

Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
October 9, 2019 – 1:00 P.M.
Region 8 Education Service Center
4845 US Hwy-271 N. Pittsburg, Texas

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) – Region D met in an open meeting on Wednesday October 9, 2019, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Region 8 Education Service Center, 4845 US Hwy-271 N. Pittsburg, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted. The public was provided an opportunity for comment prior to any action being taken by the planning group. No public comments were made at this meeting.

Jim Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:00 and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made and a quorum was present. Don Hightower 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:

Bob Station	Greg Carter	Larry Calvin
Bruce Bradley	Jim Thompson	Ned Muse
Cindy Gwinn	Joe Bumgarner	Nicolas Fierro
Conrad King	John Brooks	Richard LeTourneau

The following alternates were present:

Larry Crane for Brandon Belcher
Brittanie Lowery for Cheri Stuart
Kyle Dooley for Fred Milton
Jim Davis for Harlton Taylor
Keith Bonds for Rolin McPhee
Don Hightower for Russell Acker
Linda Price for Sharron Nabors

The following voting members were absent:

Dennis Hilliard Jo Ann Duman
Lloyd Parker Mike McCoy
Wade Bartley

The following non-voting members were present:

Ron Ellis, representing TWDB
Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Meg Shelton, representing SRBA
Kyle Dooley, representing SRBA

The following non-voting members were absent:

Wayne Harris, Luminant
Mike Rickman, Region C
Larry Lebeau, Texas Parks and Wildlife
Rusty Ray, TSSWCB
Darrell Dean, Texas Dept of Agriculture

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Mrs. Kathleen Jackson addressed NETRWPG, thanking the group for all the work done so far in the planning process. Mrs. Jackson gave an update on what TWDB has been doing.

Chair Jim Thompson asked for discussion from the group on rules for public comments and participation. Jim Thompson made a motion that public comments and participation be open at the beginning of the meeting with a 3-minute limit per person and be for agenda items only. Kyle Dooley seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. It was noted that there would remain an opportunity for the public to comment on topics not specifically described in an agenda item at the end of each meeting.

Greg Carter made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting. Larry Calvin seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

John Brooks made a motion to designate David Montagne, David Nabors, Kelly Mitchell, Cindy Gwinn, Fred Milton, Richard LeTourneau and Jim Thompson to represent Region D in interregional negotiations about water management strategies with Region C. Linda Price seconded the motion. Motion carried, 15 voting affirmative. Brittanie Lowery made a motion that the interregional subcommittee be allowed to designate an alternate. Ned Muse seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Chair Jim Thompson asked for updates from the liaisons. Ron Ellis with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provided an update on Senate Bill 7 Flood Funding and Senate Bill 8 Flood Planning. Mr. Ellis noted that drafting of the rules should be completed no later than early 2020.

No new updates for the following: GMA #8, GMA #11, Region C or Region I. Meg Shelton with SRBA stated that they have been working with JCPD. Kyle Dooley with Riverbend Water Resources District reported Riverbend continues to support the U.S. Army and TexAmerica Center. Mr. Dooley stated Riverbend is working to receive funding through TWDB for water infrastructure.

Tony Smith with Carollo provided a powerpoint presentation concerning possible content for Chapter 5. Mr. Smith went over recommended and alternative water management strategies. Mr. Smith also mentioned possible unmet needs.

Greg Carter made a motion to approve the Financial Report by the Administrator, including approval for payment of the consultant invoices. Larry Calvin seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The next meeting of the regional water planning group was set for January 23, 2020 by consensus.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Richard LeTourneau and a second by Bob Staton. Motion carried, all voting aye.


Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
Osiris Brantley	NETMWD
Robyn Goodson	NETMWD
Kathleen Jackson	TWDB
Tony Smith	Carollo Engineering
Stan Hays	Hayes Engineering
Paula Coleman	Hayes Engineering
Sonja Hubbard	Riverbend Water Resources District
Paul Prange	ATCOG
Jack Salmon, Jr.	NETMWD
Stan Wyatt	NETMWD
Barbara Calvin	
David Nabors	
Sue Jones	