

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 23, 2014

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 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. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Alliance Power Company, Wichita Falls
Mr. J. K. (Rooter) Brite, Agribusiness, Bowie
Dr. Rebecca Dodge, Ph.D., Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls
Mr. Mitch Grant, City of Vernon
Mr. John Holley, AEP Oklaunion Power Plant, Vernon
Mr. Tommy Holub, Baylor Water Supply Corporation, Seymour
Mr. Dale Hughes, W. T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
Judge Kenneth Liggett, Clay County, Henrietta
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
Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls

RWPG Alternates: Mr. Jimmy Banks, Iowa Park
Mr. Bob Patterson, Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, Springtown
Mr. Henry Wied, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls

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
Ms. Danna K. Prichard, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls

Discretionary: Mr. Tom Barnett, Texas Water Development Board, Austin
Mr. Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board, Austin
Mr. Robert Mauk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wichita Falls
Mr. Jack Stephens, Regional Water Planning Group – Area C, Azle

Registered Guest: Mr. Mick Baldys, United States Geological Survey, Fort Worth
Mr. K. C. Blassingame, City of Olney
Mr. Russell Brownlow, City of Vernon
Mr. Bob Cochran, City of Vernon
Ms. Jennifer Foster, Senator Robert Duncan’s Office, Childress
State Representative James Frank, House District 69, Wichita Falls
Mr. Jose M. Garcia, North Texas Home Builders Association,
Wichita Falls
Ms. Teri Gibson, North Texas Home Builders Association,
Wichita Falls
Mr. John Harmon, North Texas Home Builders Association,
Wichita Falls
Ms. Kathleen Jackson, Texas Water Development Board, Austin
Mr. Darron Leiker, City of Wichita Falls
Ms. Rachel Navekr, Tarrant Regional Water District, Fort Worth
Mr. Neil Nusz, Fort Belknap Water Supply Corporation, Graham
Mr. Wayne Owen, Tarrant Regional Water District, Fort Worth
Mr. Larry Pannell, City of Electra
Mr. Danny Parker, City of Olney
Ms. Rhonda Poirot, State Representative James Frank’s Office,
Wichita Falls
Mayor Howard Raeke, City of Henrietta
Mr. Randy Schaffner, Stewart Title, Wichita Falls
Mr. Gordon Smith, City of Burkburnett
Ms. Jennifer Smith, Senator Craig Estes’ Office, Wichita Falls
Ms. Katherine Smith, H2O Now!, Wichita Falls
Ms. Jennifer White, Texas Water Development Board, Austin

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 Kenneth Liggett gave the invocation. Following roll call and establishment of a quorum, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Mr. Bobby Kidd, Judge Mark Christopher and his alternate Judge Greg Tyra, Mayor Gayle Simpson, Mr. Monte McMahon, Mr. Wilson Scaling and his alternate Mr. John Moorhouse, Mr. N. E. Deweber and Mr. Jack Campsey. Introductions followed.

Item Two: Review and Approval of Minutes of the January 22, 2014 RWPG – Area B Meeting

Mr. Campbell presented the January 22, 2014 Public Meeting minutes for approval. With no comments from the RWPG – B members, Mr. Brite motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **15 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Three: Review and Approval of Minutes of the April 3, 2014 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

The group took a moment to review the meeting minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which met on April 3, 2014, to discuss prioritization of the 2011 water management strategies. There were no comments or discussion pertaining to the minutes, and Mr. McGuire motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Brite seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **15 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Four: Introduction of and Remarks from Director Kathleen Jackson of the Texas Water Development Board

Mr. Campbell introduced Ms. Kathleen Jackson, who was appointed as the newest Director with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on March 18, 2014. Following her introduction, Ms. Jackson gave an overview of her background and experience prior to her employment with the TWDB. She discussed the reorganization of the TWDB and their goal to become more customer friendly. Ms. Jackson added that the TWDB continues to be a funding source, with a skilled group of scientists and engineers, who focus on aiding the communities and their leaders. In closing, Ms. Jackson thanked Representative James Frank for his support and encouraged the members of the group and the guests to contact her with any thoughts or ideas that the TWDB could expand upon.

