Special Called Meeting
Board Agenda
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018
LCRA Board Room
Austin

Items From the Chair
1. Resolutions

Legal Notice
Although this is the expected agenda, the Board may discuss or take action on any item listed in the legal notice, which may include some items not currently on the Board agenda. Legal notices are available on the Texas Secretary of State website 72 hours prior to the meeting at www.sos.state.tx.us/open.

Executive Session
The Board may go into executive session for deliberation on the matters listed in the legal notice posted pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The Board may take final action on any of the executive session matters upon reconvening in open session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. The Board may act in executive session on competitive electric matters pursuant to Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code.
FOR ACTION

1. Resolutions

Proposed Motion
Approve the LCRA Board of Directors resolutions as presented to the Board.

Board Consideration
The Board will be asked to approve resolutions as needed.

Summary
The LCRA Board of Directors would like to recognize former LCRA directors Steve K. Balas, John M. Franklin and Sandra Wright “Sandy” Kibby with resolutions for their leadership and service on the LCRA Board of Directors.

Presenter(s)
Timothy Timmerman
LCRA Board Chair

Phil Wilson
General Manager
Resolution of the Board of Directors
Of the Lower Colorado River Authority

Honoring
Steve K. Balas

Whereas, Steve K. Balas served on the Lower Colorado River Authority Board of Directors from Nov. 1, 2007, to July 30, 2018, having been appointed in 2007 and reappointed in 2011 by then-Governor Rick Perry as Colorado County’s representative from LCRA’s service area; and

Whereas, Steve simultaneously performed his duties to the LCRA Board and to Eagle Lake Drugstore as its owner and pharmacist. Upon his Board appointment, he said he wanted to give back to Texas and help plan for the state’s future water supply and power needs. During his tenure, Steve helped oversee about $4.5 billion in capital spending, including investments in the new Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant, dam rehabilitation projects and Arbuckle Reservoir. He also was instrumental in creating the Colorado River Land Trust; and

Whereas, Steve remained loyal to his LCRA Board member responsibility of representing the entire basin even when difficult water issues seemed divisive. His rice farming experience brought context and insights that gave fellow Board members a deeper understanding of agricultural water issues. As one director put it, “Steve took time to mentor and give us history.” Another Board member said, “We are losing a great South Texas representative whose passion and knowledge of the agriculture industry will be hard to replace – I knew nothing of the Texas rice industry when I came on the Board, and learned so much about it from him”; and

Whereas, Steve often was the glue that brought the Board together to help navigate a turbulent river of issues like droughts, floods, water management plans and Competitive Renewable Energy Zone transmission projects. He doesn’t mind asking difficult questions, and his highly valued remarks make an impact. Steve’s advice reminds many directors of the ads for brokerage firm EF Hutton, noting, “When Steve Balas talks, people listen.” When Phil Wilson interviewed for LCRA’s general manager position, Phil said, “I want this job.” After Phil got the job, Steve later remarked to him, “You said you wanted this job. Are you still sure?”; and

Whereas, Steve’s leadership as Board secretary, Energy Operations Committee chair and service on the Executive and Finance committees contributed to LCRA’s ability to provide vital services at competitive rates, along with his service as chair of the former Finance and Administration Committee. He served on the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Board of Directors, helping put in place transmission projects to make service in Texas more reliable and support growth. His service on the LCRA WSC Energy and GenTex Power Corporation boards supported efforts to benefit LCRA’s wholesale electric customers; and

Whereas, it would be remiss to commend Steve without including his jewel of a wife, Linda. A Board event could hardly begin without another director asking Steve if Linda was with him. The two of them make a great team, graciously opening their home for LCRA Board events, and the Board will miss them both;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that LCRA, with special emphasis from LCRA’s Board of Directors, is grateful to Steve K. Balas for his leadership and commitment to service on the LCRA Board to help LCRA fulfill its mission to enhance the quality of life of the Texans it serves, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

Approved this 19th day of September 2018.

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Timothy Timmerman, Board Chair

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Phil Wilson, General Manager
Whereas, John M. Franklin served on the Lower Colorado River Authority Board of Directors from April 7, 2011, to July 8, 2018, having been appointed by then-Governor Rick Perry as Burnet County’s representative from LCRA’s service area; and

Whereas, John brought to the Board a unique municipal government perspective as the former mayor of Pflugerville, and he always sought the right balance between all parties. He understands government processes, business operations and the need for both to come together. During his more than seven years of service on LCRA’s Board, John helped oversee nearly $3 billion in capital spending on projects to help preserve and increase the basin’s water supply, and operate and grow LCRA’s business to support growth in Texas. During John’s LCRA Board tenure, he helped implement significant projects for Texans, including constructing the new Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant, completing dam rehabilitation projects, updating and receiving state approval on LCRA’s Water Management Plan, and moving forward on construction of the Arbuckle Reservoir; and

