

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The Resource Management Commission convened in a Regular Called meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters 4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723

Acting Chair Shane Johnson called the Resource Management Commission meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Commissioner Shane Johnson, Acting Chair; Commissioner Charlotte Davis; Commissioner Paul Robbins; Commissioner Louis Stone

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Commissioner GeNell Gary; Commissioner Melissa Carugati

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Resource Management Commission Regular Meeting on January 17, 2023.

The motion approving the minutes of the Resource Management Commission meeting of January 17, 2023 were approved on Commissioner Stone's motion, Commissioner Davis's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Chavarria and Harmon were absent and two vacancies.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS

 Recommend authorizing issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Texas County & District Retirement System for the installation of solar electric systems on their facility located at 901 S Mopac Expressway Service Road NB, Austin, TX 78746, in an amount not to exceed \$163,620.

The motion to approve a recommendation authorizing issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Texas County & District Retirement System was recommended on Commissioner Robbin's motion, Commissioner Davis's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Chavarria and Harmon were absent and two vacancies.

3. Recommend authorizing issuance of rebates for multifamily and commercial customer energy efficiency measures by Austin Energy during Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the aggregate amounts of \$2,650,000 for multifamily programs and \$3,350,000 for commercial programs, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$6,000,000, including ratification of \$2,850,844 in rebates already issued in the current fiscal year. The motion to approve a recommendation authorizing issuance of rebates for multifamily and commercial customer energy efficiency measures by Austin Energy was not recommended on Commissioner Davis's motion, Commissioner Robbins's second on a 3-3 vote. Commissioners Chavarria and Harmon were absent and two vacancies.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

- Staff briefing regarding Austin Water's Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project by Helen Gerlach, Engineer, Systems Planning of Austin Water.
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- Staff briefing regarding select portions of the CES Portfolio by Richard Génecé, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, Austin Energy. The briefing was made by Richard Génecé, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, Austin Energy.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve a recommendation from the Healthy Building Material Working Group regarding adoption of the working group's goals . (Sponsors: Robbins, Brenneman, Stone)

The motion to approve a recommendation from the Healthy Building Material Working Group was recommended on Commissioner Robbins's motion, Commissioner Stone's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Chavarria and Harmon were absent and two vacancies.

7. Conduct officer elections for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Resource Management Commission.

The motion to elect Louis Stone as Chair was made by Commissioner Robbins, second by Commissioner Davis on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Chavarria and Harmon were absent and two vacancies.

The motion to elect Paul Robbins as Vice Chair was made by Commissioner Davis, second by Commissioner Carugati on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Chavarria and Harmon were absent and two vacancies.

8. Approve a recommendation for a representative and an alternate to serve on the Joint Sustainability Committee. (Sponsors: Brenneman and Johnson) The motion to recommend Commissioner Charlotte Davis as a representative and Commissioner GeNell Gary as an alternate to serve on the Joint Sustainability Committee was on Commissioner Robbins's motion, Commissioner Stone's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Chavarria and Harmon were absent and two vacancies. Approve a recommendation regarding the oversight of natural gas utility rates and operations. (Sponsors: Robbins and Davis)
 The motion to table this item to the next Commission meeting was made on Commissioner Robbins's motion, Commissioner Johnson's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Chavarria and Harmon were absent and two vacancies.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Texas Gas Service quarterly update on conservation programs
- Austin Water quarterly update
- Discussion and recommendation of Austin Water Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for approval to include in the 5-year Capital spending plan as required by Financial Policy #8.
- Approve a recommendation regarding the oversight of natural gas utility rates and operations.
- Austin Energy staff to provide an update to authorizing issuance of rebates for multifamily and commercial customer energy efficiency measures by Austin Energy during Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the aggregate amounts of \$2,650,000 for multifamily programs and \$3,350,000 for commercial programs, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$6,000,000, including ratification of \$2,850,844 in rebates already issued in the current fiscal year.
- Discussion on the Resource Management Commission Bylaws
- Discussion on the Austin Energy Green Choice Program

The minutes were approved at the May 16, 2023 meeting on a 7-0 vote.