Item Five: Discuss and Consider Approval of the Draft Water Management Strategy Prioritization Schedule as Reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee

Mr. Campbell presented a recap of the passing of House Bill 4 (HB4) and the development process of the prioritization standards by the HB4 Stakeholder Committee. He then asked Ms. Kiel to discuss the Draft 2011 Water Management Strategy (WMS) Prioritization Schedule, including the recommended changes, from the TAC. Ms. Kiel reminded the group that following their approval and submittal of the draft prioritization schedule of the 2011 WMS, the TWDB will review and possibly propose changes to the schedule. When the prioritization schedule is finalized, it will be submitted to the TWDB by the deadline of September 1, 2014. The same process will then be applied to the 2016 WMS.

Ms. Kiel explained the uniform standards for project scoring were developed by the HB4 Stakeholder Committee. Each uniform standard and criteria has a maximum score and each criterion has a weighting factor that is automatically applied on each criterion’s final score. The breakdown for each criterion is listed below:

Decade of Need	40%
Project Feasibility	10%
Project Viability	25%
Project Sustainability	15%
Project Cost Effectiveness	10%

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She said these criteria, the uniform standards, data from the Region B Area, and TAC approved assumptions, formed the methodology used by the consultants to create the Draft 2011 Project Prioritization Schedule presented at today's meeting. Mrs. Kiel continued her discussion and reviewed the thirteen questions that make up the uniform standards. She told the group that the TAC emphasized that only 2011 data was to be used for scoring Uniform Standard 2A, which pertains to supporting data for water quantity. Additionally, she explained that the TAC requested the percentages be adjusted from 100% to 25% on Uniform Standards 3A and 3B when a project is recommended prior to a need being present. This change allowed for the WMS for the entities showing a need in 2011 to be ranked higher on the prioritization schedule. Following her review, Ms. Kiel referred to the Draft 2011 WMS Project Prioritization Schedule which depicted the final scoring and ranking for the 26 recommended WMS for Region B and she then opened the floor to comments.

Mr. Campbell reminded the group that the schedule only reflected data through 2011, and the 2016 rankings will look very different. He added that the Stakeholder Committee may find it necessary to make adjustments to the methodology prior to the development of the 2016 Prioritization Schedule. Mr. Mesler inquired how the \$2 billion in SWIFT Funds will be distributed between the 2011 and 2016 projects. Ms. Jackson said the TWDB was still creating a financial model for the funds. There was some discussion between Representative Franks, Ms. Jackson and several members of the Region B Group regarding the viability and the time spent on the 2011 Prioritization Schedule. Mr. Danny Parker, with the City of Olney, questioned why Olney was not included on the Draft Prioritization Schedule and Mr. Campbell replied that Olney did not show a need in 2011. Mr. Brite questioned if the group should amend the 2011 Region B Water Plan to include Olney. Mr. Bookout explained it could be done, but the group needed to consider the process and expense of making a major amendment to the 2011 Plan. The group decided to wait and incorporate Olney's WMS in the 2016 Plan. With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to approve the Draft 2011 Water Management Strategy Prioritization Schedule. Mr. Mesler motioned to approve the schedule and Judge Liggett seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **15 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Six: Consider Authorizing the Administrative Agency to Submit the Draft Water Management Strategy Prioritization Schedule to the Texas Water Development Board by June 1, 2014, once Approved

Mr. Campbell presented Item Six and requested authorization for the Authority to submit the Draft 2011 Water Management Strategy Prioritization Schedule to the TWDB. With no discussion, Mr. McGuire motioned to approve the action, and Mr. Schreiber seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **15 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Seven: Consider Authorizing the Consultants and the Technical Advisory Committee to Address any Comments Received from the Texas Water Development Board on the Draft Water Management Strategy Prioritization Schedule and Prepare a Final Prioritization Schedule for Approval by the RWPG in August 2014

