi Singhania, Dr. Jonathan Ward, and Mr. Karl Pepple representative and proxy for The Honorable Bill White. Additional persons in attendance were Mr. George Beatty, Ms. Ivy Guice, Dr. Jim Lester, Dr. Jay Olaguer, Dr. Yiqun Huang, Mr. David Brymer, Mr. Alex Cuclis, and Ms. Catarina Crohn.

The Board took the following actions at the meeting:

- Considered and approved the minutes of September 10, 2009;
- Received and discussed the Chairman's report. Mr. Frels presented information on the 2010-2011 Sunset Advisory Commission's upcoming reviews of the different agencies.
- Received and discussed the Executive Director's report. Mr. Beatty reported the next quarterly Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2009, and that TCEQ would like TERC to report on the SHARP Campaign. He stated that the Advisory Council continues to meet. On September 30th, TERC made a presentation to the Texas Coalition of Governments (TCOG). Several members expressed interest in working with TERC to coordinate research efforts. Mr. Beatty stated that the Directors and Officers Insurance Policy has been renewed. He reported that the EPA analysis of data from the previous years has indicated that the Houston/Galveston area has reached attainment. Over the next few years, EPA will broaden its footprint by reviewing the standards set for air quality. If they lower the standards for compliance, they will be based on a full regional scale rather than by county. If either EPA or Congress decides to eventually regulate green house gases, this region will have a long road ahead to reach attainment.

- Considered and approved Resolution 2.83, and hereby express' profound thanks and appreciation to Mayor Bill White for his dedication and service to TERC;
- Received and discussed the Air Quality report;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.84, and hereby express profound thanks and appreciation to Susana Hildebrand, Chief Engineer and Deputy Director at TCEQ, for her dedication and service to the Science Advisory Council;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.85, and hereby appoints Dr. Annette Prosterman, Alamo Area Council of Governments, to the TERC Advisory Council;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.86, and hereby appoints David Brymer, Director of the Air Quality Division at TCEQ, to a two year term on the Science Advisory Committee, effective immediately;
- Received and discussed the NTRD status report;
- Received and discussed TERC's financial report and 2008 audit;
- Considered and approved Resolution 2.87, hereby authorizing the Executive Director and the Houston Advanced Research Center to appoint Blazek and Vetterling to audit the 2009 TERC financial statements;
- Received and discussed the 2010 fiscal year budget; A need was expressed by both Judge Emmett and Mr. Frels to have a resolution for the organization continue to working under continuing resolution of the 2009 budget. It was voted on and passed.
- Received and accepted The Honorable Judge B. Glen Whitley's resignation from the TERC Board; with this resignation, there are no representatives from north central Texas on the Board, leaving two vacancies available. The Board elected Kelly Frels and Ravi Singhanian to the Board for an additional three-year term, noting that Mr. Frels and Mr. Singhanian abstained from voting for themselves. The Board elected Kelly Frels as Chairman of the Board. A motion was made and passed to appoint Houston's new mayor to the board subject to his acceptance.
- Considered and appointed the following:
 TERC Executive Committee: Kelly Frels, Judge Ed Emmett, and Dr. Jonathan Ward
 Finance Committee: Ravi Singhanian, Ronnie Schultz, and Jim Marston

- Received and discussed TERC's Conflict of Interest Policies and forms for 2010;
- Received and discussed the Director's 2010 meeting schedule; the following dates have been selected, noting that all meetings will be in Houston since currently there are no representatives on the Board from the Dallas area:
 - March 11, 2010
 - June 10, 2010
 - September 9, 2010
 - December 9, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m