

## REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

### Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 22, 2014

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 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, Chair, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Wilson Scaling, Vice Chair, Henrietta
  - Mr. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
  - Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Alliance Power Company, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite, Agribusiness, Bowie
  - Mr. Jack Campsey, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, Quanah
  - Judge Mark Christopher, Foard County, Crowell
  - Mr. N. E. Deweber, Baylor Water Supply Corporation, Seymour
  - Dr. Rebecca Dodge, Ph.D., Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Mitch Grant, City of Vernon
  - Mr. Dale Hughes, W. T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
  - Mr. John Holley, AEP Oklaunion Power Plant, Vernon
  - Mr. Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Munday
  - Mr. Tracy Mesler, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Nocona
  - Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita Falls Water Improvement District No. 2, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Jerry Payne, Henrietta
  - Mayor Gayle Simpson, City of Crowell
  - Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
- RWPG Alternates:**
- Mr. Jimmy Banks, Iowa Park
  - Mr. J. Todd Thomas, W. T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
- Consultants and Staff:**
- Mr. Kerry D. Maroney, Biggs and Mathews, Inc., Wichita Falls
  - Ms. Simone Kiel, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth
  - Mr. Robert Adams, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., Austin
  - Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Glen Hite, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
- Discretionary:**
- Mr. Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board, Austin
  - Mr. Robert Mauk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wichita Falls

**Discretionary:** Mr. Cliff Moore, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,  
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 Ms. Leeni Vilpas, Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls

**Registered Guest:** Mr. Bech Bruun, Texas Water Development Board, Austin  
 Mr. Gary Burke, United States Geological Survey, Wichita Falls  
 Mr. Bob Cochran, City of Vernon  
 Mr. Dennis Duke, SFWQ Corporation, Jayton  
 Mr. J. I. Ginnings, Wichita Falls  
 Ms. Lauren Graber, Texas Water Development Board, Austin  
 Mayor Jim Henson, City of Lakeside City  
 Mr. Jim Johnson, State Representative James Frank’s Office,  
 Wichita Falls  
 Mr. Larry Pannell, City of Electra  
 Ms. Lissa Petry, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth  
 Ms. Rhonda Poirot, State Representative James Frank’s Office,  
 Wichita Falls  
 Ms. Jennifer Smith, Senator Craig Estes’ Office, Wichita Falls  
 Ms. Jennifer Vogel, State Representative Drew Springer’s Office,  
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**Item One: Public Meeting Call to Order, Invocation, Roll Call and Introductions**

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chair of the Regional Water Planning Group - Area B (RWPG – B), called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Judge Mark Christopher gave the invocation. Following roll call and establishment of a quorum, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Mr. Bobby Kidd, Judge Kenneth Liggett and his alternate Judge Gary Beesinger, and Mr. Monte McMahon. Introductions followed and the meeting proceeded to Agenda Item Two.

**Item Two: Election of Officers for Regional Water Planning Group – Area B Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws and Consider Various Appointments to Committees**

The RWPG-B members were provided a list of the current officers, committee members and appointees as follows:

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| A. Chair                        | Curtis W. Campbell  |
| B. Vice Chair                   | Wilson Scaling  |
| C. Secretary                    | Dean Myers  |
| D. Committee Appointments       |   |
| 1. Executive Committee          | Curtis W. Campbell – Chair<br>Wilson Scaling – Vice Chair<br>Dean Myers – Secretary<br>Dale Hughes – At Large<br>Kenneth Liggett – At Large |
| 2. Technical Advisory Committee | Curtis W. Campbell – Chair<br>Wilson Scaling – Vice Chair<br>J. K. (Rooter) Brite – At Large  |

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Mike McGuire – At Large  
Monte McMahon – At Large  
Russell Schreiber – At Large

3. Appointed Regional Liaisons      Bobby Kidd – Region A  
Curtis W. Campbell – Region C  
Curtis W. Campbell – Region D  
Mike McGuire – Region G  
Jack Campsey – Region O