Mr. Campbell requested that the Region B Group authorize the TAC and the consultants to finalize the Draft 2011 WMS Prioritization Schedule once the TWDB completes their review and submits their comments to the group. The final prioritization schedule will then be presented to the members for approval at the next public meeting to be held in late July or early August. With no further discussion, Mr. Payne motioned to authorize the consultants and the TAC to prepare a final prioritization schedule. Mr. Brite seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of **15 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Eight: Receive Additional Information on the Yields of Lakes Arrowhead and Kickapoo

Ms. Kiel was asked by Mr. Campbell, to share some updated information on the yields of Lakes Arrowhead and Kickapoo. She explained to the group that the TWDB had produced new volumetric surveys for Lake Arrowhead and Lake Kickapoo, and both lakes show increases in capacity from 2010 estimates in the Region B Plan. Mr. Schreiber added that the TWDB had modified their methodology, which resulted in the increased capacity for the lakes. Ms. Kiel said the consultants felt with the new data available, and the current water supply situation in Wichita Falls, they needed to re-evaluate Lakes Arrowhead and Kickapoo. She then discussed the historical inflows for the lakes, pointing out that the lakes have had three consecutive years of low inflow as we enter this new record of drought, and if the drought continues the estimated firm yield will decrease. Ms. Kiel said the consultants performed a conditional reliability assessment on Lakes Arrowhead and Kickapoo to evaluate the potential reservoir performance over the next five years if the current drought conditions continue. She explained that the analysis indicated that using a firm yield or safe yield analysis number may over estimate the supply, based on current conditions. The consultant's recommendations are to adjust the reliable supply for regional water planning purposes, based on conditional reliability yields, to 3,600 ac-ft/yr for Lake Kickapoo, and 9,650 ac-ft/yr for Lake Arrowhead.

Mr. Campbell pointed out that the group would need to obtain approval from the TWDB to use the conditional reliability yields and additionally the Region B members will need to vote on the updates prior to the submittal of the Technical Memorandum on August 1, 2014. Ms. Kiel agreed that a letter will need to be submitted to the TWDB requesting the use of the conditional reliability yields and Mr. Campbell noted the vote would be an agenda item at the next public meeting.

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

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Lann Bookout to update the group on the status of the fourth round of planning, as well as current events at the TWDB. Mr. Bookout first introduced the newly appointed project manager for Region B, Mr. Tom Barnett, and gave a brief overview of his

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experience with the TWDB. He added, that the team is again fully staffed following the recent reorganization of the TWDB. Mr. Bookout then gave a recap of upcoming deadlines. He stated that the June 1, 2014 submission of the Draft 2011 Project Prioritization Schedule falls on a Sunday, therefore, it will need to be submitted by May 30, 2014, with the final due on September 1, 2014. Mr. Bookout suggested the group plan a public meeting for late July to adopt the conditional reliability assumptions and submit a letter to the TWDB to request the use of the conditional reliability yields in the Technical Memorandum, which is due August 1, 2014. He mentioned the new module for the database would be available next month for the consultants to begin entering data. In closing, he noted the Initially Prepared Plan is due May 1, 2015.

Mr. Campbell took a moment to welcome Mr. Barnett as the new Region B Project Manager. Mr. Barnett said he looked forward to learning from and working with the members of the Region B Group.

Item Ten: Public Input and Comments to the Planning Group

Mr. Campbell opened the floor for input and comments. Mr. Mesler reminded the group that the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District was conducting a study on the Paleozoic Aquifer to determine the groundwater availability and develop the proposed desired future conditions (DFCs). He indicated the data should be completed by the end of May 2014, and available to the consultants to utilize in the Region B groundwater estimates.

Item Eleven: Consider Date and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

It was suggested by Mr. Campbell that the next Region B public meeting be tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2014. He said three items already slated for the agenda were, the approval of the Technical Memorandum, the approval of the final 2011 WMS Project Prioritization Schedule and approval to use Conditional Reliability Yields for regional water planning purposes. The members agreed upon the tentative meeting date, and Mr. Campbell encouraged them to contact him with any additional items they would like to see placed on the Agenda.

Item Twelve: Adjourn

With no further discussion, Mr. Campbell adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Curtis W. Campbell, Chair

Dean Myers, Secretary