

Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group

August 1, 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 Thursday August 1, 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	Lloyd Parker	Fred Milton	Ned Muse
Larry Calvin	Nicolas Fierro	Bob Staton	Cheri Stuart	Bruce Bradley
Cindy Gwinn	Mike McCoy	Rolin McPhee	Greg Carter	Sharron Nabors
Jo Ann Duman	Joe Bumgarner	Brandon Belcher	Richard LeTourneau	

The following alternates were present:

Darwin Douthit or Dennis Hilliard
Jim Thompson for George Frost

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Amanda Maloukis, Region I and GMA #11 Liaison

The following non-voting members were absent:

Wayne Harris, Luminant
Mike Rickman, Region C
Larry Lebeau, Texas Parks and Wildlife
Rusty Ray, TSSWCB
Kyle Dooley, Riverbend Water Resources District
Meg Shelton, SRBA
Darrell Dean, Texas Dept of Agriculture

The following voting members were absent:

Wade Bartley Russell Acker
Harlton Taylor

Cindy Gwinn made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting. John Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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On a motion by Jim Thompson and a second by Ned Muse, the following people were recommended for reappointment to the planning group: John Brooks, Joe Bumgarner, Nicolas Fierro, Cindy Gwinn, Rolin McPhee, Lloyd Parker, and Richard LeTourneau. Motion carried, all voting aye. On a motion by Jim Thompson and a second by Ned Muse, the following people were recommended for successors for the expiring term limited voting member: Conrad King for Bill Kirby. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chair Richard LeTourneau asked for updates from the liaisons. Ron Ellis with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provided an update on HB 807 directing TWDB to appoint an Interregional Planning Council. Mr. Ellis stated that TWDB has launched an interactive data dashboard on their website. Mr. Ellis announced that the socio-economic reports will be completed by end of 2019. TWDB is hosting at least 13 meetings in regard to Senate Bill 7 Flood Funding and Senate Bill 8 Flood Planning. Mr. Ellis reported that the nearest meeting to Region D, will be August 7, 2019, located UT Tyler, Tyler, Texas.

No report was provided for GMA#8. Sharron Nabors, Liaison for Region C, stated that there were no new updates. Amanda Maloukis, Liaison for both Region 1 and GMA#11 stated Region 1 meet July 17, and their plan is similar to their 2016 plan. GMA#11 meet July 15, and are in the process of adjusting their GAM. Fred Milton with Riverbend Water Resources District reported Riverbend continues to support the U.S. Army and TexAmerica Center. Mr. Milton stated Riverbend is working on their application for funding help through TWDB for water infrastructure.

Tony Smith with Carollo provided a powerpoint presentation concerning possible content for Chapter 7. Mr. Smith went over activities, and recommendations for Region D, and outlines for Chapters 10 and 11.

There was discussion on the letter from TWDB dated July 8, 2019 on the Interregional Planning Council. During discussion Jim Thompson made a motion to designate the Chair, Richard LeTourneau, as the Region D nominee for the recently created interregional council. Fred Milton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Greg Carter made a motion to approve NETMWD to execute amended contracts with TWDB and Carollo Engineering regarding additional funding for planning activities. Bill Kirby seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Ned Muse made a motion to approve the Financial Report by the Administrator, including approval for payment of the consultant invoices. Larry Calvin seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for September 19, 2019 by consensus.

Public comments were made Marion County Judge Leward J. LaFleur. No additional public comments were made.

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Billy Kirby and a second by Richard LeTourneau. Motion carried, all voting aye.


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	NETMWD
Robyn Goodson	NETMWD
Tony Smith	Carollo Engineering
Stan Hays	Hayes Engineering
Kristie Laughlin	WSP
Conrad King	Sabine River Authority
Lee M. Halencak	Bartlett and West
Dale Booth	Bartlett and West
Wendell Davis	RRCWSC
Judge Becky Wilbanks	Cass County Judge
Judge Leward LaFleur	Marion County Judge
Lowell Walker	City of Dekalb
Miranda Oglesby	Tribune
Gary Cheatwood	SRBA
Dolores Cheatwood	
Barbara Calvin	
David Nabors	