In accordance with the RWPG-B Bylaws, Mr. Campbell opened the floor to nominations for the officers' positions. Mr. Mike McGuire entered a motion to retain all of the current officers, committee members and appointees for the 2014 calendar year by acclamation. Mr. Campbell confirmed that the currently serving members were willing to serve another term, and Mr. Deweber seconded the motion. The motion to re-elect all currently serving officers and committee members by acclamation passed with a vote of **18 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Three: Review and Approval of Minutes of the August 14, 2013 RWPG – Area B Meeting**

Mr. Campbell presented the minutes of the August 14, 2013 Public Meeting to the group for approval. With no comments received, Mayor Simpson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Mesler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **18 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Four: Update from Director Bech Bruun of the Texas Water Development Board**

Mr. Bech Bruun, one of the newly appointed Directors with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), was introduced by Mr. Campbell to provide some insight on the process of allocating the \$2 billion State Water Implementation Fund (SWIFT). Mr. Bruun explained that the HB4 Stakeholder Committee will establish the uniform standards for prioritization, and then each regional water planning group will submit a draft prioritization of projects from the 2011 Regional Water Plans to the TWDB by June 1, 2014, with the final prioritizations due on September 1, 2014. Meanwhile, the TWDB will be holding public meetings and hosting a website to receive stakeholder input to develop rules on how the funds will be disbursed. Mr. Bruun said the TWDB hopes to complete the rule making process by the end of 2014 and submit the developed administrative rules to the Legislature for approval prior to the March 1, 2015 deadline.

Mr. Mesler inquired about the availability of funds for rural areas. Mr. Bruun referred back to the uniform standards of prioritization, which he said prioritizes projects in communities and cities of all sizes. Mr. Schreiber asked about funding for new projects and Mr. Bruun replied that only water management strategies included in the finalized *State Water Plan* will be considered

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for funding at this time. With no additional questions, Mr. Bruun thanked Mr. Campbell and the members of the Region B Group for their ongoing service and dedicated work.

**Item Five: Consider Authorizing the Red River Authority of Texas to Execute a Contract Amendment(s) to Incorporate the Scope of Work for Prioritizing the Water Management Strategies in the 2011 Regional Water Plan and the 2016 Regional Water Plan**

Mr. Campbell informed the members that the TWDB will be mailing a contract amendment increasing funds in the amount of \$5,807.00 for prioritizing water management strategies (WMS) in the *2011 Regional Water Plan*, and \$3,184.00 for prioritizing WMS in the *2016 Regional Water Plan*. He stated that the Authority will need to execute the contract amendment in order to incorporate the scope of work and additional funds associated with prioritization into the existing contract. With no further discussion, Mr. McGuire motioned to authorize the Authority to execute the contract amendment. Mr. Schreiber seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a vote of **18 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Six: Discussion on the Uniform Standards to be Used by Regional Water Planning Groups to Prioritize Water Management Strategies and Consider Recommendations on Implementing the Prioritization Process for the Water Management Strategies Presented by the Texas Water Development Board from the 2011 Regional Water Plan**

Mr. Campbell reminded the group that they had received a copy of the Uniform Standards, created by the HB4 Stakeholder Committee, which will be used as a guide by the regional water planning groups to prioritize projects. Additionally, he distributed a handout with information taken directly from the *2011 State Water Plan*, listing the following information for Region B; proposed annual WMS cost by decade, entity needs by decade, recommended WMS with sponsor and infrastructure financing report (IFR) data, including the year the funding is projected to be requested. Mr. Campbell noted all of the above mentioned data will be utilized in the prioritization process.

