

**PERMIAN BASIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

September 13, 2023

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The Board of Directors of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission held its monthly meeting Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission at 2910 LaForce Blvd, Midland, TX 79706.

**MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:**

Steve Eggleston, proxy for Flora Braly, City of Andrews Mayor (videoconference)  
Charlie Falcon, Andrews County Judge  
Shane Walker, Borden County Judge  
Roy Hodges, Crane County Judge (videoconference)  
Foy O'Brien, Dawson County Judge  
Dustin Fawcett, Ector County Judge  
Cindy Therwhanger, Gaines County Judge (videoconference)  
Randy Johnson, Howard County Judge (videoconference)  
Sally Poteet, City of Stanton Mayor  
Bryan Cox, Martin County Judge  
Terry Johnson, Midland County Judge  
Lori Blong, City of Midland Mayor  
Joe Shuster, Pecos County Judge (videoconference)  
John Davis, City of Balmorhea Mayor (videoconference)  
Dale Carruthers, Terrell County Judge (videoconference)  
Dusty Kilgore, Upton County Judge  
Greg Holly, Ward County Judge  
Charles Wolf, Winkler County Judge  
Ken Hankins proxy for Senator Kevin Sparks  
Joel Reidel proxy for Senator John Cornyn (videoconference)  
Bobbi Hanson proxy for Senator Ted Cruz (videoconference)

**MEMBERS ABSENT WERE:**

Denise Swanner, City of Odessa Council  
Joe Hurt, Sandhills SWCD  
Billy Reynolds, Glasscock County Judge  
Skeet Jones, Loving County Judge  
Leo M. Hung, Reeves County Judge

**PBRPC STAFF PRESENT:**

PBRPC Staff: Virginia Belew – Executive Director, Abel Gamez – 9-1-1 GIS Manager, Alma Montes – Area Agency on Aging Director, Miranda Boler – Regional Services Director (videoconference), Kala Hardy – Chief Financial Officer, Lesli Flores – Accountant, Porfirio Herrera – Accounting Technician, Cathe Henderson – Executive Assistant/HR Manager.

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Sherry Hubbard – Texas Silver Haired Legislature, Sharon Kulig – Texas Silver Haired Legislature, David Peck – GrantWorks, Carlos Nogueras – Texas Tribune, Eli Hartman – Texas Tribune.

**Meeting Notes:**

Upton County Judge, Dusty Kilgore called meeting to order at 1:30 pm and established a quorum.

Motion was made by Judge Foy O’Brien, seconded by Judge Charles Wolf to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held August 9, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Presentation was given by Sherri Hubbard of Texas Silver Haired Legislature.

Program update was given by Alma Montes, Director of Area Agency on Aging. Presentation was given by Carolyn Torres, Ombudsman of Area Agency on Aging regarding upcoming gala and Residents Rights month in October.

Motion was made by Judge Foy O’Brien, seconded by Judge Charles Wolf to approve the Executive Director to execute a five-year extension with modified terms for PBRPC lease space occupied by TrueBlue, People Ready. **Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 2023-49**

Motion was made by Judge Charles Wolf, seconded by Judge Terry Johnson approving for a \$300,000 grant match for the Economic Development Administration, Disaster Recover funds application for PBRPC facility reconstruction project, designating such funds to remain committed to the project and unencumbered to meet grant requirements throughout the project period. **Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 2023-50**

Motion was made by Judge Greg Holly, seconded by Judge Dustin Fawcett for approval of amendments to the personnel policy; including remote work requirements, break in service and leave accrual rate for returning employees not to be returned to previous rate and no credit for break in service, agency reinstatement option for employees return-to-work after workman’s compensation break in service not allowing benefits to accrue when a staff is not actively at work. **Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 2023-51**

Request for consideration of approval of updated FY24 salary plan for Public Safety Departments – Criminal Justice/Homeland Security and 9-1-1 Emergency Communications skipped as approval was no longer required.

Motion was made by Judge Greg Holly, seconded by Judge Charlie Falcon approving the 2023-2024 Strategic Work Program and Operating Budget. **Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 2023-52**

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Motion was made by Judge Charles Wolf, seconded by Dustin Fawcett approving the PBRPC finance report for previous month(s), August. **Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 2023-53**

Next Meeting was set for October 11, 2023, at 5:00 pm prior to General Assembly meeting at Ward County Event Center.

Motion was made by Judge Charles Wolf, seconded by Judge Bryan Cox to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**