AGENDA
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 2015, at the Bogata Community Center, 201 2nd NW, Bogata, Texas, hosted by the Honorable Danny Eudy, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Bogata. We will eat lunch as a group at The Dixie Kitchen, 404 Paris Road. (See enclosed map.)

Item 1. Call to order.

Item 2. Invocation.


Item 4. Approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday, June 25, 2015, in Daingerfield, Texas.

Review and Comment

Items 5 & 6 to be presented by staff member Paul Prange.

Item 5. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewal by:

a) The City of Omaha to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of US Highway 67 and US Highway 259 in Morris County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.

b) Lamar Power Partners II, LLC. to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 3205 FM 137, Paris, Lamar County, Texas, ultimately to North Sulphur River.

c) Ervin Don Crutcher to authorize the discharge of wet decking wastewater and stormwater from the facility located near State Highway 82 and FM 114 in Red River County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

d) The City of Daingerfield to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near US Highway 259, FM 11 and FM 49 in Morris County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.

e) Northeast Texas Community College to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 2866 FM 1735, Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.

f) Luminant Mining Company, LLC to authorize the discharge of mine drainage, surface runoff and groundwater discharge from the facility located near County Road 2309, Hopkins County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River; and to give notice to potentially-affected landowners that are adjacent to the discharge route.

g) City of Sulphur Springs to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 360 Thomas Road, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

h) City of Linden to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of FM 125 and US Highway 59 in Cass County, Texas, ultimately to James Bayou.
i) Petty Water Supply and Sewer Services Corporation to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of FM 137 and FM 1509, Lamar County, Texas, ultimately to North Sulphur River.

j) Town of Millers Cove to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of State Spur No. 158 and Interstate 30, Titus County, Texas, ultimately to Lake Bob Sandlin.

k) The City of Atlanta to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near State Highway 77 and State Highway 42, Cass County, Texas, ultimately to Black Bayou.

l) Southwestern Electric Power Company to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 1187 County Road 4865, Pittsburg, Titus County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.

Item 6. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed Air Quality Permit Renewal by Prime Harvest, Inc. to authorize construction of a feed mill located at 22065 FM 410 North, Detroit, Red River County, Texas.

Executive Closed Session

Item 7. The Executive Committee will recess the Open Session and go into Executive Closed Session to discuss personnel issues as allowed in the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Open Session/Regular Business

Item 8. The Executive Committee will reconvene in Open Session and take action on Item 8 above, as necessary. (To be presented by Board President, Judge L.D. Williamson)

Item 9. Review and consider approval of a Resolution to select Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP., to act as the independent auditing firm for a period of up to 5 years, as recommended by the ATCOG Audit Committee on August 27, 2015. (See attachment 1) (To be presented by staff member Linda Moore)

Item 10. Review and consider annual renewal of the Ethics Policy manual for ATCOG dated December 16, 2010, as revised March 27, 2014. (See attachment 2) (To be presented by staff member Leslie McBride)

Item 11. Review and consider approval for ATCOG to submit a ballot in support of a candidate for the Texas Municipal League Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for Region 15. (See attachment 3) (To be presented by staff member Sharon Pipes)

Item 12. Review and consider approval of ATCOG’s Financial Plan for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Portions of this item may be held in closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 personnel Matters. (See attachment 4; additional handout to be provided at meeting) (To be presented by staff member Linda Moore)

Item 13. Review and consider approval of an Executive Committee member to serve as the new Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, replacing former Secretary Laura Mabey. This recommendation is being made by the Nominating Committee as provided for in the Bylaws, Article V, Section 1. (To be presented by Nominating Chair, Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville)

Item 14. Review and consider annual adoption of the ATCOG Rural Transit District (RTD) Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and Procedures Manual as mandated by the Federal Transit Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation, as specified by the Code of Federal Regulations. (See attachment 5) (To be presented by staff member Nancy Hoehn.)
Item 15. Review and consider approval of adoption of the ATCOG Maintenance Management and Safety Guide as the comprehensive maintenance plan for the ATCOG RTD vehicle fleet. (See attachment 6) (To be presented by staff member Nancy Hoehn)

Other Business

Item 16. Introduction of Rea Washington as 2015 Employee of the Year for ATCOG and presentation of plaque by Board President, Judge L.D. Williamson. (To be presented by staff member John Beasley, as introduced by staff member Sharon Pipes)

Announcements

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the Luminant Community Room in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

The North East Texas RPO (Rural Planning Organization) Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the same location.