Mr. Campbell proposed to the members, that the consultants take the information provided and perform the initial prioritization scoring of Region B’s WMS. They would then present their scoring to the Technical Advisory Committee for review prior to submitting the information to the Region B Group at a public meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 2014. Mr. Schreiber agreed with Mr. Campbell’s proposed scoring procedure and motioned to allow the consultants to prioritize the 2011 Region B WMS by applying the uniform standards. Mr. Scaling seconded the motion and the motion carried by a vote of **18 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Seven: Consider Review and Approval of Groundwater Supplies for Other Aquifers**

Mr. Campbell gave the floor to Ms. Simone Kiel to review her preliminary data on Region B “other aquifer” allocations. Ms. Kiel reminded the group that when determining the regional

**Item Seven: Consider Review and Approval of Groundwater Supplies for Other Aquifers (continued)**

needs you cannot exceed the modeled available groundwater (MAG) numbers when allocating water to users or for WMS. She explained that Region B has small areas of ground water that do not fall in the category of a major or minor aquifer, therefore the water used is reported under “other aquifers” and the groundwater availability is determined from the reported historical use instead of MAGs. Ms. Kiel referred to her handout and reiterated that the draft 2016 “other aquifer” allocations listed for the eleven counties in the Region B area were preliminary numbers. Additionally, she informed the members of her intent to contact the regional groundwater districts for additional data before presenting numbers to the Region B Group for approval.

Mr. Mesler mentioned that data is currently being collected on the Paleozoic Aquifer in Montague County by the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and said he anticipates the data will not be available for the 2016 Regional Water Plan. Mr. Hughes questioned the reliability of “other aquifers” during drought conditions. Ms. Kiel replied that aquifers are easily recharged when it rains and since “other aquifer” groundwater availability values are set by the planning group, they can be adjusted throughout the planning process. She included that the water is primarily used for mining and irrigation, but the numbers need to be accurate enough to cover any future strategies involving “other aquifers”. Since the group expressed concerns that the preliminary draft “other aquifer” allocations may be too high in several counties, they decided to postpone the motion on this item until Ms. Kiel has collected additional data.

**Item Eight: Review and Discussion of Preliminary Needs Analysis**

Ms. Kiel proceeded to the next topic of Region B’s preliminary needs analysis. She distributed a preliminary draft needs analysis for the members to review, and conveyed that the numbers on the summary were not final. Additionally, she reminded the group of the safety factors they had previously adopted; safe yield supply for reservoirs and a twenty percent safety factor for municipal water user groups (WUGs) and manufacturing entities. Mr. Schreiber questioned if the draft needs projections reflected the drought of 2011. Ms. Kiel explained the hydrology had been extended for Lake Kemp, the Wichita System (Lakes Arrowhead, Kickapoo and Diversion) and Lake Greenbelt, but the TWDB requires the consultants to utilize the Red River water availability models (WAMs), and the hydrology is only through 1998. This causes the smaller lakes and ponds to not be represented correctly, and the inflow data provided is also insufficient. She explained that she plans to extend the hydrology for various smaller lakes in the Region B area, and Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Mesler advised her they could provide updated volumetric studies for Lakes Kickapoo, Arrowhead, Diversion and Nocona.

Ms. Kiel continued with discussion of the sources of availability and various factors to be considered in determining the needs. She reviewed the draft needs by type, (municipal, irrigation, mining, manufacturing, livestock and steam electric power), and stated that most of the needs have increased due to a rise in demand and reduction in supply, with irrigation demands increasing the most. Ms. Kiel then gave an overview on manufacturing demand shortages that need to be addressed, specifically in Wichita County, along with a spike in mining activity in 2020, resulting in mining shortages. Mr. McGuire said he did not agree that mining demands will decrease as predicted in the preliminary needs analysis, and he feels the mining

**Item Eight: Review and Discussion of Preliminary Needs Analysis (continued)**

demands for Seymour are too low. Mr. Campbell questioned if the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) was planning to update the WAMs and Ms. Kiel said they had extended the hydrology through 2013 in some basins, and she encouraged the members to contact the TCEQ with their concerns pertaining to the WAMs.

