

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
October 10, 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 Wednesday, October 10, 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. 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:

Bill Kirby	Cheri Stuart	Joe Bumgarner	Nicolas Fierro
Bob Staton	Cindy Gwinn	John Brooks	Richard LeTourneau
Brandon Belcher	George Frost	Mike McCoy	Rolin McPhee
Bruce Bradley	Greg Carter	Ned Muse	Sharron Nabors

The following alternates were present:

Newman Browning for Lloyd Parker
Jim Davis for Harlton Taylor
Liz Fazio Hale for Fred Milton
David Nabors for Larry Calvin

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Liz Fazio Hale, Liaison-Riverbend Water Resources District

The following non-voting members were absent:

Amanda Maloukis, GMA #11 Liaison
David Alford- GMA #11 Liaison
Wayne Harris- Luminant
Mike Rickman- Region C
Darrell Dean- Texas Dept of Agriculture
Larry Lebeau- Texas Parks and Wildlife
Ray Rusty- TSSWCB
Leah Adams, representing Region I
Gary Cheatwood, SRBA

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The following voting members were absent:

Dennis Hilliard	Harlton Taylor
Jo Ann Duman	Russell Acker
Larry Calvin	Wade Bartley
Lloyd Parker	Fred Milton

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 08, 2018 meeting. Rolin McPhee seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chair Richard LeTourneau asked for updates from the liaisons. Sharron Nabors, Liaison for Region C, stated voting was unanimous in making ParkHouse (2)/North as a designated reservoir site. The Texas Legislature will vote on it at the next Texas Legislative session. No Report on Region I, GMA#8 or GMA#11.

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

- On November 28, 2018, the Uniform Standard Committee will meet at the TWDB office in Austin.
- The TWDB staff has developed a State Flood Assessment which is now on the TWDB website.
- The Water for Texas Conference registration is open and will be held in Austin on January 23-25, 2019. The conference is sponsored by TWDB.
- A regional financial assistance workshop will be put on by the TWDB on October 11, 2018 at Lake Palestine Water Treatment Plant in Tyler.
- The Technical Memo is administratively complete and is available online with TWDB.

Mr. Ellis presented a slide show from the data entries that were imported and developed a visualization tool which identified possible areas that could benefit from regionalization.

Liz Fazio Hale, stated that Riverbend Water Resources District, is working to update the Water Availability Model (WAM) on the entire Sulphur River Basin and results may be available by the end of the year. Mrs. Hale also reported the volumetric and sedimentation survey is underway for Lake Wright Patman and may have results by the end of the year.

Gary Cheatwood states that SRBA is in search of an Executive Director. Mr. Cheatwood indicated that SRBA extended their funding agreement with the Joint Commission for Project Development (JCPD) for one year.

Tony Smith with Carollo provided updates. Presently stored water in the reservoirs are 94.4% full as of September, 2018. The submittal of the Technical Memorandum to TWDB has been revised based on comments received and approved. Mr. Smith provided the working schedule of the Fifth Cycle of Regional Water Planning. Going forward Carollo will continue the refinement of Database 22, needs assessment and Water Management Strategies.

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James Beach with WSP Engineering provided a presentation on groundwater. Mr. Beach gave an overview on source availability and supply analysis. Mr. Beach stated that Region D has no Groundwater Conservation Districts and therefore is allowed to determine the groundwater availability for regional water planning purposes. Mr. Beach also stated that Region D Consultants will use the Modeled Available Groundwater (MAG) to estimate groundwater availability by county and aquifers.

Walt Sears, Jr. with Northeast Texas Municipal Water District asked for approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Regional Water Planning Contract with TWBD/NETMWD and the subcontract involving NETMWD and Carollo Engineers, Inc. with Amendment #2 and #3 to contract with TWDB/NETMWD. David Nabors made a motion to approve Amendment No. 3 and subcontract. Greg Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for February 6, 2019.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	NETMWD
Robyn Goodson	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
Kevin Spence	CSSUD
Paul Prange	ATCOG
James Beach	WSP
Mike Burke	
Judi Staton	
Dolores Cheatwood	
Mack Ross	
Connie Brooks	