All agendas are sent by email and full Board packets are posted on the website. Should any Board Member need a copy printed and available at the meeting, please call 903/255.3555 or email athurston@atcog.org.
MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 25, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 25, 2015, at the Morris County Courthouse Annex, in Daingerfield, Texas.

Item 1. President L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.


Item 3. At this time, each attendee introduced themselves. Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County, welcomed everyone to Daingerfield.

Item 4. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted in the mail of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting held Thursday, March 26, 2015 in Roxton, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Review and Comment

Items 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 & 13 were presented for consideration simultaneously by Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator.

Item 6. An Environmental Assessment by the City of Mt. Vernon, who has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewal to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near State Highway 37 and US Highway 67 in Franklin County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

Item 7. An Environmental Assessment by the City of New Boston to TCEQ for proposed Water Quality Permit renewal to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located on County Road 4116, near the intersection of County Road 4011 and County Road 4116, Bowie County, Texas.

Item 9. An Environmental Assessment by the City of Blossom to TCEQ for proposed Water Quality Permit renewal to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of US Highway 82 and FM 196 in Lamar County, Texas, ultimately to the Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

Item 10. An Environmental Assessment by Rivercrest Independent School District to TCEQ for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewal to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near US Highway 271, northwest of Talco, Red River County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

Item 12. An Environmental Assessment by the City of Detroit to TCEQ for proposed Water Quality Permit renewal to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near US Highway 82 and FM 2573, Red River County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

Item 13. An Environmental Assessment by North Lamar Independent School District to TCEQ for proposed Water Quality Permit renewal to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility at 98 County Road 44112, Powderly, Lamar County, Texas, to the discharge site in the drainage basin of Pat Mayse Lake in Segment No. 0209 of the Red River Basin.

Motion to approve all items was made by A.M. Benefield, Councilman, Queen City, and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.
Item 8. Mr. Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by International Paper Company, who has applied to TCEQ for renewal and revision of Federal Draft Operating Permit to authorize continued operation for its paperboard mills facility (Texarkana Mill), located in Queen City, Cass County, Texas.

Mr. Prange acknowledged Mr. Keith Hope, International Paper, to field any questions or comments regarding the application.

Motion to approve was made by Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County, and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Item 11. Mr. Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment by RK Hall, LLC., who has applied to TCEQ for proposed Air Quality Permit renewal to authorize continued operation of an asphalt plant located at 1245 Southwest Loop 286, Paris, Lamar County, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Chuck Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County. It was approved.

Item 5. Vickie Williamson, Special Projects Coordinator, presented for consideration an application by the Salvation Army - Texarkana, Arkansas, to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for an Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of $150,000, to be matched with $85,216 cash and $75,000 in-kind, for temporary emergency services to homeless.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Wilbanks and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Regular Business


The audit received an unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion that can be given. Mr. Pruitt explained the ATCOG Fund Balance was just over $2,000,000, which is an extremely healthy amount for a COG. The single audit section of the report requires a closer look at high-risk grant programs. This year’s single audits were for Section 8 and the 9-1-1 program. There were no findings in either of the single audits.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Councilman Benefield. It was approved.

Item 15. Linda Moore, Finance Manager, presented for consideration approval of the proposed Salary Schedule for ATCOG for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

Mr. Fisher questioned if there were any increases on the Salary Schedule, to which Ms. Moore explained there were not, only step increases for reclassification of a few positions and employees who had not received one in several years.

Motion to approve was made by Edwin Pickle, Councilman, City of Paris, and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Item 16. Ms. Moore presented for consideration annual approval of the Investment Policy that established procedures to be followed in investing funds for ATCOG.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Pickle and seconded by Councilman Benefield. It was approved.
Item 17. Leslie McBride, Human Resources Coordinator, presented for consideration approval to sign the Rerate and Benefit Verification form with Texas Municipal League Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TMLIEBP) to continue to provide health, dental and life insurance benefits to ATCOG staff.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Wilbanks and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

Item 18. Ms. McBride presented for consideration approval to sign the COBRA Continuation Coverage Administrative Agreement with TMLIEBP for Plan year 2015-2016.

