

## REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP – AREA B

### Public Hearing Minutes Tuesday, April 13, 2010

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Comanche Suites Meeting Room located in the Clark Student Center on the Midwestern State University Campus, 3412 Taft Boulevard, 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
  - Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Alliance Power Company, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Jimmy Banks, Wichita County Water Improvement District # 2, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Ground Water Conservation District, Munday
  - Mr. J. Todd Thomas, W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
  - Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
- Advisory:**
- Mr. Bob Armstrong, Texas Department of Agriculture, Vernon
  - Ms. Virginia Sabia, Texas Water Development Board, Austin.
- Registered Guest:**
- Ms. Nan Gilbert-Mathis, City Council, Seymour
  - Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Glen Hite, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Tommy Hobb, Seymour
  - Ms. Simone Kiel, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth
  - Mr. Robert Mark, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Kerry Maroney, Biggs and Mathews, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Steve McCracken, Nocona
  - Mr. Tracy Mesler, Upper Trinity GCD, Nocona
  - Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2, Wichita Falls
  - Ms. Penny Miller, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Bob Patterson, Upper Trinity GCD, Millsap
  - Ms. Danna K. Prichard, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
  - Mr. Ricky Reed, Nocona
  - Mr. Henry C. Wied, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls

**Item One: Public Hearing Call to Order**

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman of the Regional Water Planning Group-Region B (RWPG-B), called the Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

**Item Two: Recognition of the RWPG Members**

Mr. Campbell explained that during the Hearing an overview of the *Initially Prepared Water Plan (IPP)* for Region B would be presented, followed by a session for oral and written comments. He proceeded with introductions of the RWPG-B Board Members that were present: Mr. Wilson Scaling, Mr. Jimmy Banks and his alternate Mr. Kyle Miller, Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Mr. Mike McGuire, Mr. J. Todd Thomas, Mr. Russell Schreiber, himself and his alternate Mr. Henry Wied. Mr. Campbell affirmed that the *IPP* has been available for review for approximately one month in the County Clerks Offices and in several libraries throughout the eleven counties covered in the Plan. Mr. Campbell encouraged comments on the Plan and noted that they would be accepted through June 18, 2010. He then turned the Public Hearing over to Mr. Kerry D. Maroney.

**Item Three: Presentation of the Initially Prepared Region B Regional Water Plan- March 2010**

Mr. Maroney of Biggs and Mathews, Inc. took a moment to introduce Ms. Simone Kiel with Freese and Nichols, Inc. and recognized Mr. Robert Adams, with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. who was unable to attend today’s meeting. He explained that these two individuals along with himself formed the consultant team that worked with the RWPG-B members to prepare the *IPP*. He then gave a brief synopsis on the background of the Plan. He stated that in 1997 the 75<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1, which was designed as a “grass-roots regional process” to plan for the water needs of Texas for the next 50 years and establish regulations to govern the planning process. He explained the state was divided into sixteen regional areas with involvement from eleven different public interest groups which were mandated by the State of Texas. The Region B area encompasses eleven counties and the Red River Authority of Texas serves as the contract administrative agency and is responsible for the oversight of the updated Plan.

Mr. Maroney began his overview of the *Initially Prepared Region B Regional Water Plan* by listing the ten chapters that outline the Plan:

	Executive Summary
Chapter 1	Description of Region
Chapter 2	Population and Water Use Projections
Chapter 3	Evaluation of Current Water Supplies
Chapter 4	Identification, Evaluation and Selection of Water Management Strategies
Chapter 5	Impacts of Selected Water Management Strategies on Key Parameters of Water Quality and Impacts of Moving Water from Rural and Agricultural Areas
Chapter 6	Consolidated Water Conservation and Drought Management Recommendations

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Chapter 7	Description of How the Regional Water Plan is Consistent with Long-Term Protection of the State's Water Resources, Agricultural Resources and Natural Resources
Chapter 8	Recommendations Including Unique Ecological Stream Segments, Reservoir Sites, Legislative and Regional Policy Issues
Chapter 9	Report to Legislature on Water Infrastructure Funding Recommendations
Chapter 10	Adoption of Plan

Mr. Maroney continued his presentation with a review of charts and graphs depicting population projections, water use projections, current water supplies, supply and demands for the region and projected water shortages. He noted that the water needs can be met with the implementation of the water strategies presented in the Plan. Mr. Maroney proceeded with a county by county review of the current and projected needs in the Region – B Area, and the recommended strategies for each county. He concluded his presentation with a brief summary of the recommendations to the State of Texas and the Legislature concerning funding and policy. Mr. Maroney emphasized the list of locations which had a copy of the *IPP* for viewing, and encouraged the guest to submit any comments to the Regional Water Planning Group – B no later than June 18, 2010.

**Item Four: Receive Oral and Written Comments Concerning the Initially Prepared  
Region B Regional Water Plan**

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Maroney opened the floor to questions and comments from the audience. Ms. Penny Miller of Wichita Falls inquired if there was preference between the strategies of constructing Lake Ringgold versus the reuse of wastewater in Wichita County. Mr. Maroney explained that Lake Ringgold would be the preferred strategy because the City of Wichita Falls owns the land designated for the lake and it would yield a larger water supply than the wastewater reuse operation. Mr. Russell Schreiber with the City of Wichita Falls added that the process for the wastewater reuse could have some impact on flow and quality of the Wichita River.

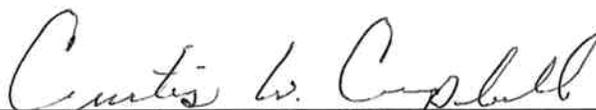
Mr. Bob Patterson, General Manager with the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, spoke to Mr. Campbell prior to the hearing about showing a presentation concerning water use in Montague County. Mr. Campbell explained he could not incorporate the presentation into today's Public Hearing, but asked him to share some of his information during the comment session. Mr. Patterson voiced his concerns that the published projections for Montague County thru 2060 were not taking into consideration the increased drilling activity in the county. Ms. Simone Kiel mentioned that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has recognized the increased activity in the oil and gas industry in Texas and has implemented a statewide study on mining and drilling, but the statistics are not yet available. Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Patterson to provide a copy of his data to Mr. Maroney for review and updates to the *IPP* would be made if necessary.

With no further questions or comments presented, Mr. Campbell proceeded to the final agenda item.

**Item Five: Adjourn Public Hearing**

Mr. Campbell expressed his appreciation to the consultants and the Board for their ongoing work and involvement with the *Region B Regional Water Plan*. He thanked everyone for attending the Public Hearing and once more encouraged the submittal of comments to the Region – B Group.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman



Dean Myers, Secretary