Whereas, John’s disposition as a strategic thinker and analytical questioner ensured the Board members thought through exactly what actions were being taken and why. His engineer mentality challenged LCRA staff appropriately to bring about improvements. John looks at issues from a scientific perspective. He likes to take things apart, question processes and test the logic behind recommendations. John was a strong encourager and validator in his role as a Board member. He frequently would follow up a detailed presentation with compliments for staff members. John was a tremendous advocate for LCRA, and he was supportive of the decisions the Board made; and

Whereas, John’s strong financial background, combined with his leadership as vice chair of the Finance Committee, contributed to LCRA providing vital services at competitive rates. His service on the Audit and Risk Committee enhanced LCRA’s ability to maintain appropriate internal controls; and

Whereas, his service on the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Board of Directors helped put in place essential projects to make electric service in Texas more reliable and support the growing number of customers throughout the state. His service on the LCRA WSC Energy Board of Directors supported efforts to increase cost-effective power sales to benefit LCRA’s wholesale electric customers; and

Whereas, several Board members said it is hard seeing John less often, especially as he always knows the best Austin music venues for blues bands and the best Lake Buchanan fishing spots;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that LCRA, with special emphasis from the LCRA Board of Directors, is grateful to John M. Franklin for his leadership, advocacy and commitment to service on the LCRA Board that has helped LCRA fulfill its mission to enhance the quality of life of the Texans it serves. The Board will miss his knowledge and critical questions, and wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.

Approved this 19th day of September 2018.

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Timothy Timmerman, Board Chair

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Phil Wilson, General Manager
Resolution of the Board of Directors
Of the Lower Colorado River Authority

Honoring
Sandra Wright “Sandy” Kibby

Whereas, Sandra Wright “Sandy” Kibby served on the Lower Colorado River Authority Board of Directors from May 18, 2011, to July 4, 2018, having been appointed by then-Governor Rick Perry as an LCRA electric service area representative from Comal County; and

Whereas, upon her LCRA Board appointment, Sandy said she wanted to pay close attention to electric power and community service issues. She accomplished that objective. Through her service on the LCRA WSC Energy Board of Directors, Sandy supported efforts to increase cost-effective power sales to benefit LCRA's wholesale electric customers. She brought her community involvement talents to the Community Development Partnership Program Review Committee to help fund important capital projects that benefit the public and support community and economic development. Many directors noted that her passion for helping people and her people-centric personality were evident in the sincere interest she showed in them and their loved ones; and

Whereas, Sandy's leadership as Audit and Risk Committee chair, and previously as Audit Committee vice chair, contributed greatly to LCRA's ability to maintain appropriate internal controls. Her forward-thinking business skills took the Audit Committee to the next level, and she advocated for LCRA's Enterprise Risk Management Program. Several LCRA Board colleagues expressed appreciation for Sandy's committee service. One said, “LCRA was very fortunate to have Sandy's talent as a business leader.” Another echoed, “Her attention to detail meant a lot to me because she was all business in that role.” Another noted, “It was a great feeling to know Sandy was in charge of such an important committee because you knew it was in good hands”; and

Whereas, regardless of how much was happening in her family business, Sandy was sincere about performing her duty for LCRA above and beyond what was required of her. She was well-versed in LCRA matters, attentive and always punctual, and she worked cohesively with her fellow directors. She liked to dive in further with questions – always with a positive demeanor – that helped cut through to important issues to ensure decisions were reasonable, right and in the best interest of the entire lower Colorado River basin; and

Whereas, during her more than seven years serving on the LCRA Board, Sandy helped oversee nearly $3 billion in capital spending for projects to help preserve and increase the basin's water supply, and operate and grow LCRA's business to support growth in Texas. During her tenure, LCRA served Texans with projects such as constructing the new Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant, completing dam rehabilitation projects and moving forward on construction of the Arbuckle Reservoir. In addition, her service on the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation Board of Directors helped put in place essential transmission projects to make electric service in Texas more reliable and support the growing number of customers throughout the state;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that LCRA, with special emphasis from the LCRA Board of Directors, is grateful to Sandra Wright “Sandy” Kibby for her leadership and commitment to service on the LCRA Board that has helped LCRA fulfill its mission to enhance the quality of life of the Texans it serves. The directors will miss her friendship, integrity and grace, and they wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

Approved this 19th day of September 2018.

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Timothy Timmerman, Board Chair

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Phil Wilson, General Manager