

Study Commission on Region C Water Supply

MINUTES OF AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

February 13, 2008

The Study Commission on Region C Water Supply (Study Commission) met in an open public meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the University of Texas at Dallas' Eugene McDermott Library located at 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Senator Florence Shapiro called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M.

II. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Senator Shapiro introduced each member of the Study Commission. The following members were in attendance:

The Honorable Florence Shapiro	Mr. Thomas Duckert
The Honorable Stephen Frost	Mr. Richard LeTourneau
The Honorable Jodie Laubenberg	Mr. Jim Parks

Kevin Ward, Carolyn Brittin, Angela Masloff, and Kathleen Garrett of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) were also in attendance.

III. REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE CHARGES AND ROLE OF THE TWDB

Senator Shapiro reviewed the legislative charges created by Senate Bill 3. Mr. Ward expanded on the role of the TWDB as the staffing and funding source for the Study Commission.

IV. DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE SELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

It was the consensus of the Study Commission members to select Senator Florence Shapiro and Representative Stephen Frost as co-presiding officers and Representative Jodie Laubenberg as Secretary.

V. DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON BYLAWS

The Study Commission reviewed the draft Bylaws and agreed to revise the Bylaws to reflect the following changes:

- Election of co-presiding officers rather than a Presiding Officer and a Vice Presiding Officer
- Designated alternates must be from the member's respective region
- Notice of Study Commission meetings will be provided more than 72 hours in advance
- Study Commission records will be maintained in both Region C at the North Texas Municipal Water District, as well as in Region D at the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
- Section 4 – Alternate Resolution will also include “Section 3” and read “If a favorable vote cannot be achieved in accordance with Section 2 or Section 3 of this article...”
- Article X will read “properly” posted meeting rather than “property”
- Article XII will read “...available information that has been developed by a qualified professional...” rather than “...all available information that has been developed by a qualified professional...”

It was the consensus of the Study Commission members that Jim Parks redraft the Bylaws and distribute the revised Bylaws to the members for review prior to the next meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCOPE OF WORK, TIMELINE, AND SELECTION OF CONSULTANT

It was the consensus of the Study Commission members to select Jim Parks and Thomas Duckert to work with TWDB staff to develop a scope of work to be presented at the next meeting. Senator Shapiro requested the TWDB review the proposed work that would require outside consultants. Jim Parks suggested that the scope of work include determining the benefit of using a facilitator.

VII. OPEN FLOOR FOR MEMBER DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS

Representative Frost expressed his appreciation for the collaborative work on amending the Bylaws.

VIII. DISCUSSION/SELECTION OF DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Senator Shapiro agreed to coordinate member schedules through the use of new software for the selection of future meeting dates and times.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from the following individuals:

- a. Red Birdsong
- b. Wade Tyson
- c. Tommy Spruill
- d. Barney Cribbs

X. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting of the Study Commission on Region C Water Supply adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.



SENATOR FLORENCE SHAPIRO
Co-Presiding Officer



REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN FROST
Co-Presiding Officer