

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
August 08, 2018 – 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 Wednesday, August 08, 2018, 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-three 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	Cheri Stuart
Bob Staton	Brandon Belcher	George Frost
Mike McCoy	Bruce Bradley	Nicolas Fierro
JoAnn Duman	Larry Calvin	Greg Carter
Richard LeTourneau	David Nabors	
Rolin McPhee	Dennis Hilliard	
Russell Acker	Fred Milton	

The following alternates were present:

Newman Browning for Lloyd Parker
Linda Price for Cindy Gwinn
Jim Davis for Harlton Taylor
Kevin Phillips for Joe Bumgarner
A.J. Mason for Ned Muse

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Liz Fazio Hale, Liaison-Riverbend Water Resources District
Leah Adams, representing Region I
Gary Cheatwood, SRBA

The following non-voting members were absent:

Amanda Maloukis, GMA #11 Liaison
David Alford- GMA #11 Liaison
Wayne Harris- Luminant
Mike Rickman- Region C
Darrell Dean- Texas Dept of Agriculture
Larry Lebeau- Texas Parks and Wildlife

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The following voting members were absent:

Cindy Gwinn	Joe Bumgarner
Lloyd Parker	Harlton Taylor
Ned Muse	Danny Evans

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting. George Frost seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

On a motion by Russell Acker and a second by Bill Kirby, the following people were recommended for reappointment to the planning group: JoAnn Duman, George Frost, Bob Staton, Dennis Hilliard, Cheri Stuart and Brandon Belcher. Motion carried, all voting aye. On a motion by Russell Acker and a second by Bill Kirby, the following people were recommended for successors for the expiring term limited voting members: Wade Bartley for Danny Evans and Sharron Nabors for David Nabors. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chair Richard LeTourneau asked for updates from the liaisons. David Nabors, Liaison for Region C, stated that Region C last met late April and its next meeting will be held next Monday. Region C is asking the Texas Legislature to add ParkHouse (2)/North to the list of reservoirs protected sites. Mr. Nabors reported on GMA#8. Due to more housing subdivisions, GMA #8 is running low on ground water and is looking at additional water sources for these expanding areas. Leah Adams, Liaison for Region I, stated Region I is meeting next week and Region I is one step behind Region D in the planning process. She reported that the only change at Region I was to amend the by-laws to include additional open meeting act requirements. GMA #11 met last month and are going over rule reviews with general managers. It was announced that a groundwater stakeholders' meeting in Nacogdoches on August 9, 2018 would be held.

Ron Ellis with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provided several updates. The Hydrologic Assumption Memo was approved in June by TWDB. In the review of the Assumption Memo, TWDB found that 3 approvals were needed: modification of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Water Availability Model (WAM) for return flow values, utilization of yields from a drainage area specifically for Mayse/Crooks WAM, and correction of a drainage area error in the Sulphur River Basin WAM. All changes were approved by TWDB for Region D to use in planning. TWDB approved the Region D request made in April and sent a contract amendment to Northeast Texas Municipal Water District to be executed.

On July 26, 2018, TWDB committed \$1.95 billion in Swift funds to 18 projects from the State Water Plan. Mr. Ellis also gave an update on the rule revisions that the TWDB adopted. The rules are now on the website. TWDB is developing a State Flood Assessment and is working on a draft. It is anticipated to be posted for public comment at the end of August. Following the comment period, there will be a final version adopted by TWDB and delivered to the State Legislature prior to the start of the next session.

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The Water for Texas Conference will be held in Austin on January 23-25, 2019 and is sponsored by TWDB. A regional financial assistance workshop will be put on by TWDB on October 11, 2018 at Lake Palestine Water Treatment Plant in Tyler.

Fred Milton stated that Riverbend Water Resources District continues to work to finalize its regional water master plan. Riverbend is working on two projects: a new intake at Lake Wright Patman, and a raw waterline inside the military complex in the TexAmerica Center. Riverbend is also planning and considering a water treatment plant and related infrastructure with a possible size of about 25 to 30 mgd. Mr. Milton stated that Riverbend is working to update the Water Availability Model (WAM) on the entire Sulphur River Basin and results may be available by the end of the year. Mr. Milton also reported on a volumetric and sedimentation survey underway for Lake Wright Patman. Riverbend continues to support the U.S. Army and TexAmerica Center. It was noted that the next meeting of Sulphur River Basin Authority (SRBA) will be on August 28, 2018.