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Pickle and seconded by Judge Munkres. It was approved.

Item 19. Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration presented for consideration approval of a Resolution appointing Nancy Hoehn, Transportation Coordinator, as a new officer to the Board of Directors of Ark-Tex Urban Transit, Inc. (ATUT).

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Judge Superville. It was approved.


Motion to approve was made by Judge Superville and seconded by Councilman Benefield. It was approved.

Item 21. Ms. Pipes presented for consideration approval of a Resolution selecting Guaranty Bank & Trust to provide banking services and real estate loan refinance, along with approval to sign a contract with Guaranty for services to begin August 1, 2015.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Superville and seconded by Councilman Pickle. It was approved.

Item 22. Nancy Hoehn, Transportation Coordinator, presented for consideration amendment to a Paratransit Contract for Services between ATCOG and Texarkana Urban Transit District (TUTD).

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Pickle and seconded by Dale Vickers, Councilman, City of Nash. It was approved.

Item 23. Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator, presented for consideration approval for ATCOG’s Executive Director to enter into a 2-year contract with Northeast Texas Police Academy/Northeast Texas Community College, upon receiving notification of grant award from the Governor’s Office.

Ms. Haley recognized Kevin Rhodes, Northeast Texas Community College, Police Chief Robert McGee, Queen City Police Department and Eugene Swift, Bowie County Sherriff’s Office, who all expressed excitement and gratitude to be awarded the opportunity for Criminal Justice training.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

Item 24. Ms. Williamson presented for consideration approval and renewal of a Service Agreement between Frontier Associates, LLC. and ATCOG and Vendor Agreement between Sustainable Services, LLC. and ATCOG for weatherization projects.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Councilman Benefield. It was approved.

Item 25. Judge Superville presented for consideration approval of appointment of new Executive Committee Members and Officer positions to fill vacancies created by recent resignations. The Nominating Committee recommended Marc Reiter, Councilman, City of Hooks, Emily Glass, Mayor Pro Tem, City of
Sulphur Springs, and Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield to fill these vacancies. The Board voted to nominate a Secretary at the September Board Meeting.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Mr. Fisher. It was approved.

Other Business

Item 26. Mr. Brown updated the Board on the FY 2014 Final Compliance Assessment form the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC). He commended Mary Beth Rudel, Public Safety Manager, on a job well done, as ATCOG was considered low-risk during this assessment.

At this time, Judge Williamson presented former Mayor Pro Tem and ATCOG Board Secretary Laura Mabey and former Mayor Pro Tem and Executive Committee Member Saundra Dunn with plaques of appreciation for their service to the Board.

Ms. Pipes notified the Board of an IRS notification stating ATCOG had a deficiency in the Retirement Plan Funds, due to an error on a filed form. The error has since been corrected, there is no actual deficiency and no further action needs to be taken.

Mr. Brown notified the Board of notification from The Texas Department of Transportation officially closing the issue concerning Northeast Texas Opportunites, Inc. (NETO).

Announcements

Judge Williamson announced the next Board meeting will be held Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Luminant Community Room in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant, expressed gratitude to Judge Munkres and her staff for hosting the meeting, as well as providing lunch for the meeting attendees. She also thanked the Board for attending.

Motion to adjourn was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Councilman Benefield. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
Chuck Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County
A.M. "Rip" Benefield, Councilman, Queen City
Edwin Pickle, Councilman, City of Paris
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development District

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Emily Glass, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Sulphur Springs
Marc Reiter, Councilman, City of Hooks
Ralph Robertson, Councilman, City of Mt. Vernon
Dale Vickers, Councilman, City of Nash
Anne Farris, Texarkana College

GUESTS PRESENT
Laura Mabey, City of Daingerfield
Saundra Dunn, City of Mt. Vernon
Robert McGee, Queen City Police Department
Richard Jones, Northeast Texas Community College
Kevin Rose, Northeast Texas Community College
Leonard Newman, Northeast Texas Community College
Eugene Swift, Bowie County Sheriff's Office
Sann Terry, Salvation Army – Texarkana, AR
Linda Strickland, City of Daingerfield

