

Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
February 1, 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 Thursday, February 1, 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. David Nabors gave the invocation. Twenty 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
Larry Calvin	Bob Staton
Mike McCoy	Bruce Bradley
Ned Muse	Danny Evans
Richard LeTourneau	David Nabors
Rolin McPhee	Dennis Hilliard
Russell Acker	Fred Milton

The following alternates were present:

Elizabeth Fazio for Cheri Stuart
Shirley Shumake for George Frost
Jackie McClenan for Greg Carter
Jim Davis for Harlton Taylor
Nancy Clements for Jo Ann Duman
Terry Crane for Brandon Belcher

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Leah Adams
Marcia Hackett	David Montagne
Mike Rickman	Larry LeBeau
Troy Sellers	Darrell Dean

The following voting members were absent:

Cindy Gwinn	Joe Bumgarner
Lloyd Parker	Nicolas Fierro

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George Frost	Greg Carter
Harlton Taylor	Jo Ann Duman
Brandon Belcher	Cheri Stuart

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2017 meeting. Rolin McPhee seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chair Richard LeTourneau moved to continue with our existing liaisons. It was noted that David Nabors is the liaison to GMA #8 and liaison to Region C and, Linda Price is liaison to GMA #11 and Region I. The motion was seconded by Bill Kirby. Motion carried, all voting aye. David Nabors motioned for the executive committee and officers to stay as is, seconded by Larry Calvin. Motion carried, all voting aye. As a result of the motion, Region D's officers are as follows: Richard LeTourneau, Chair; George Frost, Vice Chair; Bill Kirby, Secretary; Bob Staton, at-large Executive Committee Member; Jo Ann Duman, at-large Executive Committee Member.

During the liaison reports, David Nabors mentioned that Region C is looking for alternate water sources. They have Parkhouse (1)/(South) in the Sulphur River Basin in their water plan. They may be looking to add Parkhouse (2)/(North) as an alternate water source. Both sites of the possible water sources are in Region D. To his knowledge, no changes to GMA #8's plan has developed. No GMA #11 meetings were reported to have occurred since the last Region D meeting.

Ron Ellis with TWDB reported on several matters: 1) the TWDB should finish up a rule making process implementing bills that have passed in the legislative session; 2) draft rules posted in the Texas register on Dec 22, 2017 and the comment section ended on January 31, 2018; 3) another round of the SWIFT loan applications began on December 8, 2017 and will be closing on February 2, 2018; and, 4) the TWDB review of the municipal and non-municipal demand revisions request authored by Region D in October of 2017. The revised request has gone to the TWDB Board together with requests from other regions, these requests will be discussed at the TWDB Board meeting to be held in April. Ron Ellis also mentioned possible agriculture water conservation grants. Applications for these grants have been requested for the Fiscal Year 2018. The due date for applications is noon on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Fred Milton, representative for Riverbend Water Resources District, stated that Riverbend executed a new amendment to the contract with TexAmerica Center for additional water and are working on cost estimates on recent water development plans. Liz Fazio with Riverbend added that updates are going to be made on the water availability model in the Sulphur River Basin. They are working with the state so that the model can be adopted at the state level.

Ron Ellis with TWDB provided a presentation on water conservation. In 2017, the Statewide Water Conservation Quantification Project was completed. The final report is over 3,200 pages long. The project was done under a contract with Averitt and Associates for TWDB. Ron Ellis states he was reporting on the conclusions and findings of Averitt and Associates. One of the tasks in the contract was to develop an approach to estimate

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implementation of recommended municipal water conservation strategies in the 2016 water plans and to assess the implementation of the recommended municipal water conservation; as well as to quantify implementation of those strategies. Averitt and Associates contacted 230 utilities in the state. Each utility needed to have 3 things: 1) a conservation plan, 2) an identified need in 2020 or 2030, 3) a conservation as a strategy in the applicable regional and state plan. Out of those 230, 170 utilities were interested in working with the contractors. Those 170 utilities serve 60% of state's population and made up $\frac{3}{4}$ of the strategies in the state by volume. Region D had 1 participant (Texarkana) and Region I had no participants. Seventy-three of the utilities were made of up small to mid-size towns. The final report has state and regional reports, but the heart of this report is based on the 170 individual utility reports. The contractors looked closely to the conservation activities and estimated the savings from those conservation activities and compared those savings by the utilities to the state water plan strategies and goals. Each individual utility plan is about 10 to 20 pages long. Each plan identified their activities, savings, and goals. One of the tasks of the project assessment is whether the utilities were meeting the conservation goals. In each utility conservation plan, the systems are required to set 5 and 10-year goals for a total amount GCPD and for water loss GPCD. The report also shows statewide goals, showing its usefulness for cities to consider when thinking about possibly implementing strategies. The plan is to increase water conservation's usage as a best management practice.

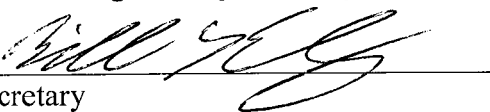
Tony Smith with Carollo gave a presentation outlining Region D Water Planning. The agenda included receiving an update from the consultant team regarding submittal of demand revision request and the evaluation of existing water supplies. He also included a presentation on the process for identifying and evaluating potentially feasible Water Management Strategies. On a motion by Bill Kirby and seconded by Rolin McPhee, the process for identifying and evaluating potentially feasible Water Management Strategies as outlined by Tony Smith was authorized. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for April 11, 2018 on a motion by David Nabors and seconded by Rolin McPhee. Motion carried, all voting aye.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.


Secretary

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ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	NETMWD
Robyn Goodson	NETMWD
Robert Speight	NETMWD
Ron Ellis	TWDB
Tony Smith	Carollo Engineering
Stan Hays	Hayes Engineering
Paula Coleman	Hayes Engineering
Kevin Phillips	Eastman Chemical Co.
Becky Wilbanks	Cass County Judge
Jennifer Middleton	Texarkana Gazette
Kim Cox	The Paris News
Rusty Ray	TSSWCB
Newman Browning	CSSUD
Floyd Parker	SPSUD
Sarah Backhouse	TWDB
Lou Ann Everett	Canton
Guy Wilkinson	IP
Barbara Calvin	
Mike Burke	
Gary Cheatwood	
Dolores Cheatwood	
Sharron Nabors	