

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 17, 2011

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met together on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Red River Authority of Texas, 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas, with the following members and guests present:

- RWPG Members:**
- Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Wilson Scaling, Vice Chairman, Henrietta
 - Mr. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
 - Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Alliance Power Company, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Jimmy Banks, Wichita County Water Improvement District No.2, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite, Agribusiness, Bowie
 - Mr. Mitch Grant, City of Vernon
 - Mr. Dale Hughes, W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
 - Judge Kenneth Liggett, Henrietta
 - Mr. Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Ground Water Conservation District, Munday
 - Mr. Monte McMahon, AEP Oklaunion Power Plant, Vernon
 - Mr. Jerry Payne, Henrietta
 - Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
 - Dr. Pamela Stephens, Ph.D., Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls
- Counsel and Staff:**
- Mr. Kerry D. Maroney, Biggs and Mathews, Inc., Wichita Falls
 - Ms. Simone Kiel, Freese & Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth
 - Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Glen Hite, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
- Discretionary:**
- Mr. Robert Mauk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wichita Falls
 - Mr. Cliff Moore, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Abilene
 - Ms. Virginia Sabia, Texas Water Development Board, Austin
- Registered Guest:**
- Mr. Mick Baldys, United States Geological Survey, Fort Worth
 - Mr. Charles Birdwell, Fort Belknap Water Supply Corporation, Graham
 - Mr. Jack Campsey, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, Quanah
 - Ms. Winona Henry, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Abilene
 - Mr. George Huffman, City of Archer City
 - Mr. James Jones, Fort Belknap Water Supply Corporation, Graham

Mr. Keith Meadows, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, Wichita Falls
Mr. Tracy Mesler, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Nocona
Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, Wichita Falls
Mr. Roy Mott, Quanah
Mr. Daniel Nix, City of Wichita Falls
Mr. Bob Patterson, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Springtown
Ms. Rhonda Poirot, Senator Craig Estes' Office, Wichita Falls
Ms. Jennifer Rhone, Representative Lanham Lyne's Office, Wichita Falls
Mr. Keith Snider, United States Geological Survey, Wichita Falls
Mr. J. Todd Thomas, W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
Ms. Marisa Tole, W. T. Waggoner Estate, Lake Kemp

Item One: Public Meeting Call to Order, Invocation, Roll Call, and Introductions

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman of the Regional Water Planning Group - Area B, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Jerry Payne delivered the invocation. Following roll call and establishment of a quorum, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Mr. Tom Stephens, Mayor Gayle Simpson, and Mr. Jeff Watts. Introductions followed.

Item Two: Review and Approval of Minutes of the May 18, 2011, Public Meeting

Mr. Campbell stated that a copy of the May 18, 2011, Public Meeting Minutes had been mailed to the members and their alternates. He then asked the group if there were any amendments to the minutes that needed to be noted. With no comments or changes presented, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Brite motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Mr. Banks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **14 For and 0 Against**.

Item Three: Review and Approval of Minutes of the July 12, 2011, Executive Committee Meeting

The members were reminded by Mr. Campbell that the Executive Committee met on July 12, 2011, to review the nominations received for member's terms that are scheduled to expire August 31, 2011. He added that the minutes from this meeting were also mailed to the members and alternates, and asked if there were any changes to be noted. There were no comments voiced, and Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Myers motioned to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **14 For and 0 Against**.

Item Four: Consider Executive Committee’s Recommendations for Voting Members Whose Terms Expire August 31, 2011, and any Other Nominations that may be Received from the Floor

Mr. Campbell announced that each member and their alternates had received a list of the members whose terms were due to expire on August 31, 2011. The list also included the nominations that had been received prior to the July 8, 2011 deadline, along with the members who had indicated they were interested in serving another term as a Regional Water Planning Group - Area B (RWPG-B) member. He informed the group that the Executive Committee met on July 12, 2011 to discuss the nominations. Their recommendations were mailed to the members on July 26, 2011, and have also been highlighted on the list provided to the members for today’s meeting.

The first interest group nomination Mr. Campbell addressed was Water Districts, in which Mr. Jimmy Banks is currently serving. Mr. Banks had conveyed his interest to serve another term. Mr. Campbell informed the group that Mr. Keith Meadows, President of the Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2 (WCWID#2) Board, had submitted a nomination for Mr. Kyle Miller. Mr. Campbell stated that although the Executive Committee had recommended Mr. Banks remain the representative for Water Districts, the bylaws state the positions are to be filled by a consensus or affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership. He then opened the floor to additional nominations. Mr. Keith Meadows took the floor and again entered a nomination for Mr. Kyle Miller for the Water Districts position. With no further nominations received, Mr. Campbell offered the members the option to vote by a “show of hands” or by written ballot. The members were in agreement to vote by written ballot on this position. Following the collection of the ballots, Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary, Mr. Dean Myers, to record the official count. The results of the vote were six votes for Mr. Miller and seven votes for Mr. Banks, which is not an affirmative vote of two-thirds, as required by the bylaws. Mr. Campbell suggested this position be tabled and an advertisement for nominations be posted again, along with the position in Water Utilities, which recently became vacant due to Mr. Jeff Watts’ resignation. Judge Kenneth Liggett stated for the record that he felt the Water District position needed to be filled by a WCWID#2 member. He then motioned to table the position for 90 days and repost the advertisement for nominations. Dr. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 14 For and 0 Against.