STAFF PRESENT
Chris Brown, Executive Director
Sharon Pipes, Director, Administration
Linda Moore, Finance Manager
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Coordinator
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Vickie Williamson, Special Projects Coordinator
Nancy Hoehn, Transportation Coordinator
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
**Project Description:** The City of Omaha has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010239001, to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 200,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 2,800 feet southwest of the intersection of US Hwy 67 and US Hwy 259 in Morris County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed tributary, thence to Okry Creek; thence to Boggy Creek; thence to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin in Segment No. 0404 of the Cypress Creek.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

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<th>Area to be served:</th>
<th>Omaha, Morris County, Texas.</th>
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<td>Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?</td>
<td>Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and has completed a technical review of the application, as well as a draft permit.</td>
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<td>Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?</td>
<td>Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.</td>
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<td>Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality?</td>
<td>Yes, coordination is in progress.</td>
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<td>Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment?</td>
<td>There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of all residents living within the City of Omaha. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.</td>
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<td>Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?</td>
<td>No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility is in good operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.</td>
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<td>Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment?</td>
<td>Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens living within the City of Omaha. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.</td>
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**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Omaha, TX.
RESOLUTION NO. ________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0010239001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF OMAHA, MORRIS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 200,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2,800 FEET SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF US HWY 67 AND US HWY 259 IN MORRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE TREATED EFFLUENT IS DISCHARGED TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY; THENCE TO OKRY CREEK; THENCE TO BOGGY CREEK; THENCE TO BIG CYPRESS CREEK BELOW LAKE BOB SANDLIN IN SEGMENT NO. 0404 OF THE CYPRESS CREEK.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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**Applicant:** Lamar Power Partners II, LLC.

**Project Description:** This application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is for renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0004846000 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 1,300,000 gallons per day. The facility is located at 3205 FM 137, approximately 3,000 feet south of the intersection of FM 137 and Loop 286 in Paris, Lamar County, Texas. Discharge is from the plant site into the watershed of the North Sulphur River.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Paris, Lamar County, Texas

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete, and will conduct a technical review.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the continued production of electricity at this site, which provides power to the City of Paris and the surrounding area. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed and minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The wastewater released from this site is treated before being introduced into the environment.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The continued operation of this site is necessary to provide electrical power to entire population of Central Lamar County. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the benefits provided.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by Lamar Power Partners LLC.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (TPDES) PERMIT NO. WQ00004846000 TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 1,300,000 GALLONS PER DAY INTO THE NORTH SULPHUR RIVER WATERSHED FROM LAMAR POWER PARTNERS LLC. SITE LOCATED AT 3205 FM 137 IN PARIS, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

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APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20100728-0010-05  Date Received: 07-28-10  Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: Ervin Don Crutcher

Project Description: Ervin Don Crutcher, which owns a chipmill that manufactures wood chips, fuelwood, and other related wood products, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0004828000, to authorize the discharge of wet decking wastewater and storm water at an intermittent and flow variable rate. The facility is located approximately ¾ mile northeast of the intersection of US Highway 82 and FM 114, on the south side of FM 114, in Red River County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary; thence to Burkhard Branch; thence to Kickapoo Creek; thence to Cuthand Creek; thence to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Red River County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the wood chip mill. This facility has been operation since the late 1980s and employs four individuals. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of wet decking wastewater that can be discharged into the environment.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which produces wood chips. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by Ervin Don Crutcher.
RESOLUTION NO. ________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0004828000, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR ERVIN DON CRUTCHER, RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF WET DECKING WASTEWATER AND STORM WATER AT AN INTERMITTENT AND FLOW VARIABLE RATE. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ¾ MILE NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF US HIGHWAY 82 AND FM 114, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FM114, IN RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY; THENCE TO BURKHAND BRANCH; THENCE TO KICKAPOO CREEK; THENCE TO CUTHAND CREEK; THENCE TO SULPHUR/SOUTH SULPHUR RIVER.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

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REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

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L.D. Williamson, President
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APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20150901-0005-05  Date Received: 08-20-15  Staff Assignment: Paul Prange

Applicant: The City of Daingerfield, Texas

Project Description: The City of Daingerfield has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010499901, to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 700,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 5,500 feet southeast of the intersection of US Highway 259 and State Highways 11 and 49 in Morris County, Texas. Discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary of Bruton's Creek; thence to Ellison Creek Reservoir; thence to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.

