

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
February 06, 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 Wednesday, February 06, 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-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	Rolin McPhee	Fred Milton
Bob Staton	Larry Calvin	Russell Acker	Nicolas Fierro
Bruce Bradley	Lloyd Parker	Sharron Nabors	Wade Bartley
Cindy Gwinn	Mike McCoy	Brandon Belcher	Richard LeTourneau
Dennis Hilliard	Joe Bumgarner	Ned Muse	Greg Carter

The following alternates were present:

Liz Fazio Hale for Cheri Stuart
Linda Price for George Frost
Dr. Jane Morris for Jo Ann Duman

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Liz Fazio Hale, Riverbend Water Resources District
Amanda Maloukis, GMA #11 Liaison
Gary Cheatwood, SRBA
Kimberly Gamez, for Rusty Ray, TSSWCB

The following non-voting members were absent:

Wayne Harris, Luminant
Mike Rickman, Region C
Darrell Dean, Texas Dept of Agriculture
Larry Lebeau, Texas Parks and Wildlife

The following voting members were absent:

Harlton Taylor	George Frost
Jo Ann Duman	Cheri Stuart

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Bill Kirby made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2018 meeting. Bob Staton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Sharron Nabors made a motion to approve all of those currently serving to be elected to the same office and service for Regional Water Planning Group D, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the NETRWPG Bylaws, and appointments to committees. Positions elected included Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and two At-Large Committee Appointments for the Executive Committee and Liaisons to regional water planning groups and groundwater management areas. Russell Acker seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chair Richard LeTourneau asked for updates from the liaisons. Sharron Nabors, Liaison for Region C, stated next meeting will be February 25, 2019. Amanda Maloukis, Liaison for GMA #11 stated the third round of MAG is expected this summer. No Report on Region I, GMA#8.

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

- 2019 SWIFT abridged applications were due February 1, 2019. It was noted that Riverbend Water Resources District submitted an application.
- The uniform standards stakeholder committee met November 28, 2018 to review the uniform standards for prioritizing projects in regional water plans.
- TWDB received the Technical Memorandums; these documents are posted on TWDB webpage. TWDB has reviewed the draft groundwater and surface water data and methodologies presented in the planning group's Technical Memorandum.
- TWDB developed the Public Water System Viewer to facilitate viewing of digital maps for all community PWS retail water service areas in the state of Texas and additional information. It was suggested that RWPGs be encouraged to share the Map Viewer with stakeholders and utilities to verify boundaries.
- Designating Unique Stream Segments and Unique Reservoir Sites. TWDB has informational guide sheets that can be provided to those interested in these topics.

Fred Milton with Riverbend Water Resources District reported the volumetric and sedimentation survey for Lake Wright Patman is complete. Riverbend continues to support the U.S. Army and TexAmerica Center. Gary Cheatwood states that SRBA is in search of an executive director and is continuing to work on the study of reallocation of flood storage in Wright Patman Lake with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Amanda Maloukis GMA #11 Liaison suggested that a copy of the Groundwater Availability Memo be provided to both GMA#8 and GMA#11.

Bill Kirby attended the recent uniform standards committee on behalf of Region D. Mr. Kirby mentioned the Swift funding being considered for several entities. Mr. Kirby noted that all entities that applied met the requirements for being funded. Mr. Kirby stressed the importance of speciating the news about this funding source to small entities as well as large entities.

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Tony Smith with Carollo provided a powerpoint presentation concerning activities of the consultants. Mr. Smith provided an update of the working schedule of the Fifth Cycle of Regional Water Planning. Mr. Smith went over beginning draft of Chapters 1: Description of the Regional Water Planning Area and Chapter 2: Population and Water Demand Projections; Groundwater Availability Memo; and a possible Socioeconomic Study.

Liz Fazio Hale with Riverbend Water Resources District, Dawn Pilcher with LJA Engineering, and David Dunn with HDR Engineering provided a presentation regarding the volumetric and sedimentation study recently performed on Wright Patman Lake with recommendations. The presentation was in addition to written information provided to the group.

Fred Milton moved that Region D consultants use the latest information provided by Riverbend and work with the consultants of Riverbend to develop revised estimates of availability and supply from Wright Patman Lake utilizing elevations up to and including the elevations made possible by the Ultimate Rule Curve in a way consistent with all applicable TWDB rules. Linda Price seconded the motion. During discussion of the motion, it was noted the additional analysis would be limited to the largest size of storage made possible if the Ultimate Rule Curve was implemented. It was further noted that Wright Patman Lake performs a flood protection purpose and that any water storage potentially made available for a water supply from reallocation of a flood protection purpose would be a subject for a meeting subsequent to development of revised estimates of availability and supply concerning Wright Patman Lake. After discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Greg Carter made a motion to approve Consultant's Draft "Chapter 1-Description of the Regional Water Planning Area" and Chapter 2- "Population and Water Demand Projects" for the purposes of drafting the beginning of the 2021 Region D Water Plan; and Consultant's memorandum regarding a methodology for determination of groundwater availability. Fred Milton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Greg Carter made a motion to approve TWDB perform a socioeconomic impact analysis of not meeting identified water needs for Region D. John Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for April 4, 2019 by consensus.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Rolin McPhee and a second by Linda Price. 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
Dawn Pilcher	LJA Engineering
Kim Cox	Paris News
Teresa Griffin	Panola GCD
Kevin Spence	CSSUD
Chris Spencer	SRBA
Dolores Cheatwood	
Darwin Doughtit	
Barbara Calvin	
Lou Ann Everett	Mayor - City of Canton
Shirley Jaster	Texarkana
Kyle Dooley	Texarkana
Steve Mayo	
Tom Whitten	Bowie County
Scott Norton	TexAmericas Center
David Nabors	