



## Draft Minutes

### Paso del Norte Watershed Council Executive Committee meeting

February 4, 2015; 1:30PM –3:30PM

Marron and Associates

125 North Main Street | Las Cruces, TX 79821

**Conrad Keyes, Chair**

**Hilary Brinegar, Asst Chair**

**Present:**

Ari Michelsen-TX Agrilife  
Brian Hanson-citizen  
Christopher Brown-NMSU  
Conrad Keyes, Jr.-  
Corey Durr-BLM  
Gilbert Anaya-USIBWC  
Gill Sorg-City of Las Cruces  
Hilary Brinegar-Marron Assoc  
Jack Kirby

**Sue Watts, Secretary**

**Ari Michelsen, Treasurer**

Kevin Bixby-SWEC  
Mike Gaglio-High Desert Env.  
Mike Landis-USBR  
Peter Bennett- City of LC  
Ryan Ward-NMDA  
Sue Watts-ecologist  
William Little  
Zhuping Sheng-TX Agrilife

1. The Executive Committee meeting of the Paso del Norte Watershed Council was called to order by Conrad Keyes at 1:30PM. All participants introduced themselves. Quorum was attained.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. Announcements- Send announcements to Sue for distribution.
4. Decisions
  - a. Election of Executive Committee officers - Conrad Keyes. Two open slots on Executive Committee. Alfredo is still interested in participating; will try to call or Skype into future meetings. Nominations of officers: current officers nominated for another term. All willing to continue. All elected by unanimous vote.
  - b. Minutes from Dec 5, 2014 annual meeting – Approved with no edits.
  - c. Vote on proposals for use of USBR funds when they become available-Hilary Brinegar: website support \$6007; Kevin Bixby: fish survey \$5000 + 15% indirect costs (IDC). Motion to have Kevin and Chris work together to develop professional services agreements for both projects. Motion carried. Will have to justify reduced IDC to NMSU. Draft agreement will then go to TAMU contracts office. Suggestion that stakeholders be included in

project: especially EBID and IBWC. Gilbert suggested identifying permanently wet areas for fish studies. Perhaps Clean Rivers Program could assist? Other potential partners might be Liz Walsh at UTEP or Kevin ? at Sul Ross. Could also coordinate with Big Bend Park.

5. Reports

- a. PdNWC Financial Report –no new funds.
- b. Technical Committee Report – Zhuping Sheng. All current models are being linked from Colorado south. Elephant Butte to El Paso modeling is complete but not yet released.
- c. Biological Committee –Kevin reported that he was awarded funds for his 319 proposal but it wasn't feasible on budget offered. IBWC and EBID interested in projects in Montoya Drain area so project may be completed in future anyway. Brian stressed importance of having some watershed and water quality projects ready to propose whenever funding opportunities arise. He will review the Blue Earth proposal for ideas. (Brian, Gill, Kevin, Mike Gaglio, and Sue will help with ? )
- d. Website update-Hilary. Website reviewed last week and updates made. Many of the Spanish pages need updating. Will continue quarterly reviews.
- e. Clean Water Committee – Gilbert Anaya. TCEQ had proposed arsenic impairment near Anthony but samples not collected correctly, so impairment not declared. IBWC will be planting willows below Riverside Dam in late Feb. Gilbert also noted that there are 5 arroyos in the Rectification Project that could be future restoration sites.

6. Next EC Meeting – early April; El Paso. Perhaps at TAMU with Rio Bosque Park tour afterwards.

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.