PROJECT/EIA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Daingerfield, Morris County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of the entire population of the City of Daingerfield. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility is in good operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens living within the City of Daingerfield. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Daingerfield.
RESOLUTION NO. ___________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ001499001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF DAINGERFIELD, MORRIS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 700,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 5,500 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF US HIGHWAY 259 AND STATE HIGHWAYS 11 AND 49 IN MORRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF BRUTON' CREEK; THENCE TO ELLISON CREEK RESERVOIR; THENCE TO WHITTE BIG CYPRESS CREEK BELOW LAKE BOB SANDLIN.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D Williamson, President
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** Applicant: Northeast Texas Community College**

**Project Description:** Northeast Texas Community College has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0013948001 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 30,000 gallons per day. The discharge route is from the domestic wastewater treatment facility located at 2886 FM 1735 in Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, to an unnamed tributary of Williamson Creek; thence to Williamson Creek; thence to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Titus County, Texas.

**Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?** Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?** Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality?** Yes, coordination is in progress.

**Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment?** There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of 200 faculty and staff members, as well as, 2500 students enrolled at the Northeast Texas Community College. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

**Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?** No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility was constructed in 1985 and refurbished in 2008 and is in excellent operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.

**Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment?** Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens associated with or attending the Northeast Texas Community College. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the Northeast Texas Community College.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0013948001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MT. PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 30,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATED AT 2886 FM 1735 IN MT. PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS, TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WILLIAMSON CREEK; THENCE TO WILLIAMSON CREEK; THENCE TO BIG CYPRESS CREEK BELOW LAKE BOB SANDLIN.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

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Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

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L.D. Williamson, President
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**Project Description:** Luminant Generation Company, LLC, which owns a lignite mining area, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0004122000 to authorize: the discharge of mine drainage, surface runoff, and groundwater discharge from active and reclaimed mining areas at an intermittent and flow variable rate via Outfalls 001-009; and to give notice to potentially-affected landowners that are adjacent to the discharge route for the 9 current discharge points at the site. The facility is located on County Road 2309, 2.5 miles SE of the intersection of HWY 11 and IH-30 in Hopkins County, Texas. The discharge route, via Outfalls 001-009, is from the site to an unnamed tributary; thence to Rock Creek; thence to White Oak Creek; thence to Sulphur / South Sulphur River.

## PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

**Area to be served:** Titus County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the amendment of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the facility which provides employment for citizens living within the region. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The amendment of this permit will authorize Luminant Mining Company to discharge runoff from the 9 designated Outfalls at this site, only.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The amendment of this permit will allow Luminant Mining Company to discharge via Outfalls 001-009. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit amendment will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this permit amendment application by Luminant Mining Company, LLC.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0004122000, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR LUMINANT MINING COMPANY, LLC IN HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF MINE DRAINAGE, SURFACE RUNOFF, AND GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE AND RECLAIMED MINING AREAS AT AN INTERMITTENT AND FLOW VARIABLE RATE VIA OUTFALLS 001-009; AND TO GIVE NOTICE TO POTENTIALLY-AFFECTED LANDOWNERS THAT ARE ADJACENT TO THE DISCHARGE ROUTE FOR THE 9 CURRENT DISCHARGE POINTS AT THE SITE. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD 2309, 2.5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 11 AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 30, IN HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE, VIA OUTFALLS 001-009, IS FROM THE SITE TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY; THENCE TO ROCK CREEK; THENCE TO WHITE OAK CREEK; THENCE TO SULPHUR/SOUTH SULPHUR RIVER.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

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Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
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ATTEST:
**Project SAI No:** TX-R-20150901-0008-05  
**Date Received:** 08-28-15  
**Staff Assignment:** Paul Prange

**Applicant:** The City of Sulphur Springs, Texas

**Project Description:** The City of Sulphur Springs has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010372001, to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 5,400,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 360 Thomas Road, south of the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad approximately 7,000 feet northeast of the intersection of IH-30 and FM1870 in Hopkins County, Texas. Discharge route is from the plant site to Rock Creek; thence to White Oak Creek; thence to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of the entire population of the City of Sulphur Springs. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility is in good operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens living within the City of Sulphur Springs. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Sulphur Springs.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0010372001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED AN ANNUAL AVERAGE FLOW OF 5,400,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED AT 360 THOMAS ROAD, SOUTH OF THE ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD APPROXIMATELY 7,000 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF IH-30 AND FM 1870 IN HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS. DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO ROCK CREEK; THENCE TO WHITTE OAK CREEK; THENCE TO SULPHUR/SOUTH SULPHUR RIVER.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

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Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
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Applicant: City of Linden, Texas.

