



## *Approved Minutes*

# **Paso del Norte Watershed Council Executive Committee meeting**

**September 2, 2014; 9-11AM**

USIBWC Headquarters | 4171 N. Mesa, Suite C-100 | El Paso, TX

**Conrad Keyes, Chair**  
**Hilary Brinegar, Asst Chair**

**Sue Watts, Secretary**  
**Ari Michelsen, Treasurer**

### **Present:**

Ari Michelsen-TX Agrilife  
Beau Masse-Stell Environmental  
Conrad Keyes, Jr.-Corps consultant  
Elizabeth Verdecchia-USIBWC  
Gill Sorg-City of Las Cruces

Janet Kirwin-NM State Parks  
Mike Landis-USBR  
Sue Watts-ecologist  
Zhuping Sheng-TX Agrilife

1. The Executive Committee meeting of the Paso del Norte Watershed Council was called to order by Conrad Keyes. Everyone introduced themselves. Quorum was not attained.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. There were no edits to the minutes of the Feb 14 or April 24, 2014 meeting. However a vote on approval could not be taken.
4. Reports
  - a. PdNWC Financial Report – Ari Michelsen reported that there have been no changes since the last report. BOR cooperative agreement still being negotiated.
  - b. Technical Committee Report – Zhuping Sheng will be attending the next Tech Team meeting but they will not be releasing their models due to the pending lawsuits.
  - c. Biological Committee – The Leasburg restoration site received water this summer (June 30). Kevin Bixby submitted 2 proposals for restoration funding; 1 for NMED 319 funds and the second for river stewardship funds. EBID wanted to submit a proposal as well but would have needed \$75-100,000 in in-kind funds. NMSU submitted a proposal for river stewardship funds targeting a site at Percha Dam State Park. The only funds available in Texas are for water

- supply rather than restoration (SWFT funds). Also, the USGS transboundary modeling project is moving forward (Mexico, TX, and NM).
- d. Clean Water Committee – no report.
  - e. Website update—Carlos Coontz is replacing Randy as our contact person.
5. City of Las Cruces Arroyo Preservation Plan-The revised plan is on their website and must go back to the Planning and Zoning committee on June 24. Thanks go out to the WC members who provided comments.
  6. Next EC Meeting – Oct 23 at Las Cruces—City Hall or SWEC; 3:30, before Citizens Forum [subsequently cancelled]. Annual meeting to be held early Dec at Great American Land and Cattle Co in Anthony [subsequently set on Dec 5, 11:30-1:30]
  7. Meeting adjourned.