

**Minutes of the
ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
August 5, 2009**

A telephonic meeting of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission was held Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., in the Arkansas River Room at the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, 101 East Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Robert White; Vice-Chairman Daniel Bryant, Corbet Lamkin, Neal Anderson, Jerry Mitchell, Ann Cash, and Sloan Hampton.

Staff members participating included: Randy Young, Executive Director; Jon Sweeney, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer; Mark Bennett, Chief, Water Resources Development Division; Crystal Phelps, Associate General Counsel; and Pat Smith, Executive Assistant.

Chairman White called the meeting of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to order.

A list of guests is attached to the minutes.

LEGAL ISSUES

Statement of Principal Reasons For and Against Adopting Proposed Revisions to Title III, Rules For Utilization of Surface Water: White River Minimum Streamflow Rules – Mrs. Phelps stated that the Commission adopted the White River Minimum Streamflow rules on July 15, 2009. Entergy requested a concise statement of principal reasons for and against adopting the rules. In accordance with that request, and under law, the statement was written and presented to the Commission for adoption. Upon motion by Mrs. Cash, second by Mr. Anderson, the Commission adopted the statement as presented (a copy of the statement is attached to the minutes).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Mr. Bennett presented the staff's recommendation for the referenced project below requesting financial assistance from the Water Development Fund (WDF). Commission action was as follows:

Upon motion by Mr. Anderson, second by Mr. Mitchell, the Commission approved the following:

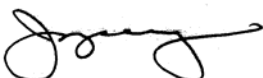
**LITTLE RUNNING WATER WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (RANDOLPH COUNTY)
(WDF) (Additional) Up to \$41,200.00**

PURPOSE OF FUNDS: *To continue and extend the removal of sediment and debris caused by the March 2008, flooding in order to reduce future flooding and damage to bridges and other structures.*

The Commission approved an additional loan for Little Running Water Watershed Improvement District in an amount up to **\$41,200.00** from the Water Development Fund. This loan is for twenty (20) years at five percent (5%) interest. An administrative fee in an amount up to \$1,200.00 is to be retained by the Commission. Approval is contingent upon the District establishing and maintaining a reserve fund acceptable to the Executive Director.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Director and Secretary

October 13, 2009
Date