Project Description: The City of Linden, Texas has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010429003 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 450,000 gallons. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 7000 feet southeast of the intersection of FM 125 and US Highway 59 in Cass County Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Beach Creek; thence to Iron Ore Lake; thence to James’ Bayou.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Linden, Cass County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. These permits application meet all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of all of the residents of Linden, TX. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment and the plant is in good operational condition.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of the facility, which serves the entire population of the City of Linden, TX and the surrounding residents. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Linden.
RESOLUTION NO. ________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0010429003, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN, CASS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED AN ANNUAL DAILY FLOW OF 450,000 GALLONS. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 7000 FEET SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF FM 125 AND US HIGHWAY 59 IN CASS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO BEACH CREEK; THENCE TO IRON ORE LAKE; THENCE TO JAMES' BAYOU.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

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Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

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L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
**Project SAI No:** TX-R-20150901-0010-05  
**Date Received:** 08-28-15  
**Staff Assignment:** Paul Prange

**Applicant:** Petty Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation

**Project Description:** The Petty Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0012305001, to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 20,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 0.4 miles southwest of the intersection of FM 137 and FM 1509 in Lamar County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Noble Creek; thence to Ghost Creek; thence to the North Sulphur River.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Petty, Lamar County, Texas.

**Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances?** Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels?** Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality?** Yes, coordination is in progress.

**Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment?** There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of all residents living within the City of Petty. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

**Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment?** No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility is in good operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.

**Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment?** Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens living within the City of Petty. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the Petty Water Supply and Sewer Service Corporation.
RESOLUTION NO. ________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0012305001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE PETTY WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SERVICE CORPORATION, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 20,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 0.4 MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF FM 137 AND FM 1509 IN LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO NOBLE CREEK; THENCE TO GHOST CREEK; THENCE TO THE NORTH SULPHUR RIVER.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

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Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Willaimson, President
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Applicant: Town of Millers Cove, Texas

Project Description: The Town of Millers Cove has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0011750001, to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 38,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately .75 mile southwest of the intersection of State Spur No. 158 and IH-30, just south of Winfield in Titus County, Texas. Discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary; thence to Blundell Creek; thence to Lake Monticello; thence to Lake Bob Sandlin.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Town of Millers Cove, Titus County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of all residents living within the Town of Millers Cove. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility is in good operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens living within the City of Como. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the Town of Millers Cove, Texas.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0011750001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE TOWN OF MILLERS COVE, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZER THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 38,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 75 MILE SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF STATE SPUR NO. 158 AND IH-30, JUST SOUTH OF WINFIELD IN TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY; THENCE TO BLUNDELL CREEK; THENCE TO LAKE MONTICELLO, THENCE TO LAKE BOB SANDLIN.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20150903-0001-05  Date Received: 09-03-15  Staff Assignment: Paul Prange

Applicant: City of Atlanta, Texas

Project Description: The City of Atlanta has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010338001, to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 2,000,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 0.25 miles east of the intersection of State Highways 77 and 43, south of the City of Atlanta in Cass County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to a conveyance ditch; thence to an unnamed tributary/marsh; thence to Black Bayou.

PROJECT/EIA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Atlanta, Cass County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of all residents living within the City of Atlanta. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility is in good operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens living within the City of Atlanta. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Atlanta, TX.
RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0010338001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA, CASS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED AN ANNUAL AVERAGE FLOW OF 2,000,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 0.25 MILES EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAYS 77 AND 43, SOUTH OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA IN CASS COUNTY TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO A CONVEYANCE DITCH; THENCE TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY/MARSH; THENCE TO BLACK BAYOU.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

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Applicant: Southwestern Electric Power Company.

