

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group  
November 10, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.**

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) – Region D met in an open meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was held at the Region 8 Education Service Center, 4845 US 271 N, Pittsburg, TX 75686. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Jim Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Eighteen members of the planning group were present in person or represented by a designated alternate.

The following voting members were present:

Russell Acker	Brandon Belcher	John Brooks	Joe Bumgarner
Donnie Duffee	Andy Endsley	Nicolas Fierro	Richard Garza
Cindy Gwinn	Billy Henson	Richard LeTourneau	Janet McCoy
Fred Milton	Ned Muse	Sharron Nabors	Bob Tardiff
Jim Thompson			

The following alternates were present:

Alton Bradley

The following voting members were absent:

Allen Beeler	Bruce Bradley	Joe Coats	Conrad King
Lloyd Parker	Harlton Taylor		

The public was provided an opportunity for comment prior to any action being taken by the planning group. Please see the attached Public Comment forms.

Ned Muse made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting. Sharron Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Elizabeth McCoy with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provided an update on TWDB. During the Summer of 2021, TWDB solicited input from all of the regional water planning stakeholders on the state water planning guidance principles and the regional water planning rule topics. They are developing some rulemaking materials to address the input received. A rule proposal will be presented to their Board by the end of 2021. If posting is approved, there will be a thirty-day public comment period. Updates will be made as that timeline develops. TWDB is contracting with the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology to assess the mining water use across the state and to update a study completed in 2011 that assessed the mining demand projections. The findings of this study will be included in the 2026 Regional Water Plan. The final report is due in June of 2022. For more information, please visit the TWDB website and navigate to 6<sup>th</sup> planning cycle page. There is a new webpage for the 6<sup>th</sup> planning cycle. It can be found here: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/waterplanning/rwp/planningdocu/2026/index.asp> This page will be updated throughout the cycle with important documents, the working schedule, task

organization, as well as contract and administrative documents. There is a new email address for the broadcast communications for the planning group. It is [regionalwaterplanning@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:regionalwaterplanning@twdb.texas.gov).

Sharron Nabors stated Region C held a meeting November 1, 2021. They had several public comments on this current planning cycle. Work on Bois d'Arc is almost complete and they're testing the water. Lake Ralph Hall is having the physical work done and hope for completion in 2023.

John McFarland stated that Region I met August 18, 2021 and plans for another meeting in February 2022. An update for GMA #11 is that they have submitted a summary plan for an update to the Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer and it has been accepted by TWDB.

Jim Thompson, Chair, asked for a motion to accept the resignation of voting member Bruce Bradley and an appointment of a successor for the remainder of Mr. Bradley's unexpired term. Kyle Dooley provided that item to be considered is to accept the resignation and to post a notice opening the position for nominations. This position will be opened within 45 days of the acceptance of the resignation and have a deadline for nominations 30-45 days from when that notice is posted. If this item is approved, notice will be posted within the required time frame, nominations will be brought back to the Executive Committee for discussion and a recommendation presented to the full board for them to vote on. Fred Milton made a motion to the resignation. Russell Acker seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jim Thompson, Chair, asked for a motion to appoint a board member to the At Large position on the Executive Committee vacated by Bob Staton when his term limit was reached in August. Sharron Nabors nominated John Brooks to fill this role. Fred Milton seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Brooks to this open position. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jim Thompson, Chair, opened discussions pertaining to the potential process for conducting interregional coordination regarding water management strategies during development of the 2026 Regional Water Plan. Mr. Thompson stated that he took the liberty to draft a letter to Region C and TWDB for the Board to review regarding the Board's position on conflict between the IPPs. The letter is an attempt to speed up the process of communicating and meeting with other regions regarding this planning cycle. Sharron Nabors made a motion to accept and send the letter as it is written. Cindy Gwinn seconded the motion. The vote resulted in 17 ayes and 1 nay.

Jim Thompson, Chair, opened discussions regarding the Interregional Planning Council nominations. Mr. Thompson explained the purpose of this planning council. TWDB sent a letter requesting that one board member serve on the Interregional Planning Council and there will also need to be an alternate named. Ned Muse made a motion to nominate Jim Thompson as the member to serve on this Council. Richard LeTourneau seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. Another motion was made by John Brooks to nominate Fred Milton as the alternate to server on the Council. Billy Henson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jim Thompson, Chair, opened discussion regarding changes to the Region D Bylaws. Kyle Dooley provided an explanation of each change to the Bylaws. Most changes were updates to chapters and subchapters of the administrative code where necessary, standardization of language, and correcting typographical errors. The current board member term limit of two consecutive terms was discussed and the discussion led to a recommendation to allow a term limit of three consecutive terms for board members. Other changes included allowing for notices to be posted on NETxRWPG or political subdivision's internet websites. Some sections were removed entirely due to their reference to other sections that were changed. The rule that only one alternate per board member was allowed was also altered to state that multiple alternates can be named provided that notice is given prior to a meeting. A motion was made by Fred Milton and seconded by Sharron Nabors to direct Kyle Dooley to make all updates as suggested, accept the changes to the Bylaws as discussed, and make a final approval at the next meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.


Jim Thompson, Chair, asked Kyle Dooley to provide information on the process of adding a new Discretionary, or non-voting, member according to the Bylaws. If at any point in the future the Board desires to add a non-voting member, they will need to refer to Article VI. Section 2. Ultimately an entity must be added for that Discretionary member to be added to the board. No further discussion. No action taken.

Tony Smith, Carollo Engineers, provided that they are attending webinars and meetings the TWDB is making available. As TWDB starts releasing data on our region related to per capita usage and some historical water usage, they will review that data and bring it to the Board for presentation. No action taken.

Kyle Dooley provided a financial update in that we have not yet received invoices from Carollo but until work can be performed, we are in a waiting period. Discussion was held regarding the next meeting. It should be in early January 2022. Kyle Dooley will send a reminder out once a date is selected.

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With no further business to discuss, Jim Thompson adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.



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Secretary

10/25/2022  
Date