Leyon Greene with TWDB provided a presentation on a project known as TexMesonet. TexMesonet's primary goal is to create a network among networks and create high quality data to support flood monitoring, flood forecasting, and responses to extreme weather events. To fully implement the project, the project needs one station in every county. Having each station close enough to each other facilitates more efficient observations and tracking of weather events that could help save lives. The cost per station is about \$20,000. The installation costs will be paid by TWDB. There are two types of stations. The primary station comes with a 30-foot tower and equipment. The other is a secondary station that comes with a 10-foot tower. The secondary station does not provide much wind calculation and has less equipment. The secondary station takes about 3 days to install. There are 37 stations installed and a backlog of 56. TWDB is looking for landowners who can provide space for the weather stations. The network will also be useful in monitoring and responding to drought and wildfires, as well as in providing information about using water more efficiently. Information collected at the stations will include temperature, precipitation, wind speed, relative humidity, barometric pressure, solar radiation, soil moisture, soil temperature, and evapotranspiration.

Mr. Smith with Carollo gave a presentation. The presentation included the Technical Memorandum. Mr. Smith described the work that went into the Technical Memo. Mr. Smith explained that the Technical Memo is to assure that timely work is being performed during the process, but is not the final stage or the final version of any content for the regional water plan. Mr. Smith went over the steps that have been taken so far in this planning cycle. The Technical Memo looks at demand and population numbers approved by TWDB. The consultants are currently working on supply, source availability, supply availability, water user groups and water providers. Mr. Smith stated that the planning process is at the stage of comparing demand versus supply, not in the development of specific water management strategies.

Mr. Smith went over the following: key concepts, definitions, and distinctions between source and supply, and the TWDB website's usefulness in obtaining data.

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Mr. Smith described the differences between source availability and supply availability. He stressed that source availability is the estimation of full capability of the resource. Supply availability is the capability of the existing infrastructure, together with additional constraints, to use the available sources of supply.

Mr. Smith reported that since the last meeting the consultants have been gathering data, modeling source reliabilities in reservoirs, and looking at the modeled available groundwater. Mr. Smith explained how all the information is gathered and entered into the most up-to-date state data base used to develop water management plans. Mr. Smith mentioned that the Memo can be viewed on TWDB website and comments will be accepted during the comment period. Mr. Smith went over the comments that had been made to the Technical Memo.

Following the discussion, David Nabors made a motion that Region D not pursue simplified planning. Rolin McPhee seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. Greg Carter made a motion to approve the Technical Memo and to allow the consultants to work with the Administrator to revise the Technical Memo and to authorize the submission of the Technical Memo to TWDB by September 10, 2018. Rolin McPhee seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye, with the exception of Fred Milton voting no. Fred Milton made a motion to approve the designation of the major water providers for Region D. David Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

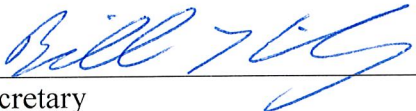
Walt Sears, Jr. with Northeast Texas Municipal Water District asked for approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Regional Water Planning Contract with TWBD/NETMWD and the subcontract involving NETMWD and Carollo Engineers, Inc. David Nabors made a motion to approve Amendment No. 2. Greg Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

David Nabors made a motion to approve the Financial Report by the Administrator, including approval for payment of the consultant invoices. JoAnn Duman seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for October 10, 2018 on a motion by David Nabors and seconded by Bob Station. Motion carried, all voting aye.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Robert Speight	NETMWD
Robyn Goodson	NETMWD
Stan Wyatt	NETMWD
Jack Salmon	NETMWD
Tony Smith	Carollo Engineering
Stan Hays	Hayes Engineering
Paula Coleman	Hayes Engineering
Paul Prange	ATCOG
Lou Ann Everett	Canton
Chris Spencer	SRBA
Mike Buttram	SRBA
Leyon Greene	TWDB
David Waldrop	PCGCD
Kim Cox	Paris News
Tracy Farr	Mount Pleasant Tribune
Sharron Nabors	
Mike Burke	
Judi Staton	
Dolores Cheatwood	
Barbara Calvin	
Mack Ross	