Project Description: Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0001811000 to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater, previously monitored effluents, and stormwater via Outfall 003 at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 20,000,000 gallons per day and the discharge of once through cooling water, stormwater, and previously monitored effluents via Outfall 003 at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 1,425,000,000 gallons per day at its steam electric generating plant. The facility is located at 1187 County Road 4865, Pittsburgh, Titus County, Texas. Discharge route is from the plant site to the Welsh Reservoir; thence Swauano Creek; thence to Big Cypress Creek Below Lake Bob Sandlin.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Pittsburgh, Titus County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the operation of this plant. This plant electrical power all citizens living in the Pittsburgh area. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not produce any significant adverse effects on the environment. All water released into the environment is either chemically treated or is non-contact water with no biological controls being implemented.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this plant, which provides electrical power for our region. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this TPDES permit renewal application by Southwestern Electric Power Company.
RESOLUTION NO. _________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (TPDES) PERMIT NO. WQ0001811000, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, PITTSBURGH, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER, PREVIOUSLY MONITORED EFFLUENTS, AND STORMWATER VIA OUTFALL 001 AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 20,000,000 GALLONS PER DAY AND THE DISCHARGE OF ONCE THROUGH COOLING WATER, STORMWATER, AND PREVIOUSLY MONITORED EFFLUENTS VIA OUTFALL 003 AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 1,425,000,000 GALLONS PER DAY AT ITS STEAM ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED AT 1187 COUNTY ROAD 4865, PITTSBURGH, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO WELSH RESERVOIR; THENCE TO SWAUANO CREEK; THENCETO BIG CYPRESS CREEK BELOW LAKE BOB SANDLIN.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWS AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

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L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

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Applicant: Prime Harvest, Inc.

**Project Description:** Prime Harvest, Inc. has applied to TCEQ for issuance of an Air Quality Permit, Registration Number 134798, which would authorize construction of a feed mill located at 22065 FM 410 North, Detroit, Red River County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit particulate matter less than 10 microns in size and 2.5 microns in size, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxides.

**PROJECT/EA REVIEW:**

**Area to be served:** Detroit, Red River County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for this facility, which will provide employment and feed for livestock located throughout our region. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The facility will be located on private property, near the Red River and all precautions to reduce the amount of air pollution associated with this operation will be taken.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The construction of this feed mill will provide employment to residents in the surrounding area and will help generate food sources for livestock within our region. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

**RECOMMENDED COMMENT:** Staff recommends support of this air quality permit application by Prime Harvest, Inc.
RESOLUTION NO. ________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 134798, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), TO PRIME HARVEST, INC. WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FEED MILL LOCATED AT 22065 FM 410 NORTH, DETROIT, RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS. THE PROPOSED FACILITY WILL Emitter PARTICULATE MATTER, CARBON MONOXIDE, AND NITROGEN OXIDES.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

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L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) WITH REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO SELECT PATTILLO, BROWN & HILL, L.L.P., TO ACT AS THE INDEPENDENT AUDITING FIRM FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO FIVE (5) YEARS.

WHEREAS, Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P., has served as the independent auditing firm for ATCOG for the past ten (10) years, two contracts of five (5) years each; and

WHEREAS, ATCOG is required to solicit bids for auditing services every 5 years; and

WHEREAS, in July ATCOG issued a Request for Proposal for Audit Services with a deadline for responses of August 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, an ad for audit services was placed in the Texas Register, the State Comptroller’s Electronic State Business Daily site, the Texarkana Gazette, the Paris News, the Sulphur Springs News-Telegram and the Mt. Pleasant Daily Tribune; and

WHEREAS, a notice regarding the request for proposals for audit services was also posted on ATCOG’s website and Facebook page; and

WHEREAS, ATCOG mailed complete proposal packages to three interested parties: Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.; Williams & Co., P.C.; and Saunders & Associates, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, as of August 3, 2015, only one firm, Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P., responded with an actual proposal to provide audit services to ATCOG; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P., met the scope of services required by ATCOG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 That we approve Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P., as the independent auditing firm for ATCOG for a period of up to 5 years.

Section 2 That this resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
RESOLUTION NO. ____________


WHEREAS, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments is a Regional Planning Commission established pursuant to the authority granted by Article 1011m, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and Arkansas Interlocal Cooperation Act 430; and

WHEREAS, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved a new Ethics Policy Manual in December 2010, as required by the Texas Transportation Commission in order to be eligible for state and federal funding awarded after January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, annual renewal of the Ethics Policy Manual is required in order to remain eligible to receive funding, such renewal being required by the Texas Department of Transportation the first month of the grant period; and

WHEREAS, the new Transportation Program grant period begins October 1, 2015, making annual renewal necessary at the September Full Board Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:


Section 2 - That the Ethics Policy Manual meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for a compliance program as set forth by the Texas Transportation Commission, thus making ATCOG eligible to receive state and federal funding.

