

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
February 8, 2017 – 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 8, 2017, 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. George Frost 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:

David Nabors	Bill Kirby
Richard LeTourneau	Rolin McPhee
Nicolas Fierro	Larry Calvin
Jo Ann Duman	John Brooks
George Frost	Dennis Hilliard
Ned Muse	Johnny Bradley
Bob Staton	Cindy Gwinn
Greg Carter	Lloyd Parker
Cheri Stuart	Jerry Gaskill
Joe Bumgarner	Robert Speight

The following alternates were present:

Shirley Shumake for Mike McCoy

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Darrell Dean, representing Texas Dept. of Agriculture

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Worth Whitehead
Marcia Hackett	David Montagne
Mike Rickman	Larry LeBeau
Troy Sellers	

The following voting members were absent:

Danny Evans	Mike McCoy
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David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting. Bob Staton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

David Nabors made a motion to keep the current Officers for the Regional Water Planning Group-D, including the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Committee Appointments for the Executive Committee (Officers and Two Members At-Large). Ned Muse seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous, all voting aye. George Frost made the motion to keep the current Liaisons to regional water planning groups and groundwater management areas. Shirley Shumake seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous, all voting aye.

Due to voting member's vacancies resulting from the resignations of Doug Conner and Chan Glidewell, Richard LeTourneau nominated Brandon Belcher representing Hunt County-Nature Conservancy Environmental and Cheri Stewart nominated Fred Milton representing Bowie County- Water Districts. David Nabors made a motion to appoint Brandon Belcher and Fred Milton as voting members to fill the unexpired term of each. Shirley Shumake seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous, all voting aye.

Ron Ellis, TWDB Project Manager, gave a presentation on Chapter 357 Planning Rule changes. Mr. Ellis informed the following as purposes for the 2016 rule revisions: implement legislative changes, address stakeholder concerns, improve the planning process, increase flexibility in planning requirements, reduce certain unessential reporting requirements, clarify rules and refine definitions. Mr. Ellis gave a timeline for the 2016 rule revision processes which included obtaining preliminary stakeholder input from state agencies, RWPG members, and other stakeholders. Included in the timeline were important dates for the proposed draft rule revisions and the revised/adopted final rules. Mr. Ellis went over the revised Water User Group (WUG) definition, definitions of Wholesale Water Provider (WWP) and Major Water Provider (MWP). Mr. Ellis also went over Water Management Strategy Projects (WMSP) and the prioritization of the projects. Public notice revisions, existing surface water supply and groundwater availability analysis, MAG Peak Factor, and additional rule changes were also discussed by Mr. Ellis.

Jean Perez and Alan Andrews, Hydrologists II from the TWDB Conservation and Innovative Water Technologies, gave a presentation regarding brackish groundwater studies in the Blossom and Nacatoch aquifers. The mission was introduced as to educate the water community on the use of nontraditional water supplies. Items discussed include: recommended water management strategies by 2070, brackish resources aquifer characterization system, groundwater salinity classifications, House Bill 30, general methodology, and project study areas.

David Nabors informed Region C met December 5th, while GMA #8 has not met. Amanda Maloukis with GMA#11 reported that developing DFCs had been updated. Ron Ellis with the TWDB informed of the August 31st contract deadlines, as well as a webinar to be held February 10th to explain the changes to methodologies. Mr. Ellis also informed that 21 SWIFT applications were received last Friday. Tony Smith with Carollo mentioned working on the Regional Master Plan involving Riverbend. Mr. Smith stated that Riverbend held a town hall meeting on January 31st where regional water infrastructure and alternatives such

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as a water treatment plant were mentioned. Mike Buttram expressed concern that a member from the SRBA was not sitting on the Region D board as a voting member of Region D.

Tony Smith with Carollo Engineering provided a power point presentation that included a conceptual 5th round planning schedule. Mr. Smith went over the Request for Application for Funding (RFA) including required materials and the notice and proof of notification. Mr. Smith also went over the additional proposed language by TWDB in its "First Amended General Guidelines". He informed that the TWDB is soliciting and accepting comments until February 21, 2017 on the proposed language. Other topics covered by Mr. Smith include the population and demand review process and the formal processes and their anticipated dates.

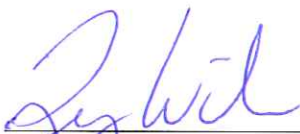
Shirley Shumake made a motion to approve the Financial Report by the Administrator, including approval for payment of the Carollo Consultant invoices. George Frost seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

By consensus, the next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for April 5, 2017.

The following addressed the planning group in the public comment section:

George Frost
Jimmy Hair
Lou Ann Everett

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	NETMWD
Ron Ellis	TWDB
Alan Andrews	TWDB
Jean Perez	TWDB
Tony Smith	Carollo Engineering
Stan Hays	Hayes Engineering
Paula Coleman	Hayes Engineering

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Rick Lowerre
LouAnn Everett
Newman Browning
Kevin Phillips
Russell Acker
Amanda Maloukis
Jim Davis
Bart Brock
Brandon Belcher
Jimmy Hair
Barbara Calvin
Mike Buttram
Darwin Douthit
Dolores Cheatwood
Gary Cheatwood

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