**Item Nine: Consider Review and Approval of the Draft Scope of Work and Budget for Task 4D, Development of Water Management Strategies**

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Kerry Maroney to give an overview of the Draft Scope of Work and budget for Task 4D. Mr. Maroney said the Scope of Work for Task 4D was developed for evaluating and recommending WMS and the development of Chapter 5 in the *2016 Region B Regional Water Plan*. He then provided a county by county breakdown, based on their preliminary analysis, which determined there were sixteen WUGs with a water supply shortage (need) and seventeen WUGs with a safe need or a supply that is less than 20% greater than their projected water demand in the Region B area. Mr. Maroney went on to discuss the six major strategy categories, (conservation, infrastructure improvements, additional groundwater development, additional surface water development, voluntary re-distribution, wastewater reuse) and the budget for each category. Additionally, in his discussion he included the budget for database entry and report preparation. With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell suggested the TWDB project manager review the Draft Scope of Work and budget prior to submittal to the TWDB. Mr. McGuire then motioned to approve the Task 4D Draft Scope of Work and budget, and Mr. Campsey seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **18 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Ten: Consider Authorization for Red River Authority of Texas to Submit a Request to the Texas Water Development Board for the Release of Funds Related to Task 4D and to Execute a Contract Amendment(s) to Incorporate Task 4D Scope of Work**

Following the groups approval of the Draft Scope of Work and budget for Task 4D, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to authorize the Red River Authority of Texas to request release of funds and written notice to proceed with work on Task 4D. He stated the Authority will execute contract Amendment No. 4 with the TWDB to incorporate the scope of work into the contract. Judge Christopher motioned to approve the action, and Dr. Dodge seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **18 For** and **0 Against**.

**Item Eleven: Update from the Texas Water Development Board Project Manager**

Mr. Campbell announced that Mr. Doug Shaw would no longer be the Region B Project Manager, as he had accepted a position with the TWDB as their Agriculture and Rural Texas Ombudsman. He asked the newly appointed Project Manager, Mr. Lann Bookout, to introduce himself to the members. Mr. Bookout gave a brief synopsis of his career, which included thirty-two years of service with the TCEQ. He then provided a recap of the following deadlines; submittal of the Draft Region B Project Prioritization on June 1, 2014, remittal of the Technical Memo by August 1, 2014 and the Final Region B Project Prioritization will be due on September 1, 2014. There was no further discussion, and the meeting proceeded to the next item.

**Item Twelve: Consider Acceptance of the RWPG – B Financial Statements**

The RWPG-B Statement of Income and Expense for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 was presented to the members by Mr. Campbell for review. The statement depicted an ending balance as of September 30, 2013 of (\$2,924.12), which is accumulative retainage held by the TWDB throughout the contract. Mr. Campbell verified the financial statement had been sent to Mr. Dennis Wilde with Nortex Regional Planning Commission, and no comments had been received. Mr. Payne motioned to approve the RWPG-B Statement of Income and Expense, as presented. Mr. Scaling seconded the motion, the motion then carried with a vote of **18 For and 0 Against**.

**Item Thirteen: Public Input and Comments to the Planning Group**

Mr. Mitch Grant discussed some information concerning a perpetual agreement allowing Wilbarger County land owners possessing over 5,000 acres of land to sell up to 2,600 acre feet of water, per year, to Oklahoma. Mr. Grant expressed that this data should be included in the Regional Water Plan since the Round Timber Ranch is in the process of developing a well field. Ms. Kiel agreed the sales should be considered in groundwater allocations. She told the group the plan did have a section for imported and exported water, and the information could be included there.

**Item Fourteen: Consider the Date and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

Mr. Campbell suggested the group meet towards the end of April to discuss and finalize the Draft Prioritization of Water Management Strategies. He said this would allow the consultants time to make any suggested changes prior to the deadline of June 1, 2014. With no further comments, the next meeting date was tentatively set for April 23, 2014, and Mr. Campbell encouraged the members to contact him with any topics they wanted placed on the agenda.

**Item Fifteen: Adjourn**

With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Deweber entered a motion to adjourn and Judge Christopher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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Curtis W. Campbell, Chair

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Dean Myers, Secretary

