

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
December 16, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.**

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) – Region D met in an open meeting on Wednesday December 16, 2020, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held telephonically only. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Jim Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Fifteen members of the planning group were present in person or represented by a designated alternate.

The following voting members were present:

Allen Beeler	Brandon Belcher	John Brooks
Joe Bumgarner	Joe Coats	Donnie Duffee
Dennis Hilliard	Conrad King	Richard LeTourneau
Rolin McPhee	Fred Milton	Ned Muse
Sharron Nabors	Bob Staton	Jim Thompson

The following alternates were present: No alternates present

The following voting members were absent:

Russell Acker	Wade Bartley	Bruce Bradley
Nicolas Fierro	Cindy Gwinn	Janet McCoy
Lloyd Parker	Cheri Stuart	Harlton Taylor

The public was provided an opportunity for comment prior to any action being taken by the planning group. No public comments were made at the beginning of this meeting.

Sharron Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2020 meeting. Richard LeTourneau seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Director Kathleen Jackson with Texas Water Development Board expressed thanks to the planning group for all their hard work, and expressed thanks to the Legislature for enabling new projects for the upcoming year. Mrs. Jackson recognized Walt Sears for the help provided to the regional water planning group and for advancing new water plans, laws, and support for the science and data in planning. Mrs. Jackson spoke words of appreciation for the assisting actions for more than 22 years by Walt Sears.

Chair Jim Thompson asked for updates from the liaisons. Ron Ellis with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) stated 2021 SWIFT funding applications opened. TWDB is contracting with vendor for mining projects. The first request for funding for the 6th cycle of regional water planning will be issued in the spring of 2021. No report from Region I and GMA #11 was made. Sharron Nabors stated that GMA #8 and Region C had no new updates or meeting.

Rolin McPhee discussed the requirements of a political subdivision to administer the Region D RWPG for the 6th cycle of Regional Water Planning. Mr. McPhee informed the RWPG that only one application had been submitted and that submittal was from Riverbend

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Water Resources District. Mr. McPhee stated that the request for a proposal from a political subdivision was posted and made available to any interested political subdivision.

Ned Muse made a motion to approve Riverbend Water Resources District as the new political subdivision to administer the Region D RWPG for the 6th cycle of Regional Water Planning. Sharron Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Rolin McPhee made a motion to approve to authorize Riverbend Water Resources District as the Region D political Subdivision to provide public notice, submit a grant application to the TWDB, and execute a contract with the TWDB on behalf of the Region D RWPG for initial funding of the 6th cycle of Regional Water Planning. Sharron Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

Further public comments were made prior to the adjournment by David Nabors. Mr. Nabors recognized Richard LeTourneau for receiving from the Texas Conservation Alliance, the Ned and Genie Fritz Lifetime Achievement Award. He thanked Mr. LeTourneau for his services in protecting the environment and for advancing good stewardship of environmental resources.

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


Secretary


Date