

Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
November 2, 2016 – 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, November 2, 2016, 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 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	Mike McCoy
Cheri Stuart	Jerry Gaskill

The following alternates were present:

Ted Barrow for Robert Speight
Kevin Phillips for Joe Bumgarner

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD

The following non-voting members were absent:

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

The following voting members were absent:

Robert Speight, Jr.	Joe Bumgarner
Lloyd Parker	Danny Evans

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Ned Muse made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2016 meeting. Bob Staton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Stephen Cortes, from the Goldwater Project, gave a presentation about water conservation strategies, in which he stated that they are developing an official letter from the TWDB. Mr. Cortes informed that in the Texas 2017 State Water Plan, municipal water conservation is projected to meet 9.6 percent of the states' future water needs by 2070. According to the regional water plans, this is expected to be achieved through a variety of activities such as installation of local plumbing features, water conservation pricing structures, water system audits, landscape irrigation restrictions, as well as other water conservation strategies. The 9.6 percent is in addition to the estimated share of the future passive conservation savings.

David Nabors informed that to his knowledge, Region C and GMA #8 have not met. GMA #11 meets November 9th. Ron Ellis with the TWDB informed of the rule adoption for the planning rule revisions scheduled to be considered by the Board on November 17th. If adopted, the new rules will be available in early December. The Board is currently updating the planning guidance to reflect the rule changes that are anticipated will be adopted. Once updated, the draft version will be shared for feedback. November 17th will be a work session on planning. The Board is also preparing to post a request for applications to allocate the additional funds for the 5th planning cycle. Mr. Ellis stated that the population and demand schedules have not changed. The Board is developing a Planning 101 Presentation to possibly be included in the next Region D agenda. Fred Milton with Riverbend informed of their meeting on November 9th in which Kathleen Jackson with the TWDB as well as senator elect Bryan Hughes and state representative Gary VanDeaver are anticipated to attend. Mike Sandefur with SRBA informed that they have started their strategic planning process. The planning process includes 5 key words that are SRBA's core beliefs which are: valuable, consensus, sedimentation, stewardship, and support. SRBA partnered with the Texas Water Resource Institute to develop two seminars one which will be held on December 1st 2016 in Paris and the other on January 1st 2017 in Texarkana. Mr. Sandefur encouraged everyone to attend and provide feedback.

The following topics were discussed although no action was taken: the possible update of Sulphur River Water availability model by TCEQ, the possible volumetric study of Lake Wright Patman involving work by TWDB, the October 11, 2016 letter to SRBA from U.S. Army Corp about funding needs for the continued work on possible reallocation in Wright Patman Lake, and Draft Memorandum, dated September 27, 2016 to SRBA from Jon Albright about yield determinations and development of demand scenarios. Bill Kirby stated that volumetric study work is absolutely worth doing. He suggested it is better to work with the known than an "I'll guess" number. An additional observation made by Mr. Kirby was that the technology has improved vastly since Lake Fork was first studied. It was noted that useful volumetric studies had also been performed for Lake Bob Sandlin, Lake O' the Pines and additional lakes in Region D.

David Nabors made a motion to accept the resignation as well as to advertise the vacancy positions of voting members Doug Conner representing Rains County and Chan Glidewell representing Hunt County. George Frost seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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Tony Smith with Carollo Engineering notified that he is monitoring information as it comes in but as of now, there is nothing to report since he has not received the methodologies. Mr. Smith stated that there should be more to report at the next meeting.

David Nabors made a motion to approve the Financial Report by the Administrator. George Frost seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

By consensus, the next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for February 8, 2017.

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

Jimmy Hair

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

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| Walt Sears, Jr. | NETMWD |
| Osiris Brantley | NETMWD |
| Ron Ellis | TWDB |
| Tony Smith | Carollo Engineering |
| Stan Hays | Hayes Engineering |
| Mike Sandefur | SRBA |
| Fred Milton | RWRD |
| Becky Melton | RWRD |
| Bart Brock | Rep. VanDeaver |
| Jennita Middleton | Texarkana Gazette |
| Paul Prange | ATCOG |
| Stephen Cortes | Goldwater Project |
| Jerry Warthan | |
| Jimmy Hair | |
| Sharron Nabors | |
| Barbara Calvin | |
| Linda Price | |