

Government Relations Advisory Council
December 8, 2010
8:30 a.m.
Moritz Board Room
Minutes

Present

Joel Ballew
Keely Appleton
Charles Green
Jay Long
J.G. Luke
Clem Maddox
Ann Morris
Michael Taylor
Lonnie Warren
Kate Kettles
Rudy Martinez

Absent

Gary Cumbie
Keegan Drake
Kellie Duhr
Larry Fowler
Andrew Piel
Sandra Godfrey
Ed Gunderson
Dan Hagan
Jud Heflin
Nicholas James
Glenn Lewis
Bill Lynch
Mercedes Mayer
Richard Greene
Laura Patton

Staff

Jon Weist
Matt Geske

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Jay Long.

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Minutes for the October 13, 2010 Government Relations Advisory Council as correct.

Jim Parks, Executive Director of the North Texas Municipal Water District

- Presentation on the current water situation and conservation strategies
- North Texas has the best overall conservation strategies in the state
- Does not advocate rationing, but wants to curb wasting of water

Legislative Agenda

- Approved agenda presented to council

Team Arlington to Austin

- Outlined schedule of events and registering instructions

Information Items

- December Newsletter
- *Deficit Panel Pushes Cuts*, Wall Street Journal, November 11, 2010
- *Four Defomations of the Apocalypse*, The New York Times, July 31, 2010
- *Why Business Doesn't Trust the Tea Party*, Bloomberg Businessweek, October 13, 2010

Other Business

- Team Arlington to DC, 2011 – *sought feedback on possible chamber member trip to Washington in May 2011*

Announcements

- **Next Meeting**, February 9, 2011, 8:30 a.m. Moritz Board Room
- **Morning with the Mayor**, December 9, 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m., Moritz Board Room
- **Business Over Breakfast**, December 14, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Moritz Board Room
- **Legislative Luncheon with Speaker Joe Straus**, December 16, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., UT Arlington, Bluebonnet Ballroom
- **Business Over Breakfast**, January 11, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Moritz Board Room
- **Chamber After Hours**, January 25, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Arlington Convention Center