Section 3 - That Ark-Tex Council of Governments' staff have been trained on and adhere to all ethics policies set forth in the Ethics Policy Manual, such training to be held annually.

Section 4 - That this Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its execution.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
ITEM 11:

Review and consider approval for Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) to submit a ballot in support of a candidate for the Texas Municipal League Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TMLIEBP) Board of Trustees for Region 15.

BACKGROUND:

TMLIEBP has mailed a ballot to ATCOG seeking votes for a Region 15 Board of Trustee. Honorable Dennis Chartier, Mayor, City of Naples, is listed on the ballot as a nominee to serve in that capacity (copy of ballot attached).

DISCUSSION:

ATCOG would like to submit a ballot for the Region 15 Board of Trustee in order to support our regional candidate. Naples is a member of ATCOG and Mayor Chartier is the designated representative of the City of Naples to our Board of Directors. It would be beneficial to our region to have a representative on the TML Board to look out for small-town, rural interests.

ATCOG desires that our agency and Board support Mayor Chartier in his efforts to seek this position. In order for any vote to be counted, all ballots must be placed on the agenda of the governing body at an official meeting and signed by an officer of the ATCOG Board.

If elected, Mayor Chartier’s term of office will be from October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval for the Board President to sign the official Ballot in support of Mayor Chartier.
FY 2016 Financial Plan Highlights

- This is a Work Plan and Financial Plan combined. It is not technically a budget because ATCOG does not have taxing or oversight authority.

- As required by legislation, it presents each grant’s objectives, work tasks, performance measures, implementation schedules, human resource requirements and budget information.

- Within each State or Federal grant that we administer, the funding agency regulates the categories in which we are allowed to spend funds. The funding source has complete oversight for the individual grant programs.

1. This Plan includes recommended merit step increases for several staff as funds permit within the separate grant programs. Funding is not provided for an across-the-board Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to the Salary Schedule. The last COLA was given for FY2010.

2. Changes in funding from the prior year include: 9-1-1 Emergency Communications will receive a $244,218 increase; Homeland Security funding will increase $62,731, Transportation Systems will utilize an increase of $101,468, Special Projects Programs have an increase of $74,915. Decreases in funds utilized are in the Housing Program of $290,241, Criminal Justice $29,040, and Economic Development $87,136.

3. ATCOG’s health care provider continues to be Texas Municipal League (TMLIEBP). Premiums for our basic medical and dental plan were increased slightly for this coming year by 3.6%. Rates for life and AD&D were unchanged. ATCOG pays a defined contribution amount of $629.82 per month for each employee’s basic medical and dental insurance rate of $548.96 per month, with the
remaining $80.86 deposited into a Health Savings Account (HSA). Employees have the option to “buy up” to a medical plan with less deductible and/or out of pocket and to make extra contributions to their HSA. Additional premium cost over $629.82 per month will be paid by the employee.

4. The published Indirect rate decreased to 3.6%, down from 5.2%.

5. The Benefit rate increased to 56.8%, up from 48.2%.

6. ATCOG’s mileage reimbursement remains $.45 per mile.

7. Hotel reimbursement and out-of-town meal allowances will continue to follow the General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article IX. The Act requires agencies to use the General Services Administration federal travel rates to determine the maximum meals and lodging reimbursement rates.
ITEM 14:

RESOLUTION NO.__________________


WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the annual adoption of the ATCOG RTD Drug & Alcohol Policy and Procedures Manual with updates as mandated by the Federal Transit Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation as specified by the Code of Federal Regulations can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 - That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for public safety and welfare.

Section 3 - That this Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
RESOLUTION NO.__________

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE ATCOG MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY GUIDE AS THE COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE ATCOG RTD VEHICLE FLEET.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain applications for which federal financial assistance is requested; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the adoption of the ATCOG Maintenance Management and Safety Guide as the comprehensive maintenance plan for the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Rural Transit District vehicle fleet can reasonably be expected to become part of the overall regional plan.

Section 2 - That the above mentioned improvements are desirable and urgently needed for public safety and welfare.

Section 3 - That this Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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