

# **Hill Country Energy Sub-Regional Planning Commission**

## **February 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The first meeting of the Hill Country Energy Sub-Regional Planning Commission (HCESRPC) took place in the Kerr County Courthouse on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and was opened at 2:15 pm with a pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. Commissioner Holt then provided a prayer for a productive meeting.

The following members of the Board, as appointed by the Kendall and Kerr County Commissioners' Courts, were in attendance:

Rich Paces, Kerr County Commissioner, Precinct 2,  
Jeff Holt, Kerr County Commissioner, Precinct 3,  
Jennifer McCall, Kendall County Commissioner, Precinct 3, and  
Chad Carpenter, Kendall County Commissioner, Precinct 4.  
Texas State Representative, Wes Virdell, was unable to attend.  
The Landowner / Agricultural Representative has not yet been appointed.

### **1. Adoption of the HCESRPC By-Laws**

A quorum of the HCESRPC being present, the first order of business was the adoption of the HCESRPC By-Laws as were approved by the Commissioners' Courts of Kendall and Kerr Counties. Commissioner Paces made a motion to adopt the By-Laws. Commissioner Holt seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote, 4 – 0.

### **2. Recognize the Resolutions**

The Board recognized the resolutions that were approved by the Kendall County Commissioners' Court and the Kerr County Commissioners' Court which approved the creation of the Chapter 391 HCESRPC and approved the appointments of Kendall County Commissioners McCall and Carpenter and Kerr County Commissioners Paces and Holt, to the Board of the HCESRPC.

### **3. Appoint Board Members**

The Board recognized the appointments of Kendall County Commissioners McCall and Carpenter and Kerr County Commissioners Paces and Holt to the Board of the HCESRPC. Commissioner Paces stated that a recommendation would be made to the Kerr County Commissioners' Court in their next regular meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> to appoint a Landowner / Agriculture Representative to the Board in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between Kendall and Kerr Counties.

#### 4. Board Members Appoint Officers

After some discussion, Commissioner Holt made a motion to appoint Commissioner Paces as President, Commissioner McCall as Vice President and Commissioner Carpenter as Treasurer. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous vote of 4 – 0.

#### 5. Draft Letter to PUCT

Commissioner Paces provided the members of the Board with a draft letter to the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUCT) calling for a meeting to coordinate development plans with respect to battery energy storage systems within Kendall and Kerr Counties. The Board members approved the form of the letter and agreed to offer the dates of February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup> for the first meeting with PUCT. Commissioner Paces stated that he would issue the letter after the meeting.

#### 6. Draft Letter to LCRA

Commissioner Paces provided the members of the Board with a draft letter to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) calling for a meeting to coordinate development plans with respect to battery energy storage systems within Kendall and Kerr Counties. The Board members approved the form of the letter and agreed to offer the dates of February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup> for the first meeting with LCRA. Commissioner Paces stated that he would issue the letter after the meeting.

#### 7. Discussion and appropriate action on other administrative matters of the commission.

Various administrative matters were discussed. The public was informed that a website has been setup. The site is: [www.HCESRPC.com](http://www.HCESRPC.com) and is a work in progress. The commission plans to post all of its meeting notices, meeting minutes and relevant correspondence for public view. We plan to video record all meetings using Microsoft Teams and will post the video on the website after the meeting. The Treasurer will look into opening a bank account, however it was stressed that the HCESRPC will not be taking any funds from either county, the state or any federal agency. Setting up or taking over an existing 501(c)(3) organization for funding purposes was also discussed. Commissioner McCall will look into the option of taking over an existing 501(c)(3) organization.

#### 8. Public Comments

Of note, Barbara Ferguson, District Director for State Representative – District 53, Wes Virdell, mentioned that the SERC will be holding a symposium on battery energy storage systems on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm in Austin. Commissioner Holt indicated that he would plan to attend and report back to this commission. *Note: After the meeting, we were informed that the SERC symposium will be rescheduled.*

9. Set next meeting

The Board agreed to set the next meeting of the HCESRPC for 2:00 pm on February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Kendall County courthouse at 201 E San Antonio Ave. Boerne, TX 78006. Commissioner Paces said he would consult with Commissioner McCall on the agenda for the meeting. The final agenda would also take into consideration whether PUCT or LCRA agree to attend a coordination meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

There being no other business before the HCESRPC, the meeting was closed at 3:21 pm.

These minutes were approved by the HCESRPC Board on February 28, 2025

Rich Paces  
President, HCESRPC