

Minutes of the North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
May 16, 2012 – 1:00 P.M.
Mount Pleasant Civic Center
1800 N. Jefferson
Mount Pleasant, Texas

The North East Texas Regional Water Planning Group (NETRWPG) – Region D met in an open meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson, in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Notice of the meeting was legally posted.

Vice-Chairman Jim Eidson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Twenty three of twenty-four voting members were present in person or by an authorized alternate. Invocation was given by Bob Staton.

The following voting members were present:

Johnny Mack Bradley	Sharron Nabors
Mike Brown	Don Patterson
Jerry Gaskill	Shirley Shumake
Nancy Clements	Tommy Slater
Darwin Douthit	Kevin Spence
Mike Dunn	Bob Staton
Jim Eidson	Charles Gillis
Darrell Grubbs	

The following alternates were present:

Don Hightower for Robert Speight, Jr.
Dwight Slaback for Jeremy DuMond
Bill Kirby for Troy Henry
Gary Cheatwood for Robert Holt
David Nabors for Sam V. Long
Jane Morris for Tim Nicholson
Brittanie Ward Lowery for Linda Price
Sheri New for Doug Wadley

The following non-voting members were present:

Sandy Cash, representing UTRWD
Temple McKinnon, representing TWDB
Wayne Harris, representing Luminant
Larry LeBeau, representing TPWD

The following non-voting members were absent:

Curtis Campbell	Jerry Clark
David Inman	Worth Whitehead
Marcia Hackett	

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The following voting members were absent:

Sam V. Long
Robert Speight, Jr.
Troy Henry
Bret McCoy
Linda Price

Jeremy DuMond
Doug Wadley
Robert Holt
Tim Nicholson

David Nabors made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2011 meeting. Shirley Shumake seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Motion was made by Kevin Spence and a second made by Don Hightower to elect the existing Officers and Liaisons in their current positions for 2012. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Motion was made by David Nabors and a second made by Kevin Spence to approve a Public Notice for accepting nominations for eight positions, as it was presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

David Nabors made a motion to modify Water planning demand projections in Lamar County for Daisy Farms. Mike Dunn seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The Consultants' report was provided to the group. Dr. David Harkins with RPS/Espey Consultants reported they would provide access to the ftp website so information can be distributed to the group. David Harkins, Tony Smith, and Stan Hayes provided information to the group as part of the consultants' report. A PowerPoint presentation was provided. Mr. Harkins said the engineers are in the process of evaluating draft MAGS received from TWDB and TWDB has provided new WUG groups. He noted that groundwater analysis would be a topic for the consultants in upcoming meetings. He noted that James Beach with LBG-Guyton is involved in this work on behalf of Region D. Mr. Harkins also noted that the engineers will be sending out Water Supply Surveys to be completed by the water systems. It was noted that Water Use Surveys submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is also part of the information to be used in Round 4 in relation to water usage. Mr. Harkins explained the engineers would analyze needs and supplies. Mr. Smith related to the group that TCEQ was in the process of updating water availability models that will be used in the current planning cycle. It was noted that the revised modeling may be available from the TCEQ by the end of May of 2012. When the supply is analyzed to be inadequate for the need, possible strategies would be evaluated to address the situation. Mr. Harkins discussed a methodology that could be used in the strategy portion of the work by the engineers. It was noted that the methodology suggested by Dr. Harkins was very similar to the methodology in Round 3. A prominent part of that methodology was to include conservation, groundwater, reuse, and existing supplies as possible strategies.

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Following discussion, Darwin Douthit made a motion to approve the methodology suggested by RPS/Espey for the current planning cycle. The motion was seconded by Shirley Shumake. Motion carried, all voting aye.

David Nabors made a motion to authorize the engineers to populate and distribute to the Texas Water Development Board the demands of the non-municipal uses consistent with the information provided in this meeting by the engineers. Sharron Nabors seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. It was noted that if the information changed after the submission to the TWDB that there would be a process for including that later information.

Liaisons reports were given by:

Temple McKinnon, Texas Water Development Board, about pending rules revisions, Sharron Nabors, liaison to Region C, about a recent meeting of Region C, and, Bob Staton, Van oil fields in relation to significant volumes of groundwater.

Darwin Douthit made a motion to approve Invoices #3 through #7, and Invoice #8 from Espey Consultants, less work done under Task 4d. Mike Dunn seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

It was noted that the next meeting of the regional water planning group would likely be in August 2012.

Vice-Chairman Eidson asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to address the voting membership. Wayne Dial and Mayor Ann Rushing addressed the planning group.

On a motion from Shirley Shumake and a second by Bob Staton, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried, all voting aye.


Bob Staton, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Walt Sears, Jr.	NETMWD
William W. Brown	NETMWD
Lee Thomas	NETMWD
Jenny McKinney	NETMWD
Judy Barton	Titus County Fresh Water District
Tony Smith	RPS/Espey Consultants
Stan Hayes	Hayes Engineering

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Dr. David Harkins
Dr. William Espey, Jr.
Elizabeth Day
Bobby Praytor
Dr. Jane Morris
Wayne Dial
Delores Cheatwood
Charlene Granberry
Ann Rushing
Paul Hightower
Paul Prange
Mary Catherine Grant
Pat Wommack
Brandy Chewning
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Greg Carter
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