

# ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND COMMISSION

## Executive Committee Business Meeting – October 13, 2022

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### *Final Meeting Minutes*

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### Executive Committee Members Present

Pat Jacobs – Chairman

Rodney Held – Vice-Chairman

##### Arizona Water Protection Fund Staff

Kelly Brown

Sharon Scantlebury

Reuben Teran

##### Executive Committee Members Absent

Brian Biesemeyer

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Pat Jacobs called the meeting of the Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF) Executive Committee to order at 3:05 p.m.

#### **COMMISSION MEMBER ROLL CALL**

Mr. Reuben Teran called the roll of the AWPF Commission. Two members of the Executive Committee were present at the time of the roll call (Chairman Pat Jacobs and Vice-Chairman Rodney Held). A quorum of the Executive Committee was present, and the meeting continued.

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Jacobs made a call to the public to address the AWPF Executive Committee. J.W. Jennings, Tricia Juradett, and Kristen Nelson addressed the AWPF Executive Committee.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 18, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Vice-Chairman Rodney Held made a motion to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 18, 2021, to include minor editorial corrections that he would provide to the Executive Director, with a second from Chairman Jacobs. Chairman Jacobs called for a vote on the motion. Vice-Chairman Held voted aye and Chairman Jacobs voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2023 GRANT APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY SCREENING**

Mr. Teran stated that grant application WPF2304: Energy-UnderGround Water Hub was submitted for funding consideration in the Fiscal Year 2023 grant cycle, and that he was contacted by an AWPF Commission member who expressed concerns about the eligibility of the application based on AWPF Commission policies. Vice-Chairman Held stated that he was the Commission member that had contacted Mr. Teran, and clarified that his concerns were not about the feasibility of the application, but only the

eligibility of the application. Vice-Chairman Held stated he did not believe this application is eligible for funding under the AWPf program because 1) the application states the goals of this feasibility project are to develop a water hub that will provide clean water for agricultural, residential, and commercial consumption, and these goals are outside of scope of the AWPf; 2) the application references water treatment, and this goes against the policies of the Commission; and 3) per Commission policy the AWPf does not fund projects related to groundwater recharge or groundwater recovery.

Chairman Jacobs inquired if staff had any other review of this matter. Mr. Teran responded that staff did conduct a screening review of the application based on AWPf statutes and Commission policies, and had concerns similar to those expressed by Vice-Chairman Held. Vice-Chairman Held then cited AWPf Commission policy 552, paragraph 7 “Applications requesting AWPf funding for any project portions that are ineligible for AWPf funding will result in the entire application being removed from further consideration. The Commission does not provide opportunity in the application process to negotiate for the removal of ineligible features.”

Vice-Chairman Held made a motion that application WPF2304: Energy-UnderGround Water Hub not receive further consideration in this application cycle, with a second from Chairman Jacobs. Chairman Jacobs called for a roll call vote on the motion. Vice-Chairman Held voted aye and Chairman Jacobs voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Jacobs made a call for future agenda items. No future agenda items were suggested.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATE(S)**

Chairman Jacobs made a call for future meeting dates. Vice-Chairman Held recommended the Executive Committee stand at the call of the Chairman.

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Jacobs made a call to the public to address the AWPf Executive Committee. Commissioner Tina Thompson, Kristen Nelson, J.W. Jennings, and Representative David Cook addressed the AWPf Executive Committee.

#### **ADJOURN**

Chairman Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.