The following positions, a five year term to expire on August 31, 2016, were filled by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership by a “show of hands”:

<u>Interest Group</u>	<u>Current Member</u>	<u>New Five Year Term</u>
Counties	Mr. Charlie Bell	Judge Mark Christopher
Municipalities	Vacant	Mr. Mitch Grant
Electric Gen. Utilities	Mr. Monte McMahon	Mr. Monte McMahon
Small Businesses	Mr. Dean Myers	Mr. Dean Myers
Public	Mr. Jerry Payne	Mr. Jerry Payne
Municipalities	Mr. Russell Schreiber	Mr. Russell Schreiber
Environmental	Dr. Pamela Stephens	Dr. Pamela Stephens

Item Four: Consider Executive Committee’s Recommendations for Voting Members Whose Terms Expire August 31, 2011, and any Other Nominations that may be Received from the Floor (continued)

Following the voting, Mr. Campbell reiterated that the notice for nominations on behalf of the Water Districts and the Water Utilities positions will be posted by September 30, 2011, with a nominations deadline of December 30, 2011. The Executive Committee will then meet on January 4, 2012, to review the nominations and present their recommendations to the members at the next public meeting.

Item Five: Discuss the Addition of Voting Membership Positions to the Planning Group for Ground Water Management Area Representation

Mr. Campbell reminded the group that he had received a letter from the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (UTGCD) requesting a voting membership position on the RWPG-B Board. He continued by saying he had recently received a letter from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in reference to Senate Bill 660, requiring Ground Management Area (GMA) members, located within the Regional Planning Group’s regions, to have a voting member sit on each planning group’s board. Mr. Campbell noted that GMA 6 and GMA 8 were both located in the Region B area, and Mr. McGuire with Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, or Mr. Campsey with Gateway Groundwater Conservation District would both be eligible to represent GMA 6 as a voting member on the Region B board. He said his preference would be to recommend Mr. Campsey, as Mr. McGuire already serves as a voting member representing Water Districts and Mr. Campsey is his alternate. Mr. Campbell added that these positions would be appointed by the GMA and not voted on by the Region B Board, and a UTGCD representative would probably be appointed to serve for GMA 8.

Before moving to Item six on the agenda, Mr. Campbell encouraged each voting member to have an active alternate with updated contact information to insure they receive all the same notifications that are provided to the voting members.

Item Six: Discuss and Consider Authorizing the Administrative Agency for Region-B, the Red River Authority of Texas, to Execute the Contract with the Texas Water Development Board for the Fourth Cycle of Regional Water Planning

Mr. Campbell informed the group that the contract for the fourth round of regional water planning is ready to initiate and the current available committed funds are \$71,787.00. He noted the deadline for execution of the contract is August 31, 2011, and opened the floor to questions and comments. With no inquiries presented, Mr. McGuire made a motion to authorize the Red River Authority of Texas to execute the contract with the TWDB. Judge Liggett seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of 14 For and 0 Against.

Item Seven: Discuss and Consider Authorizing the Administrative Agency for Region-B, the Red River Authority of Texas, to Execute a Contract with the Consultant Group of Biggs and Mathews, Inc., Freese and Nichols, Inc., and Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.

Mr. Campbell stated he had worked with Mr. Kerry D. Maroney to complete the consultant's contract and \$54,588.00 of the total contract amount of \$71,787.00 will be allocated to the consultants. Once the draft contract is approved by the TWDB, the Authority needs authorization to execute the contract with the consultants. Mr. Scaling motioned to authorize the Red River Authority of Texas to execute the contract and Mr. McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 14 For and 0 Against.

Item Eight: Discussion on Review and Comment Period of the Draft State Water Plan Available for Review in September 2011

The Region B Project Manager, Ms. Sabia, confirmed that the TWDB plans to have the *Draft 2012 State Water Plan* available on their website by late September 2011. Mr. Campbell added that he had received the Region B summary, which will be in the *2012 State Water Plan*, and distributed copies to each of the members for review. He asked the members to examine the summary and submit any remarks to him as soon as possible due to the August 22, 2011, comment deadline established by the TWDB. With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell told the members he would notify them when the *Draft 2012 State Water Plan* was available for review on the TWDB website.

Item Nine: Update from the Texas Water Development Board Project Manager

Mr. Campbell asked Ms. Sabia to update the group on current projects within the TWDB. She stated that the TWDB was preparing to distribute the draft projections for non-population based water demands for the next cycle of planning by September 1, 2011 and anticipated distributing the draft projections for population based demands by the spring of 2012. Furthermore, she mentioned that due to the drought and the increased need for updated data, the TWDB will attempt to deliver the water use surveys to the entities required to fill them out by December 31, 2011. Ms. Sabia said if the TWDB can get the surveys returned in a timely manner and implement a new online data system they have installed, they plan to include the data in the draft projections for population based water demands, which are scheduled to be released in the spring. Mr. Campbell questioned whether the new systems would make the data available to the public or just certain entities. Ms. Sabia replied that at first it may only be available for the entities, but following a trial period, the public should be able to access the data also. With no further comments presented, the meeting moved to the next agenda item.

Item Ten: Public Input and Comments to the Planning Group

Mr. Campbell opened the floor to the members and guest attending today's meeting and asked if anyone had any comments or questions to discuss. There were no topics presented at this time.

Item Eleven: Discussion on Next Meeting Date

It was Mr. Campbell's advice to the members to schedule the next meeting towards the end of January 2012, providing no issues arose that needed to be addressed prior to that date. He said the nominations for the two vacant positions will have been received and reviewed by the Executive Committee, and the election of officers can be held, along with filling the two positions. The group was in agreement and Mr. Campbell informed them they would be notified when a date for the meeting had been set.

Item Twelve: Adjourn

With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 10:43 a.m. Mr. McGuire motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **14 For** and **0 Against**.

Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman

Dean Myers, Secretary