

Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
April 23, 2019 – 1:00 P.M.
Mount Pleasant Civic Center
1800 N. Jefferson, Mount Pleasant, Texas

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) – Region D met in an open meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson, in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Chair Richard LeTourneau called the meeting to order at 1:00 and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Bill Kirby gave the invocation. Twenty-one members of the planning group were present in person or represented by a designated alternate.

The following voting members were present:

Bill Kirby	John Brooks	Rolin McPhee	Fred Milton
Bob Staton	Larry Calvin	Russell Acker	Sharron Nabors
Cindy Gwinn	Mike McCoy	Brandon Belcher	Richard LeTourneau
Dennis Hilliard	Joe Bumgarner	Ned Muse	Greg Carter
Bruce Bradley	Cheri Stuart	George Frost	JoAnn Duman

The following alternates were present:

Jim Davis for Harlton Taylor

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Kyle Dooley, Riverbend Water Resources District
Amanda Maloukis, Region I and GMA #11 Liaison
Gary Cheatwood, SRBA
Rusty Ray, TSSWCB
Darrell Dean, Texas Dept of Agriculture

The following non-voting members were absent:

Wayne Harris, Luminant
Mike Rickman, Region C
Larry Lebeau, Texas Parks and Wildlife

The following voting members were absent:

Harlton Taylor	Lloyd Parker
Nicolas Fierro	Wade Bartley

Ned Muse made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting. Sharron Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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Chair Richard LeTourneau asked for updates from the liaisons. Sharron Nabors, Liaison for Region C, stated that Region C met in February 2019, and there were no new updates at this time. Amanda Maloukis, stated that she is now the Liaison for both Region I and GMA #11. Region I met in April 2019 and reviewed both chapters 1 and 2. Next meeting will be held on July 17, 2019. Mrs. Maloukis stated GMA #11 will meet July 16, 2019. No report was provided for GMA#8. Fred Milton with Riverbend Water Resources District reported Riverbend continues to support the U.S. Army and TexAmerica Center. No report was provided for from SRBA.

Ron Ellis with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provided the following updates.

- Uniform standards for prioritizing projects in regional water plans was approved February 25, 2019,
- TWDB sent out the Drought Chapter 7 template, and
- Bills involving water planning and flood planning. Bills are as followed: SB7, SB8, HB13, HJR4.

Rolin McPhee made a motion to approve public notice that the NETRWPG will be accepting nominations to serve as voting members starting September 2019. George Frost seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Tony Smith with Carollo provided a powerpoint presentation concerning activities of the consultants. Mr. Smith went over beginning draft of Chapter 3: Evaluation of Current Water Supplies in the Region and Chapter 4: Identification of Water Needs. Per the request of both Riverbend and NETRWPG, the consultant team worked with Riverbend's consultants to review technical information and documentation provided by Riverbend on sedimentation, source water availability, and existing supply. Information was incorporated in a technically defensible manner to characterize Wright Patman Lake for the 2021 Regional D Plan.

Bill Kirby made a motion to approve Consultant's Draft "Chapter 3: Evaluation of Current Water Supplies in the Region" and "Chapter 4: Identification of Water Needs" for the purposes of drafting the beginning of the 2021 Region D Water Plan. Greg Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Laura Ashley Overdyke with Caddo Lake Institute gave a presentation on environmental flows and its effects on our rivers, creeks, lakes, and wildlife. Joe Trungale with Caddo Lake Institute gave an overview on possible content about environmental flows for inclusion in the regional water plan.

There was discussion on a letter from TWDB dated April 3, 2019 about opportunities for interregional dialog to minimize or avoid interregional conflict.

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Greg Carter made a motion to approve the Financial Report by the Administrator, including approval for payment of the consultant invoices. Rolin McPhee seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for June 26, 2019 by consensus.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by George Frost and a second by Richard Letourneau. Motion carried, all voting aye.



Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	NETMWD
Robyn Goodson	NETMWD
Jack Salmon, Jr.	NETMWD
Tony Smith	Carollo Engineering
Stan Hays	Hayes Engineering
Paula Coleman	Hayes Engineering
David Dunn	HDR Engineering
Kim Cox	Paris News
Van Alexander	Riverbend
Temple McKinnon	TWDB
Mike Burke	Riverbend
Laura Ashley Overdyke	Caddo Lake Institute
Marshall Wood	Riverbend
Jeff Lewis	City of Texarkana
Jean Cothren	Graphic Packaging International
David Cothren	Graphic Packaging International
Paul Prange	ATCOG
Shirley Jaster	Texarkana
Steve Mayo	Texarkana
Darwin Doughtit	
Barbara Calvin	
David Nabors	