



Red River Commission Meeting Minutes, October 31, 2023

Call to order: A meeting of the Red River Commission convened on October 31, 2023, at the Oklahoma State Capitol, Room 5S2, Oklahoma City, OK. Written notice was provided four days in advance, in compliance with Open Meeting laws. The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm, upon which time quorum was established.

Members Present: Speaker Charles McCall, Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, Trebor Worthen, Paul Buntz.

Others: Sen. Bullard, Sen. Garvin, Rep. Banning, Rep. Bashore, Rep. D Lowe, From the Northern Texas Municipal Water District: Jenna Covington, Executive Director; David Kelly, Government Affairs Manager; Marvin Fuller, Board Member and Legislative Committee Chairman; Dr. Davey Edwards, Surveyor; Paul Siegel, Executive Director of the Greater Texoma Utility. University of Oklahoma President Joseph Harroz, Jr.

Speaker McCall made opening remarks, thanking all who worked to put the proposal together and for everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Speaker McCall presented the minutes from the April 13, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Worthen to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Public Comment:

No public comment was made.

Presentation from University of Oklahoma:

Speaker McCall introduced President Harroz to present the Committee with the proposal for expertise needed for the project. President Harroz walked the Committee through expertise and informed the Committee that the University worked with the North Texas Water District to make sure they were comfortable with whom were chosen, as they have agreed to pay for this study.

Mr. Buntz asked what the time frame is. President Harroz explained that all could be completed in the month of February. The Commission can come back in late February or early March to discuss the findings. Senator Bullard asked if there was a total cost of all of those combined. President Harroz explained that a range was given, total \$300,000 estimate.

Approval Slate of Experts:

Speaker McCall presented the slate of experts to the committee for approval. Motion made by Lt. Governor Pinnell, seconded by Mr. Buntz. Motion passed unanimously.



Approval of Scope: Speaker McCall presented the scope of work to the Committee for approval. Motion made by Mr. Buntz, Seconded by Lt. Governor Pinnell. Motion passed unanimously.

An approval of a MOU with North Texas Water District subject to the approval of the North Texas Water District Board: Speaker McCall presented the MOU to the Committee for approval. Motion made by Lt. Governor Pinnell, Seconded by Mr. Worthen.

Mr. Worthen asked what will happen if the board rejects the MOU. Speaker McCall if they approve, President Harroz and experts will move forward. If they do not approve, we will reconvene and discuss another plan. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Other business:

No other business

Speaker McCall thanked everyone for being in attendance.

Speaker presented motion to adjourn. Motion made by Lt. Gov, seconded by Mr. Worthen, motion passed unanimously.

Speaker McCall adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm.