

**Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group**  
**October 25, 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, October 25, 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. David Nabors gave the invocation. Nineteen members of the planning group were present in person or represented by a designated alternate.

The following voting members were present:

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| David Nabors       | Fred Milton     |
| Richard LeTourneau | Rolin McPhee    |
| Nicolas Fierro     | Larry Calvin    |
| Jo Ann Duman       | Brandon Belcher |
| George Frost       | Dennis Hilliard |
| Ned Muse           | Harlton Taylor  |
| Bob Staton         | Cheri Stuart    |
| Greg Carter        | Cindy Gwinn     |
| Mike McCoy         |                 |

The following alternates were present:

Kevin Phillips for Joe Bumgarner  
Gary Cheatwood for John Brooks

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB  
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD

The following non-voting members were absent:

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

The following voting members were absent:

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| Lloyd Parker  | Russell Acker |
| Joe Bumgarner | John Brooks   |
| Bill Kirby    | Bruce Bradley |

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Danny Evans

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2017 meeting. Greg Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Jean Perez with the TWDB gave a presentation on groundwater. The presentation included brackish groundwater production zones, studies of the Brackish Reserve Aquifer Characterization System Program (BRACS), groundwater salinity classification, study areas from both the Nacatoch Aquifer and Blossom Aquifer. It was noted that groundwater in Region D used for municipal supplies routinely have salinity levels below 1,000 TDS. It was noted that the volume of moderately saline groundwater may be greater than previously estimated. It was noted that Region D consultants will likely be providing comments about the study. Those comments may mention desalination costs and suitability for use as a future strategy within Region D.

Susan Roth with Susan Roth Consulting gave a presentation on behalf of Riverbend Water Resources District regarding proposed water demand projections. The presentation included information regarding the Regional Water Master Plan, TexAmericas Center development potential, summarized efforts to acquire data as well as corrections to water use surveys and population projection differences.

David Nabors indicated Region C's meeting was possibly scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> but would need to confirm. Mr. Nabors mentioned that GMA 8 and 11 had not met this year to his knowledge. Leah Adams informed that in Region I's prior month's meeting they reviewed and made a decision to change WUG categories by not having a Sub WUG. The Open Meetings Act was also discussed at the meeting emphasizing the need for certifications to be on file with the administrator for the planning group. The next Region I meeting is to be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> in Nacogdoches. Ron Ellis with TWDB made the following announcements: SWIFT Loan application's period opens in early December and closes in early February, an email was sent in early October regarding Open Meetings Act, the examination of non-feasible water strategies with a 30 day comment period will be posted in December, October's Board session involving legislative changes was webcasted and is available on the TWDB website, January 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for revision requests to the TWDB. Liz Fazio with Riverbend went over state water plan projections for non-municipal water uses and the Ultimate Rule Curve. Fred Milton with Riverbend encouraged being proactive. Mike Buttram for SRBA informed on their prior meeting, saying that SRBA had executed some contracts involving the Corp of Engineers and Region C entities.

Tony Smith with Carollo Engineers provided a power point presentation that included the following: a schedule detail including the approaching January due date for projection adjustment requests to the TWDB, the projection process, WUG Surveys, non-municipal demands: mining, irrigation, steam-electric power generation, livestock, and manufacturing. Mr. Smith also gave a recommendation on non-municipal demand revisions. David Nabors made a motion to approve the municipal and non-municipal demand revisions recommended and to authorize Mr. Smith to submit further revisions and make responses to revision requests by TWDB. Greg Carter seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous, all voting aye.

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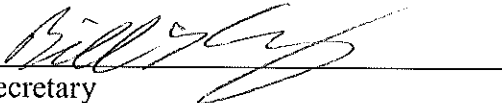
Rolin McPhee made a motion to approve the Financial Report by the Administrator, including approval for payment of the consultant invoices. Bob Staton seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The next meeting of the regional water planning group is to be determined but is not anticipated before January of 2018.

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

Bob Staton

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        |
| Paula Coleman      | Hayes Engineering        |
| Susan Roth         | Roth Consulting          |
| Liz Fazio          | RWRD                     |
| Kelly Mitchell     | RWRD                     |
| Paul Prange        | ATCOG                    |
| Jim Davis          | Bi-County WSC            |
| Bart Brock         | Rep. VanDeaver           |
| Shannon Barrentine | Clarksville City Manager |
| Ann Rushing        | Mayor of Clarksville     |
| Jennifer Middleton | Texarkana Gazette        |
| Scott Norton       |                          |
| Barbara Calvin     |                          |
| Mike Buttram       |                          |
| Amanda Maloukis    |                          |
| Leah Adams         |                          |
| Jean Perez         |                          |
| Dolores Cheatwood  |                          |
| Gary Langford      |                          |
| Wendell Davis      |                          |
| Mike Burke         |                          |
| Herman Setlemeyer  |                          |
| Lanny Buch         |                          |
| Shirley Shumake    |                          |